

# Circle of Friends

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## Join us as we "Grow Beyond"

The LLCC Foundation has launched a \$2.5-million endowment campaign called "Grow Beyond."

"Our theme reflects the purpose of the endowment fund," said Karen Sanders, executive director of the LLCC Foundation. "LLCC graduates 'grow beyond' by continuing their education or doing vital work in our communities. A strong endowment fund broadens educational opportunities, truly helping all communities we touch to 'grow beyond.'"



Greg Lutchka

Gifts made to the endowment fund make an impact now and in the future. The endowment principal is never spent, creating financial stability and allowing LLCC to be less dependent on unpredictable revenue sources. The fund's earnings are used for the greatest needs of the college, including scholarships, curriculum, programs, supportive activities and even capital construction in some instances.

Dennis Shackelford, LLCC trustee, endorsed the campaign. "Dollars raised by the campaign support our mission in the most targeted way possible - directly impacting students through scholarships, classroom upgrades, program enhancements and more."

Greg Lutchka, chair of the LLCC Foundation Board of Directors, is an LLCC alum. "I am passionate about supporting 'Grow Beyond' because it is first and foremost about students. A strong endowment fund is one of the most important initiatives we can undertake for the future health of the college and its students."

The annual earnings from the endowment fund provide vital financial resources for:

- Scholarships - tuition, fees, books and emergency needs for direct student support, like grocery and gas cards, bus passes and tools for students in a variety of programs.
- Instructional excellence and achievement - state-of-the-art teaching environments for nursing, surgical technology and other programs; DVDs and software to help develop curriculum; iPads, computers and more.
- Programs and supporting activities - development of new programs and supporting curricula responsive to community needs.

A campaign web site has been established at [www.growbeyond-llcc.org](http://www.growbeyond-llcc.org) for online giving opportunities. The campaign is expected to run through May 2017 and culminate with the college's 50th anniversary celebration.

To make a gift or learn more about "Grow Beyond," call (217)786-2785 or e-mail [karen.sanders@llcc.edu](mailto:karen.sanders@llcc.edu).

## From the President

Our founding trustees had an amazing vision for what a community college could offer this area. We honor our history, treasure our past and are excited about what lies ahead. Now is the time for us to Grow Beyond.



We have embarked on a major endowment campaign that is critical to student success. A robust endowment plays a major role in our ability to create flexible, learning environments, respond quickly to new initiatives and directly assist students.

Lincoln Land is now, more than ever, a prominent presence in our communities; an innovative collaborator with other colleges and universities; and a respected partner of businesses and organizations.

Whatever the educational challenge, the tradition of the Foundation Endowment Fund has been one of stepping forward to answer the need. Oh behalf of our students, I personally invite you to join me as a donor and forever change the landscape of our communities. Help us "Grow Beyond."

Appreciatively,

President  
Lincoln Land Community College



## Springboard to success.

Lincoln Land Community College has served as the springboard to thousands of students. Your investment in the Foundation Endowment Fund will make an impact now and in the future. Only interest is used for immediate needs — scholarships, programs, computers, and more so LLCC is less dependent on unpredictable funding. Help us raise \$2.5 million.



Give online at [growbeyond-llcc.org](http://growbeyond-llcc.org)



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## Another alum truly making a difference

Karla Carwile says her “passion for the poor” was fostered while a student at LLCC in the late 80s and early 90s. Now, as president of OnePatient Global Health Initiative, she’s turned a passion into a career, and beyond.



Carwile, a clinical therapist completing a Ph.D. in psychology, and her partner, Dr. Daniel Ivankovich, an orthopedic surgeon, co-founded the not-for-profit OnePatient to provide health care in disparate areas of Chicago as well as marginalized and devastated areas internationally. She tells the story best herself. “We are committed to creating awareness of the difficulties that many under-served patients face when trying to seek the medical and psychological care necessary for health and wellness. But, we are also committed to supporting a patient accountability model with a pay-it-forward philosophy. Many times my compensation is simply telling a patient to go out and to pay-it-forward to someone else.”

Karla credits the passion that faculty like Virgil Rhodes, Art Meyer and Patricia Giacommini passed on as the seed that allowed her to bring her dream of helping others to reality. “The way these teachers pushed acts of kindness drove me to soup kitchens, Hope School, significantly disabled populations, social service agencies and more. My interest then made it a career.”

Karla says she and Daniel were both called to care. “It’s my hope that the youth and leaders of our communities will understand the continued importance of not just service learning, but service action. I don’t think you can truly understand what it means to come from a background where your life is so deeply impacted by others and have the need for service become as important as the very breath you take. My time at LLCC made this a reality.”

For more information on Carwile and her organization, visit [www.onepatient.org](http://www.onepatient.org).

## 2014-2015 scholarship application available next month

The application period for LLCC Foundation scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year opens Monday, December 2, 2013.

Scholarships are available for both first-time and continuing students who are or will be enrolled full or part-time at LLCC. Most scholarships have a stated grade point average and a minimum number of LLCC credit hours that must be completed each semester.

There is one application for all scholarships. Students submitting a complete application are considered for all available scholarships for which they are eligible.

A majority of LLCC Foundation scholarships are open to students in any program of study. There are also scholarships for students studying accounting, agriculture, architecture, art, automotive technology, aviation management, business, education, music, fire science, foreign language, health care, hospitality management, culinary arts, law enforcement and criminal justice, nursing, pre-law, pre-vet, psychology and more.

The application will be available online at [www.llccfoundation.org](http://www.llccfoundation.org). Students may also pick up a hard copy of the application in the LLCC Foundation, located on the Springfield campus in Menard Hall.

The deadline to apply is March 3, 2014. For more information, contact Lori Smith, Scholarship Program Coordinator, at (217) 786-4502.



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