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Not only are you supporting our students with your charitable gifts, you are making an impact on our community also. Your gifts are always appreciated. Interested in leaving a legacy gift? We can help you with that as well. Let us show you a variety of ways you can support Gillette College and leave a lasting legacy gift.

Please contact Heidi Gross, Executive Director, at 307-681-6400 or hgross@sheridan.edu if you want to make a gift that will have lasting impact today and tomorrow.

**OUR STRATEGIC VISION
IS TO HELP EVERY
STUDENT EARN A
DEGREE, AND WE TAKE
THAT TO HEART.**



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Mission

The mission of Gillette College Foundation is ***Working Together to Advance Student Success at Gillette College.***

Vision

Our vision is to help fulfill the needs of Gillette College by providing direct financial assistance for scholarships, grants, programs and capital so all students are able to realize the academic goals and our college has a valued partner for sustainable growth.

Our Students



Meet Codi Brock. Beginning three years ago, he felt lost and was struggling with addiction. Due to this struggle, he found himself in treatment. Going through this made him realize he wanted to change his life around. His first goal was to complete the HiSET (high school equivalency test and certificate), and afterwards, he felt encouraged to enroll as a student. Codi then began the Industrial Electricity program here at Gillette College. At present, he is working through this program and feels at peace that college has set him up to have a career and provide for his family.

this school, the faculty, and her fellow classmates. Last semester, Kindall decided to become more involved within PTK and became the president, in addition to becoming a student senator! This semester, she became an Resident’s Assistant and a member of NSLS (National Society of Leadership and Success). She also volunteers to help assist with events around campus. At present, Kindall is majoring in Pre-Professional and works at our Fitness Center! Kindall feels the time she returns is her way of giving back to the college that has helped her so much on her journey!

Meet Kindall Seamands. She is originally from Wright, WY. She was recruited to Gillette College to play Basketball. She became very involved and even joined the PTK (Phi Theta Kappa) honor society. When athletics got cut from Gillette College, she felt shocked and concerned. Not knowing what to do next, Kindall decided to keep attending Gillette College despite this event, because she loves



Meet Ray Burger. His career was flipped upside down when he and many others were laid off from Black Jewel Mine. He had worked there for the past 37 years. Upon learning this unfortunate news, Ray felt overwhelmed with what he should do next. Luckily, after visiting the workforce center for three weeks, Donna Gewecke, a case manager there, suggested he enter the Nursing Program at Gillette College. Given his previous experience on the rescue team, she felt this would be appropriate. Ray accepted this new challenge and immediately put together a plan. He had to first complete many pre-requisites, including algebra, anatomy, biology, statistics, and nutrition. He hit the ground running, knowing that he needed to get these courses out of the way first. Afterwards, Ray took the HESI-A2 Placement Test in order to get into the Nursing Program and passed! He recalls that Shannon Henshaw and Brandi Martin in enrollment services were instrumental in helping him get transcripts and create an education plan to qualify for the nursing program. He gives a lot of credit to Dana Cochran and Megan Rourke for helping him through Pre-Calc Algebra, as he hadn’t studied Algebra since high school over 40 years ago. In addition, Ray gave a shout out to Dr. Ostrander, Dr. Rudolph and Dr. Merryman for helping him with the health sciences both before and during his studies in the nursing program!

At present, Ray works part time as a janitor at an elementary school in Moorcroft while also working on his Nursing Degree. He states that this can be quite challenging, but he is getting through it. Sometimes he must give away work shifts in order to do coursework – trying to juggle both his education and job can be difficult, but he is determined to stay ahead and keep up his grades. One factor that has helped Ray immensely is the Workforce Center Coal Grant that Donna Gewecke helped him receive. This grant is there for those who have been displaced from the mines. Ray stated that this covered not only his tuition for the entire year, but also books and class fees – of which can be more expensive than the course itself! This in part is due to the use of equipment and the nature of the Nursing requirements. Ray has gone from an almost 6-figure salary between him and his wife, down to a third of that. He was very grateful for any help he could get. He feels lucky to be in the program and sees this plan as portable – he can take this knowledge and skillset wherever he needs to go. He is not limited by location. Ray is excited to continue his journey and wishes to help those around him as he moves forward.

History of Gillette College

Gillette College just celebrated its 50th birthday in 2019! The Gillette Campus was established in 1969 when Northern Wyoming Community College District began offering night classes in Gillette. From these humble roots, Gillette College moved into the old Campbell County Memorial Hospital Building. Our community leaders



“I give to the foundation because it supports our youth and it supports our community. What other reason do you need? It’s simple: Gillette College improves lives and brings us together.”

– Cliff Kirk

were passionate about giving Gillette College a permanent home. In 2003, “Old Main” was built. In 2008, the Herb and Dorothy Carter Health Science Building was dedicated to enhance our outstanding nursing program. After that, our local industry partnered with us and the Technical Education Center was built in 2009. During that same year, Gillette College built student housing for the growing student population.

In 2017, the Pronghorn Center was dedicated. This \$19M facility houses an arena, nursing simulation lab, veterans center, and fitness center. We also dedicated our Rodeo/Ag Complex and Inspiration Hall that same year. All of these facilities were built due to the vision of our community leaders, industry partners, and advisory board members who were all passionate about offering higher education options here at home in Gillette, WY.



“Thanks to the college in Gillette, our local youth are empowered to gain an education with the peace of mind of remaining close to home. Gillette College is one of our biggest assets. When our youth stay in Gillette and work and raise families in Gillette, our community thrives.”

– Pat Litton

Programs and Services



“An investment in Gillette College is an investment in the community. By providing higher education locally, dollars stay here and enhance the community for all of us. If you are unsure about giving, attend a graduation. The pride on the students’ faces quickly makes the value of your investment clear.”

– Bob Palmer

Gillette College offers 34 degree programs. Most of our students, 79% are from Campbell County, WY. Upon graduation, 84% of our graduates live and work in Campbell County. Our strategic vision is to help every student earn a degree, and we take that to heart. Our students are not just individuals wanting to create a better future, they are **our neighbors, our children** and vital members of our community. Won’t you help us help these students? Their success is our success. Not only does Gillette College provide a skilled workforce, we are providing the community leaders of tomorrow.