



# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

## OUR MISSION:

Working Together to Advance  
Student Success at Gillette College





## GILLETTE COLLEGE FOUNDATION BOARD

*Pictured left to right:* Janell Oberlander-GCCD Interim President, Matt Walker, Charlene Camblin, Peg Smith, Dan Clouston, Todd Hoese, Maggi McCreery, Cathrine Gallilee, Kelly Barlow, Toby Gorsuch, Heidi Gross-Executive Director, Scott Cargill, Jenna Waldner-Administrative Coordinator, Lori Hubbard, Sue Knesel, Dave Horning.

*Not pictured:* Doug Dumbrill, Irma Kerns, Jean Kingan, Justin Merryman

# A NOTE FROM *Heidi*



**W**hat a year it has been!

The citizens of Campbell County made history by establishing the 8th community college district in Wyoming. On August 17, the voters overwhelmingly supported the initiative to become an independent community college and elected a board of trustees to set the groundwork and lead us forward

is just beginning. The Foundation continues to support our students with scholarships, grants, program funding, and equipment. We cannot achieve our mission of advancing student success at Gillette College without your help. Your gift makes a huge impact on the lives of our students, their families, and

into an exciting new era. We will never forget our history and those individuals who helped us achieve what we have so far. We look forward to many new opportunities to support our students, programs, and our community.

Our work

our community. As we look to the future, we know there will be many opportunities to support the economic future of Campbell County. Gillette College will respond to those needs by providing a skilled workforce. More than 84% of our graduates stay in Campbell County after they graduate. They work here, raise their families here, and contribute to the economic stability of Campbell County.

Please consider a gift of \$50 or more because our students need your support. Our goal is to make education affordable for all our students.

Thank you for your continued support of Gillette College Foundation!

Warmest Regards,

*Heidi Gross*

**Executive Director**

# MEET OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

## CARLY FULLER



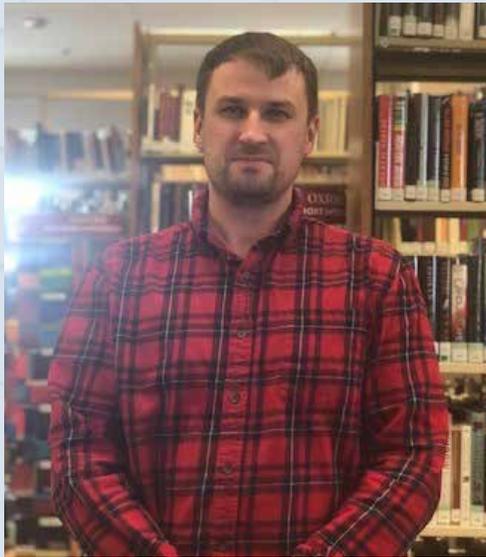
**Meet Carly Fuller!** She is the recipient of the Jeanette L. Heptner GC Nursing Award. She is currently in the Nursing program, has a 2-year-old daughter, and has lived in Gillette, WY for almost her entire life. After she graduates Gillette College, the next step in her education is working on her BSN through the University of Wyoming. She plans to continue school and depending on her future career, will also get the additional certificates she may need. She would love to be a flight nurse one day, but notes that this will be further down the road for her. In 10 years, Carly would like to have a home, some land, and hopes to have a specific focus within her nursing career - perhaps another degree in the pursuit of such. She hopes to be successful and happy!

When asked how this scholarship has positively affected her life, she mentions the financial weight that was lifted. Nursing school can be stressful and demanding, and this scholarship allowed her to avoid picking up extra shifts at work. This also gave her more time to spend with her daughter and on homework. Regarding her experience at Gillette College, Carly notes that she has been to a few other schools and at first did not consider going to college in her hometown, however, once she did she was happy with her choice. She notes how everyone is so kind and always willing to help. Words of advice for current or upcoming students are to: "Take college seriously from the beginning". Carly's favorite thing about

being a Gillette College student is the wonderful advisors and faculty in the Nursing program!

Congratulations, Carly! The Gillette College Foundation is proud to recognize you as one of our scholarship recipients!

## TREY HENDRICKSON



**Meet Trey Hendrickson!** He was awarded the Assoc. Students of Gillette Campus & The Robert P. McCreery Memorial Scholarships! He was born and raised in Minnesota, loves outdoor activities, and is a father of four! He is currently majoring in Nursing and Business, with plans to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing through the University of Wyoming. In ten years, he hopes to become an Emergency Nurse Practitioner!

Trey has expressed that these scholarships have helped him provide for his family, and that Gillette College has taught him to be the voice and face of adversity. Trey believes one should stand up for what is right and make the difference. His favorite thing about being a Gillette College student is taking part of this community and reaching his goals. Congratulations, Trey! The Gillette College Foundation is proud to recognize you as one of our scholarship recipients!

## HARRISON STUART



**Meet Harrison Stuart!** He is the recipient of the Gene Haas Scholarship. Harrison is a Wyoming resident and was born in Cody, WY. He has two brothers and works for Tony Giest as a shop helper. Harrison is majoring in Machine Tool Technology and plans to graduate from Gillette College in 2022! He plans to either continue his education or work in a related field. When asked where he sees himself in ten years, Harrison states he will be following the need and trend of machine tool technology wherever it may take him. This scholarship has positively affected his life by allowing him to save money and assist with tuition fees. Harrison's time at Gillette College has taught him the basics of his program and enabled him to learn the ropes. Words of advice for current or upcoming students are:

"Stay in the program. It may be hard to start, but it's great". His favorite thing about being a Gillette College student is being able to stay in the area and live with his family and dogs. He also loves all the hands-on work he's been able to do.

# MEET OUR GILLETTE COLLEGE ALUMNI!

## CRYSTA SULLIVAN



**Meet Crysta Sullivan!** She graduated from Gillette College in 2015 with her Associate's of Applied Science in Nursing. Crysta was raised in Gillette, WY and enjoys spending her free time with her family, her dog Luna, singing for the Chamber Singers, doing Cross-Fit, and playing Hockey. When asked what her favorite classes or experiences were at Gillette College, she stated she enjoyed being a math tutor as well as learning about nursing in all of her coursework.

Crysta finished her Bachelor's degree in 2016, and her Doctorate degree in 2020. At present, she plans to continue building her practice and giving back to the community as a Nurse Practitioner. In ten years, she would like to own her own practice and offer healthcare to populations in need. Crysta credits

Gillette College for allowing her to begin her lifelong career, and is grateful to have learned the knowledge and key components of nursing here. Words of advice for upcoming students are: "Take advantage of all the opportunities Gillette College has to offer. Many people aren't aware of all the resources available to them". Crysta's favorite thing about being a Gillette College Alumni is that without Gillette College, she would not have had the career she has now!

Thank you so much, Crysta! The Gillette College Foundation is proud to recognize you as a Gillette College Alumni!

currently works as our Enrollment Specialist. Cassia has eight siblings and is originally from Oregon. She loves to run cross-country, read, and hike. She chose to attend Gillette College because her cross-country program brought her here, in addition to her older brother attending GC! When asked what her favorite classes were, she stated that she loved her English and Education courses. Cassia also mentioned the fond memory of her team winning nationals for the half-marathon! In ten years, Cassia hopes to be teaching English at a Community College or University, or possibly editing books for a publishing company.

Gillette College has positively affected Cassia's life by being her stepping stone towards furthering her education. She states that Gillette College has helped her learn what she would like to do, and she loves being able to work here as a current employee. Words of advice for upcoming students are to "Get out and attend events! I wish I had done that more - there is a huge social aspect offered to students. Also, keep your mind open to your goals and direction". Cassia's favorite thing about being a Gillette College Alum is sharing what it's like to attend here to outsiders. She states there is so much opportunity, great infrastructure, and very helpful faculty and staff.

Thank you so much, Cassia! The Gillette College Foundation is proud to recognize you as a Gillette College Alum!

## CASSIA CATTERALL

**Meet Cassia Catterall!** She graduated from Gillette College in 2017 and



# IN 2021:



## \$114,375

Dollars awarded in scholarships by the Foundation

Total program support

## \$366,572

## \$1,095,517

Total contributions



## 100

percent of contributions stay in Campbell County



# ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

## INDIVIDUAL BUILDERS OF THE YEAR:

### LAUREL VICKLUND AND OLIN OEDEKOVEN

Laurel Vicklund and Olin Oedekoven formed the Peregrine Global Foundation based on a vision of making a difference in our world through leadership and education. Our experiences in Gillette and throughout the world allowed us to see the barriers that sometimes exist for quality education and leadership development. Our mission of the Foundation is to provide targeted support and funding to help break down these barriers and unlock the potential of others. Our continued support to Gillette College with funding and engagement through the Foundation is designed to promote quality higher education, entrepreneurialism of students, and integration of the College within our community.



**Janell Oberlander, Olin Oedekoven, Laurel Vicklund, Heidi Gross, and Dave Horning**

## SPIRIT OF GILLETTE COLLEGE:

### ALICE BRATTON

Alice worked as a nursing faculty member from 1986 to 1995. During that time, she served as the chair of the Nursing

Advisory committee, and member of the Campus Master Planning Committee and Gillette College Advisory Board. Alice also assisted in the development of the Clinical Excellence Scholarship and established the Richard Bratton Memorial Scholarship for nursing students. In 2007, the Alice Bratton Nursing Wing was named in her honor. Thank you to Norine Kasperik for presenting this award to Alice prior to her passing on March 22, 2021. Alice touched many lives at Gillette College and in our

community. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. We will all miss Alice's warm smile and sense of humor.

## CORPORATE BUILDER OF THE YEAR:

### NEIMAN ENTERPRISES

Neiman Enterprises is a third-generation family business located in Hulett, WY. They are dedicated to the environment and producing quality products. Neiman Enterprises operates in five locations and produces a variety of products including pine boards, pine shavings, heating pellets, and absorption pellets. The original sawmill was built in 1958 by James S. Neiman. The sawmill has seen many upgrades over the years to become a producer of high quality products. Current production capacity reaches 40 MMBF annually.

Neiman Enterprises' commitment to sustainable forestry not only ensures the long term stability of their company, but also guarantees future resources through a cycle of renewability. They continue to strive toward advances in renewable energy and value-added products to meet the demands of their markets while maintaining a healthy environment.



**Janell Oberlander, Jim and Christy Neiman, Heidi Gross, and Dave Horning**

# CASINO NIGHT

## OUR CASINO NIGHT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Over 400 people attended the event. Fun was had by all! Our guests played Black Jack, Craps, and Roulette. We had a few other fun games as well. We also honored our annual award winners Neiman Enterprises, Olin Oedekoven and Laurel Vicklund, as well as our dear friend Alice Bratton. A big thanks to Prime Rib Restaurant for the great food! This year we raised over \$105,000! We could not do this without the support of our sponsors and friends. We look forward to next year's event on 4/9/22.

***Please stay tuned for more details!***



# ENERGY CUP GOLF SCRAMBLE



It was a cold, windy day this year but all of our teams carried on! A huge thanks to Scott Brothers Electric, Hladky Construction and Gillette Medical Imaging for their sponsorships. Nobody won the hole in one prize of \$10,000 but maybe next year!

***We look forward to seeing everybody on August 12th!***

# FOAMY 5K



It was a beautiful night as we celebrated our 2nd Foamy 5K walk/run. Afterwards, our students, participants, and staff had a great time going down the Foamy 5K waterslide. It was a little chilly but a lot of fun!

