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# Your **GREENER** Impact

What you made possible in 2024 and beyond

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## From the Executive Director

Dear Evergreen believers,

Thank you for giving me hope.

At a time when the value of higher education is being tested, Evergreen's mission endures. Our commitment to quality learning burns brighter than ever, thanks to your dedication and support.

In the pages of this report, you will see how your investments continue to carry forward incredible Greeners as they improve our communities through research, teaching, and public service.

You're making it possible for current students at our Olympia and Tacoma campuses to dig deep in fields like biology and climate change policy. Over the summer of 2024, you helped

students take part in projects ranging from local food distribution and Puget Sound conservation to the mapping of archaeological dig sites in Greece.

Most importantly, with your support, student enrollment has increased across our campuses. Thanks to you, classrooms are alive with discussion and creativity.

You've also made it possible to open and stock the Student Basic Needs Center at the Olympia campus, which provides an active in-person food and clothing pantry as well as virtual assistance. And don't miss the story about the \$2.3+ million we're using to boost our STEM programs—something that wouldn't have been possible without an

outpouring of advocacy from our vocal champions.

Journey with me through these pages and enjoy the outpouring of hope and gratitude. **You** made all this possible.

If you're looking for even more ways to get involved, be sure to check out our upcoming public events and Greener get-togethers.

Thank you. I hope to see and hear from you soon.

With gratitude,

~ *Abby*



Abby Kelso '01, MPA '11  
Vice President for Advancement  
Executive Director  
The Evergreen State College Foundation



## How You Transformed Evergreen

Forever Green, the College's first campus-wide fundraising campaign, began in 2019 with a goal to raise \$55+ million. It was publicly launched in March 2023, inviting the power of community to join the effort. Together, on June 30, 2024, we concluded the campaign having raised a historic \$62.5 million.

During the campaign, you and 4,000+ alumni and friends came together nationwide to contribute 15,835 gifts, grants, and estate

commitments—1,161 of you made your first-ever gift.

You helped secure funding to launch and staff the Student Basic Needs Center. You created the Returning Greeners Scholarship for students who had to stop their education due to financial hardship. You also established 24 new scholarship endowments. Your tremendous giving continues to transform lives and programs across campus.

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**YOU:**

**Raised over \$62.5 million**

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**Increased student aid by 82%**

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**Created a community  
4,000+ donors strong**

**ForeverGREEN**



# ForeverGREEN

In 2024, we got on the road and brought hundreds of Greener together to celebrate the success of the Forever Green campaign. Thank you for being there!

Top L-R: Javier Womeldorf, Tom Rainey, Linda Kahan at Forever Green Reception Olympia. Miguel Perez-Gibson '89, at Forever Green Fundraiser Olympia. Ashley Williams '16 and Heather Hawksford at Greener Meets Portland. Laura Ver Meulen, Clay Morton and Betsy Donnelly at Forever Green Santa Barbara.

Middle L-R: Leah Ford '18 and Tanesha Lyons '20 at Return to Evergreen Tacoma. Danielle Martin, Denice Randle, and Amanda Scott-Thomas '04 at Greener Meets Tacoma. Sandy Kaiser, Teresa Mosqueda MPA '06, Dontae Payne '18, MPA '20, Dani Madrone '11, MPA '16, Megan Matthews MPA '19, and Andrew Barkis at Return to Evergreen Olympia.

Bottom L-R: Betsy Donnelly, Tim Ball '80, Christy Holz '78, Karen Fraser, Keri Carkeek '92, Lynda Weinman '76, Linley Logan, Laura VerMeulen, JanMarie Ward '03 at Forever Green Santa Barbara. Marcia Mueller '94 and Correan Barker MPA '20 at Art of Giving Olympia. Cliff Young and guests at Return to Evergreen Olympia.





Top L-R: Geoffrey Riley (standing) and Carol Mitchell at Art of Giving. Top row L-R Josef McManus '93, Steve Hettinga '96, Mica Amichai '03, John Gundayao '20, bottom row L-R Dante Garcia '14, Kaytlyn O'Connor '06, Celi Tamayo-Lee '13 at Greener Meets San Francisco.

Bottom L-R: Dr. Dexter Gordon with Oscar and Barbara Soule at Forever Green Olympia. Abby Kelso '01, MPA '11 at Forever Green Olympia. Dr. John Carmichael '87, MPA '98, Lynda Weinman '76 and Bruce Heavin at Forever Green Santa Barbara.

## Forever**GREEN**

Read more about the campaign at [www.evergreen.edu/forevergreen](http://www.evergreen.edu/forevergreen)





# Your Impact in 2023-2024

**\$4,952,400**

**Total gifts and grant payments received to the Foundation**

**376**

**Students received scholarships**

**\$1,197,400**

**Offered in scholarship awards**

**225**

**Students provided with aid through the Student Emergency Fund**

**\$154,565**

**Awarded in Student Emergency Fund micro-grants**

**\$15,000**

**Provided to support summer research fellowships**



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## About the Foundation

The Evergreen State College Foundation secures philanthropic funds to support students to achieve a transformative education, strengthen Evergreen's public service, and build a community of graduates who exemplify critical thinking, creativity, empathy, and social responsibility. When you give through the Foundation, you strengthen our shared Greener community. You fuel vital scholarships, research fellowships, emergency aid, and unrestricted funds that hundreds of students rely on each year to complete their college degrees. You make it possible for students from all walks of life to access Evergreen's exceptional liberal arts education and achieve their goals. Lives are transformed because of you. Thank you for making an extraordinary difference.

## The Evergreen Fund

At the heart of the Foundation is the Evergreen Fund. When you give to the Evergreen Fund, you make campus-wide change. Here are just a few of the ways the Evergreen Fund is put to use supporting students and programs at Evergreen:

- Evergreen Tacoma Fund
- Evergreen Scholarship Fund
- Student Emergency Fund
- Travel Abroad Fund
- Returning Greeners Fund
- Prison Education Fund
- Native Pathways Program
- Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships
- And so much more!!

## Speaking to the Community

In 2024, Evergreen brought exciting speakers to campus for the benefit of our students and the larger community. These public events explored fresh ideas and gave us space to explore critical questions around race, democracy, and social change.

### Some great Evergreen public events over the past year:

February 2024: New York Times bestselling author, **Sam Kean**, explained why aluminum was once more valuable than gold and how flexible hands were a blessing and curse to one of the world's most famous violinists, among other funny, spooky, poignant, and true science stories from his award-winning books.

April 2024: Acclaimed activist, scholar, recipient of the MacArthur Foundation "Genius" award, Associate Professor at Smith College, and National Women's Hall of Fame inductee **Loretta J. Ross** brought her passion to Evergreen to lead a discussion on global human rights and social justice issues.

October 2024: **Evergreen's Cal Anderson Memorial Lecture Series and Olympia World Affairs Council** co-hosted a panel discussion with Ambassador Ronald Neumann, Washington State Representative Julia Reed, and Dr. Haroun Rahimi on American approaches to elections, free press, higher education, and the democratic process.

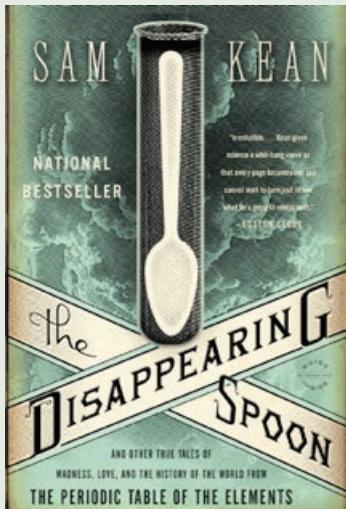


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Loretta J. Ross with Cholee Gladney '00, Associate Dean of Climate and Belonging Education.



## Serving Basic Needs

Being a student is hard enough. But for some Greeners, meeting basic needs—like clothing and food—can be a struggle. Surveys in 2020 and 2022 found that 67% of Evergreen students face insecurity in at least one category of basic needs.\*

That's why, with donations and investments of our amazing community, the Foundation helped to form the Basic Needs Center. The Center is a one-stop shop. It provides shelf-stable food through its food pantry, free clothing and personal care supplies, and even basic school and housing supplies. Thanks to added investments from MultiCare, AmeriCorps, and the Washington Student Achievement Council, the Basic Needs Center is able to provide referral services for programs including SNAP/EBT, housing,

mental health support, and legal aid. The Center has also been able to invite local organizations to hold outreach events where students can tap into additional community resources. For example, NAMI Mental Health Support was recently at the Basic Needs Center hosting a booth to share information about their peer mentoring program.

Thanks in large part to these services, Evergreen has seen a remarkable 10% decrease in students reporting homelessness!

Thank you for enabling Evergreen to respond to these critical needs and ensure that all our students have a chance to thrive.

\*Real College Survey and Washington Student Experience Surveys

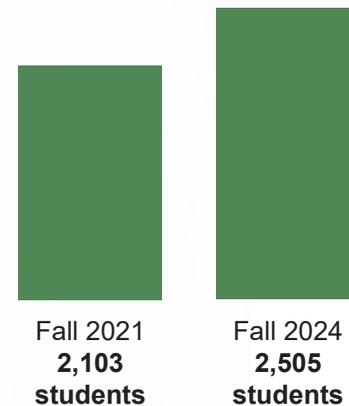


# Evergreen Enrollment Climbs Again.

Fall of 2024 was another big academic year for Evergreen. Total enrollment was up to more than 2,500 students, reflecting a 19% increase since Fall 2021.

People want the excellent liberal arts education that Evergreen offers. We've seen an especially significant increase in undergraduate enrollment, adding over 450 students to the Evergreen community over the past three years.

**Student enrollment growth 2021-2024**



## Kaelin Andruss, Senior: Making Big Leaps and Finding a Voice

It has been a lifelong goal of mine to study marine organisms in relation to their habitat. Understanding the context of organisms' behavior can bring us one step closer to understanding their ability to adapt to rapidly changing marine environments.

My greatest accomplishment thus far was making the journey from Las Vegas to Olympia, where I finally embarked on the academic voyage I had always wished for.

At Evergreen, I have become a capable writer, artist, and thinker, a reliable friend and community member, a problem solver, someone who can celebrate and vocalize their queerness, and someone who can put their nose to the grindstone.

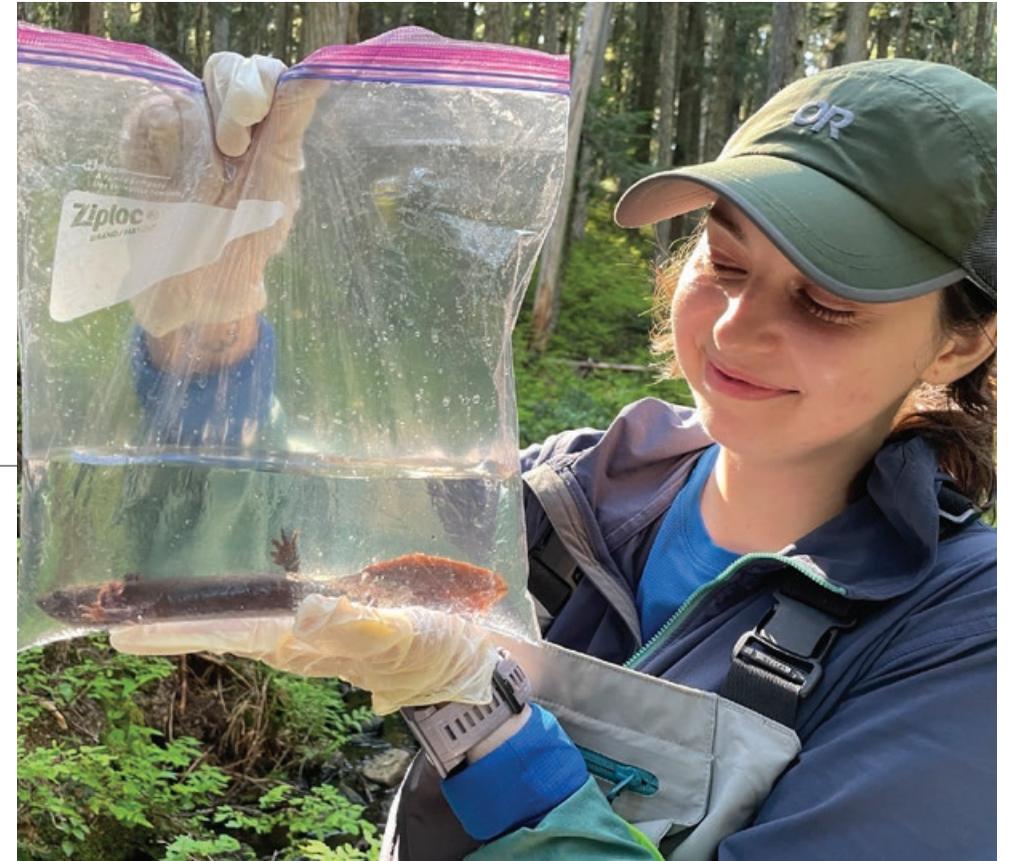
Over the past several quarters, I have developed my craft as a writer in programs such as; Animal Writes: Interspecies Poetics, and Writing as an Experimental and Ecological Practice.

In Winter and Spring 2024, I gained experience in the field and in the lab through hands-on programs, including Wildlife Conservation Biology and Vertebrate Evolution.

I am beyond grateful for the scholarships I have been awarded, and for the many academic opportunities that have opened up for me as a result.

Thank you donors! Kaelin is the Skipping Stone Foundation and Pete Sinclair Memorial scholar in 2024-2025.

Scholarships have allowed me to focus on my academic goals without the added stress of housing and food insecurity. I would not be able to attend college without this support.



Kaelin working at Mt. Rainier for an internship.

## Madison Roberts, MES Candidate: Exploring Science and Policy

After graduating from law school at Pace University in New York, I became interested in expanding my knowledge of policy and statistical analysis. The amazing Master of Environmental Studies (MES) program at Evergreen afforded me the ability to choose my own research, and with Evergreen's no-grade policy, I am able to focus more closely on my learning and studies.

Growing up in Texas, I was primed to witness the ever-warmer summers and the very real effect of climate change on our planet. I grew to have an interest in the Arctic and the preservation of it and other fragile eco-systems.

During law school, I interned in climate change policy analysis at the UN, and plan to pursue a career with them after Evergreen. As a representative for the UN, I will be able to help bridge the gap between environmental science and policy. I am confident that real, quantitative change can be enacted for the future of both climate change policy and law.

Thank you donors! Madison is the Randy Ray Memorial scholar for 2023-2024.

The Randy Ray Memorial Scholarship has been especially helpful this quarter. I am able to focus on research and quantitative methodology statistical analysis, and learn both interfaces, while most of my peers are forced to choose only one at a time due to fund or time constraints.



Madison Roberts, MES program



## Happy 40th MES!

Evergreen's Master of Environmental Studies (MES) program is celebrating 40 years. Happy 40th to our students, faculty, staff, and alumni! You have built and contributed to this program for four decades!

The Master of Environmental Studies (MES) program started at Evergreen in 1984. Since then, MES has graduated over 1,000 students.

MES is a part of a nationally ranked master's level college at Evergreen, based on its contribution to the public good in social mobility, research, and promoting public service. The MES program allows students to earn an interdisciplinary graduate degree that prepares them for the complex nature of professional environmental work or careers in academia and research.

April 26, 2025 | Join us for special events, workshops, and celebrations.

Scan for event info and registration



## Finian Ghalleger, Class of 2024 and MPA Candidate: Embracing Learning and Giving Back

For me, high school was about grades and hypercompetition. Out of high school, I was accepted into Harvard, but I decided getting my prerequisites in-state would be more financially sound. I attended Evergreen and found I actually enjoyed learning.

As an undergrad, I liked the freedom to choose my classes. Evergreen's programs set me up for success yet also allowed me the flexibility to explore and do Independent Learning Contracts. I was able to study everything that interested me. My undergrad degree included computer science, culture studies, literary arts, theoretical math, and a minor emphasis in visual arts.

I enjoyed tutoring and supporting the Physical Computing Center. I also loved—and still

love—attending campus events. To be in community with other students is a breath of fresh air, and I wish I had that experience in high school. I'm grateful to have this opportunity and I take advantage of events every chance I get.

I am where I am today thanks to scholarships and the Student Emergency Fund. Scholarships helped me save money so I could pay rent and afford medication. The Emergency Fund meant I didn't have to choose between school and life emergencies.

I finished my undergraduate degree in 2024, and now I am in the Master of Public Administration program at Evergreen. I plan to finish my graduate work by the spring of 2026, and I will be the first in my

family to get a Masters degree!

After I graduate, I'll continue supporting anyone who wants to get a college education. Whether I'm tutoring, teaching, or engaging the legislature for accessible higher education, giving back to the community is my life's goal.

Thank you donors! Finn was the Lynda Weinman and Bruce Heavin and the Carlton Morris Cooley scholar in 2023-2024.

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There were times when I only ate once a day and was in class or work from 7am to nearly midnight. With scholarships, I was able to enjoy my classes without sacrificing my basic needs.



Finian Ghalleger '24

## Students Awarded for Service to the Community

Jocelyn Moreno, Class of 2024 and Drew Bland, Senior, were honored with the 2024 Student Civic Award by the Washington Campus Coalition for the Public Good for their outstanding commitment to civic engagement and service.

"Being an award winner is a testament to both Jocelyn and Drew's hard work and compassion, as well as the positive impact they have had on our campus and in our community," said Dr. John Carmichael, president of The Evergreen State College.

Jocelyn Moreno was honored for showing remarkable dedication to community-based learning and action. Between tirelessly fostering service and collaboration as a leader, intern and work-study participant,

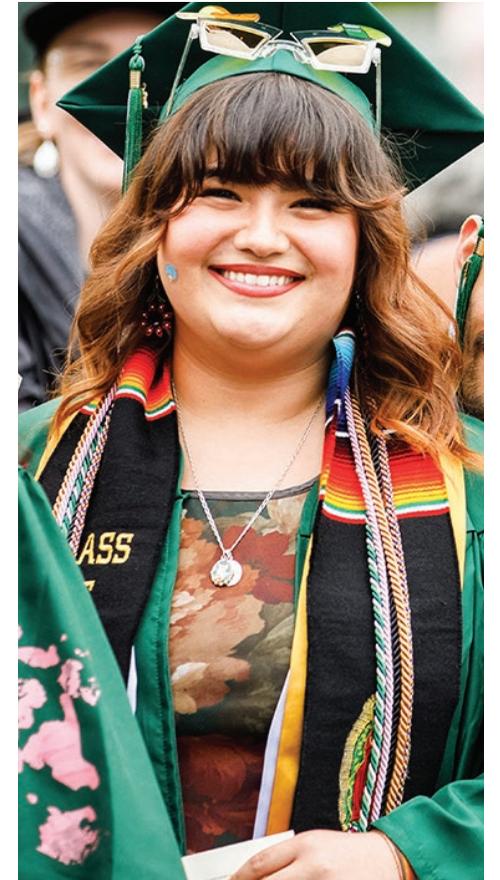
Jocelyn is continually building connections between campus and community. Hailing from a Washington Farmworker family, their advocacy extends to Latinx and immigrant learners, demonstrating a passion for inclusive education. Their roles with the Center for Community-Based Learning and Action at Evergreen have notably contributed to initiatives such as Sound Learning in Shelton and Community Schools in Tumwater. Additionally, their internship with Together!, Bilingual Clubhouse, and Evergreen's elementary dual language program underscores their recognition of the importance of native language in education. Co-founding the campus student group La Familia and spearheading the El Camino path of study in Latin

American, Latinx and Multilingual education further showcase Jocelyn's impactful leadership.

Drew Bland has provided exceptional service as a student-worker at The Basic Needs Center. Their integral role at the Campus Food Bank satellite intake processes and food distribution reflects Drew's deep-rooted experience in food justice, cultivated through work on various farms, including their own family farm. Drew's community engagement also extends beyond campus borders. He is involved with the Lacey Makerspace and has an internship at the Puget Sound Estuarium, facilitated through Evergreen's new Center for Climate Action and Sustainability. At the Estuarium,

he helps facilitate environmental education with school-age students. Notably, Drew's dedication to academic excellence is evident in their rigorous studies in Psychology Capstone: Clinical and Counseling and Applied Learning at the Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County, all while maintaining a commitment to athletic pursuits.

Thank you, Foundation donors, for supporting Jocelyn and Drew with numerous scholarships, and for nurturing the Center for Community-Based Learning and Action.



Jocelyn at graduation 2024.

## \$2.3 Million Funding Boost for STEM Education

In a landmark effort in bolstering STEM education initiatives, spearheaded by U.S. Senator Patty Murray, The Evergreen State College was awarded \$2.1 million in funding through the FY24 appropriations bills signed by President Biden on March 9, 2024. This significant allocation underscores the federal government's commitment to advancing science education and empowering students to excel in critical fields.

In December 2024, we also received an additional \$217,000 from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust to enhance our new scanning electron microscope.

The funding helps build a foundation for Evergreen to continue advancing science education programs, marking a

pivotal moment in the institution's commitment to providing students with cutting-edge resources and hands-on learning experiences.

With a focus on enhancing STEM offerings, the college will invest in state-of-the-art scientific and computing equipment, facilitating immersive learning opportunities that align with industry demands.

"At Evergreen, we believe in the power of education to transform lives and drive innovation," said Dr. John Carmichael, Evergreen president. "This generous funding allows us to build upon our successful STEM curriculum and equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving landscape."

By investing in updated equipment and resources,

Evergreen aims to foster an environment where every student can succeed and contribute meaningfully to the world around them.

We are grateful to U.S. Senator Patty Murray for putting forth this appropriation. With this funding, we will further our efforts to ensure that every student has access to top-tier STEM education and the opportunity to pursue rewarding careers in high-demand fields.

Evergreen's comprehensive STEM curriculum encompasses a wide range of disciplines including computing, environmental studies, climate change research, geographic information systems, mycological studies, cybersecurity, biomedical research and preparation for advanced healthcare degrees.

Additionally, the college is set to launch several STEM-related certificate programs, offering shorter-term options for individuals to secure and advance their future careers.

The \$2.3 million funding is a milestone in Evergreen's commitment to excellence in education and innovation. As the college continues pushing the boundaries of STEM education, it remains steadfast in its mission to empower students and drive progress in Washington's economy and beyond.



New awards will provide significant new tools for STEM at Evergreen.

# Student Research Reveals New Insights



## Merlin Roux, Senior Ancient Finds Rediscovered

Over 50 years ago, a construction crew in Isthmia, Greece, accidentally discovered an ancient cemetery near the Sanctuary of Poseidon. Although the excavation was completed decades ago, publication of findings has stalled many times. Over the summer of 2024, Merlin completed a comprehensive database of artifacts from the cemetery to make them searchable and accessible to the public. Merlin also began creating GIS maps of the grave sites. This important work will help shed light on the people who lived and died in Isthmia over 2,500 years ago. [Hear Merlin talk about this research.](#)

Faculty Researcher:  
Dr. Ulrike Krotscheck



## Sabina Ahmed, Senior Hunt for a Healthy Blue

In the search for a safe and effective natural dye, student Sabina Ahmed spent the summer investigating Japanese indigo. Working in the community garden on campus, she cultivated over 100 plants and performed dye tests. Along the way, she also looked at ways to improve dye strength without the use of chemical agents, known to be carcinogenic. Her research showed the complex interaction between dyes and assisting agents and the need for even more research into how to use an assist in strengthening the depth of indigo dyes without harsh chemicals. [Hear Sabina talk about this research.](#)

Faculty Researcher:  
Dr. Susan Pavel



## Reginald Alberry Jr., Junior From Farm to Military

Over the summer, Reginald worked with the Southwest Washington Food Hub packing and delivering boxes of fresh produce to local partners. He also helped run a weekly Food Hub stand for the DuPont Farmers Market near Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM, the nation's third largest military base). With funding from Washington State University's Sentinel Lands Partnership project with JBLM, his work shed light on the processes that go into connecting military families to local farm fresh food. [Hear Reginald talk about this research.](#)

Faculty Researcher:  
Dr. Sarah Williams



## Alexis Quick, Class of 2025 & Jacob Church, Junior Carbon in Sand Dollars

Students Alexis Quick and Jacob Church documented sand dollar beds in Puget Sound and looked at the amount of carbon they capture and maintain—an important factor for ecosystem management. They mapped sand dollar distribution, collected samples, and measured carbon sequestered. Their results indicate that sand dollar beds are a relatively significant source of carbon for our coastal areas. They hope their work will inform further monitoring and land use options. [Hear Alexis and Jacob talk about this research.](#)

Faculty Researcher:  
Dr. Erik Thuesen

These projects, and many more, were made possible thanks to your support of the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program. Through SURF, you enable students to spend their summer out in the field alongside faculty advisors as they collect and process data to advance questions in the social and hard sciences.

## Exhibit Features Salish Art

The s'g'w'ig'wi?altx<sup>w</sup> House of Welcome Cultural Arts Center hosted an exhibition titled "The Art of Salish Peoples" at The Evergreen Gallery, which opened in late September 2024 and concluded in early January 2025. This showcase highlighted the creations of contemporary Salish artists across various mediums including glass, bronze, paintings, prints, carvings, weaving, regalia, and fiber arts. The exhibit featured works by master artists, educators, and participants from previous House of Welcome programs. The exhibition also incorporated select pieces from the House of Welcome's permanent art collection. During the formal opening, artists shared personal narratives that influenced their artistic journeys, discussed their materials, and

elaborated on their creative choices. "The Art of Salish Peoples" celebrated the rich diversity of Coastal and Plateau artists' work, fostering a deeper appreciation among visitors to the exhibit.

While Salish art and artists are successful and widely shown in public art around the state, it is still sometimes the case that people think that all art of the Pacific Northwest looks or should look like Northern forms from Alaska and Northern British Columbia. Pieces by Josh Mason, Squaxin Island Tribe, showed diversity in weaving that included cedar root used in subsistence food collection, while Ed NoiseCat, of Secwepemc and Stitlimx First Nations, displayed an array of glass and sculptural works that

represent the trajectory of Salish fine arts. Misty Kalama-Archer, Puyallup, and her apprentices made bold statements about the evolution of woven Salish regalia.



"The Art of Salish Peoples" at The Evergreen Gallery, opened in late September 2024 and concluded in early January 2025.

The House of Welcome is working to raise at least \$1 million for an endowment that will sustain their work long into the future. Today, exhibits like this inspire the next generation of Native artists as tomorrow's culture-keepers.



# 100+ Alumni and Friends Join New Foundation Initiative

As a public institution, our students' futures are closely tied to state support.

In October 2024, The Evergreen State College Foundation launched Evergreen Advocates, a new initiative guided by volunteers from the Foundation's Legislative Committee. This coalition brings together alumni and friends like you, working to ensure higher education remains a priority in Washington State.

Together, they amplify Evergreen's voice to state leaders and local

officials to ensure the College remains a place where learning, innovation, and public service thrive.

Members of Evergreen Advocates receive updates on the College's budget and policy priorities and have opportunities to contact their representatives to show them the value of Evergreen.

Thank you to the 100+ Evergreen Advocates who have raised their voice and made sure the needs of the Greener community are heard.

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[evergreenadvocates.org](https://evergreenadvocates.org)

# Why they give



## **Dolly England '05**

With everything happening in the world today, it feels good giving back to a place that inspired and helped shape me into the critical thinker I am now. I hope to grow my gift over time because we will continue to need people who can think outside the box and come up with solutions to all the problems of the future. There is no better way to equip them than through education.



## **Marc Fernandes '00**

Even 25 years since I graduated, I am still amazed at how my experiences at Evergreen continue to shape who I am as a person today. What a gift! I decided to contribute monthly to the Evergreen Fund to help ensure that students today can get the support I received to stay involved, graduate, and feel what I am feeling all these years later.



## **Emily Pieper '08, MPA '18**

Evergreen has worked hard to build resources and services for students that are as low-barrier as we can make them. To be able to give monthly and support the students who access those services and the amazing staff who facilitate them is something I enjoy doing. Seeing the tangible way my modest donation supports this work is really rewarding and brings me hope.



## **Ron Smoire '76**

My experience as an Evergreen student in the 1970s helped shape who I am as a person today. Evergreen created a safe environment for all its students to explore and challenge their ideas and understanding of the world around them. I believe strongly in Evergreen's mission to educate and train students to be independent and creative thinkers of the future. I wanted to give to make sure that those who need financial help can get it, as I did when I attended Evergreen.

## Tina Gives the Gift of Storytelling

If storyteller Tina Hoggatt, class of 1978, ever wrote her autobiography, the chapter on her time at The Evergreen State College might be titled, “Validation.”

Growing up in Berkeley, CA, Tina always wanted to be a writer. After a year at a large university in Colorado, she found herself searching for a broader, less-confined path that would nurture her creativity.

That place was Evergreen.

At Evergreen, Tina discovered a sense of freedom and validation. She wasn’t just allowed to follow her passions; she was encouraged to dig deep into them. “Evergreen gave me permission to learn about anything I wanted, to go as deep as I wanted, and do whatever I wanted with it,” she reflects. The unique learning environment,

coupled with the supportive community of faculty, staff, and students, set Tina on a path to become the successful writer and visual artist she is today.

Throughout her career, Tina has looked for opportunities to share the kind of recognition and support she received at Evergreen. As a visiting artist in schools, she delighted in recognizing young talent and offering the same encouragement that had once fueled her own dreams. “It’s a profound moment—to flip that switch in someone and give them permission to be who they truly are. It’s just the best.”

This desire to uplift others and give back led her to establish the Storytelling Scholarship at Evergreen in 2015. Tina continues to support the fund each year. She also included a bequest in

her will to ensure the endowment will continue to grow and support storytellers for years to come.

“First, I hope recipients of the Storytelling Scholarship feel validation of who they are and what they’re doing,” Tina says. “Then, that this money gives them relief, a little bit of ease, a little bit of freedom, and then maybe inspiration that they’re on the right track.”

Tina understands the emotional impact financial support can have on a student. As an Evergreen student, Tina was the recipient of a \$1,500 loan from the College that allowed her to finish her degree. “Getting that loan meant the world to me,” she said. “It was a little shot of confidence that they believed in me.”

For Tina, supporting the next generation of storytellers at Evergreen brings immense joy and a deepened connection to her alma mater.

Her message to others: “Generosity begets generosity. It doesn’t have to cost a lot of money to make a difference. You don’t have to start your own scholarship fund. Find one at Evergreen that resonates with you and support it.”

Find giving options that reflect your values. Learn more online: [evergreen.myplannedgift.org](http://evergreen.myplannedgift.org)



Tina Hoggatt '78

# Alumni Events Calendar 2025

## Greener Meets

### March

**March 21, 2025**  
**New York, NY**

Hosts with:  
Marc Fernandes '00  
Adam Sachs '03

**March 22, 2025**  
**Boston, MA**

Hosted with:  
John Hennessey '77  
Drew Carey '76

### April

**April 11, 2025**  
**Portland, OR**

Hosted with:  
Erin Harms '13  
Dolly England '05

### May

**May 15, 2025**  
**Tacoma, WA**

Hosted with:  
Amanda Scott-Thomas '05  
Leah Ford '18

**May 16, 2025**  
**Seattle, WA**

### June

**June 21, 2025**  
**Los Angeles, CA**

Hosted with:  
Eddie Sumlin '07

## Art of Giving

**May 1, 2025 | Tacoma, WA**

## Return to Evergreen

**October 11, 2025 | Olympia, WA**

## Stay connected and stay informed

Update your contact information and sign up for the alumni Greener Newsletter. You'll receive notices of upcoming events, news, and activities for alumni and friends of Evergreen.



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# 47,251 Alumni and Counting!



## Ethan Personius '22

While on a shark fishing expedition in 2022, Ethan and fellow researchers were shocked at what they reeled in: a soupfin shark. Their find confirmed soupfin in Puget Sound waters. Previously, the closest official reports of soupfin sharks came from the Strait of Georgia on the Canadian side of the border in the Salish Sea.

Ethan became interested in marine science at a young age. While studying at Evergreen, he was part of the Chapple's Big Fish Lab internship program and began studying sharks for his undergraduate thesis. Now, Ethan is continuing his shark research as a Ph.D. student at Oregon State University.



## Seth Kirby '02, MPA '07

Seth is a transgender man, parent, and advocate for racially equitable, community-designed solutions to everyday challenges and opportunities. As the chief impact officer at Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, Seth uses over two decades of public service experience to build meaningful connections and investments in Pierce County, serving communities across Washington State.

Seth was honored during Return to Evergreen Alumni Weekend in October 2024 with the Joseph Albert Dear Distinguished Alumni Award for his dedication to serving the public good.



## Emily Washines MPA '10

Emily teaches for the Advanced Tribal Relations Certificate Program at Evergreen. She builds understanding of Indigenous culture and history through films, exhibits, writing, and speaking. Her research topics include the Yakama War, Native women, traditional knowledge, resource management and fishing rights.

Emily is an enrolled Yakama Nation tribal member with Cree and Skokomish lineage. In 2024, she traveled to Washington, D.C. and represented the Columbia Riverkeeper as its board president at a White House signing ceremony for the Columbia River Basin Restoration Agreement.



## Taniesha Lyons '20

As the Executive Director of Federal Way Black Collective, Taniesha Lyons leads grassroots efforts that aim to eliminate racism, systemic gaps, and disparities in the Black community. She brings decades of leadership experience and is a DEI expert supporting local businesses with policy development, DEIB strategies, training, and organizational planning.

She is also CEO of Taniesha Cares LLC, which complements her efforts with the Federal Way Black Collective by empowering clients with tailored strategies for leadership development and sustainable growth.

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## Ten-Year Trends FY15-FY24

### Assets

	June 30, 2015	10 years	June 30, 2024	Low	High	Notes
Net assets (\$ millions) <sup>1</sup>	14.8		29.8	14.8	29.8	The Foundation's net assets more than doubled in 10 years.
Endowment (\$ millions) <sup>2</sup>	11.1		21.5	11.1	21.5	The Foundation's endowments increased by 94% in 10 years.

## 10-Year Trends

The Foundation provides this 10-year financial snapshot to help you visualize the long-term health of your investments.

### Looking for more?

You can always find our audited financial statements, as well as past annual reports, online at: [www.evergreen.edu/foundation/foundation-annual-reports](http://www.evergreen.edu/foundation/foundation-annual-reports).

### Revenue and Returns

	June 30, 2015	10 years	June 30, 2024	Low	High	AVG	Notes
Gifts & contributions (\$ millions) <sup>3</sup>	3.0		6.0	2.0	6.0	3.4	Includes new gifts received and binding pledges committed.
Investment returns (\$ millions) <sup>4</sup>	0.6		2.4	-1.1	5.1	1.2	The majority of investment returns are associated with endowments.
University of Washington Consolidated Endowment Fund (UWCEF) return (%)	6.8		11.3	-5.5	35.1	7.9	The Foundation's endowments are invested with the UWCEF.

### Foundation Impact on the College

	June 30, 2015	10 years	June 30, 2024	Low	High	Notes
Grants, scholarships and college support (\$ millions) <sup>5</sup>	1.8		5.1	1.3	5.1	Includes all scholarships, grants and spending to support college programs.
Scholarship recipients	188		376	188	376	In 10 years, the number of scholarship recipients doubled.
Student emergency fund recipients <sup>6</sup>	0		225	0	346	This fund gives \$500 microgrants to students facing financial emergencies.

<sup>1</sup> Statement of Financial Position: Total net assets

<sup>2</sup> Notes to the Financial Statements: Note 4, 2024 Endowment net assets, end of year

<sup>3</sup> Statement of Activities: Gifts and contributions plus Other in-kind support

<sup>4</sup> Statement of Activities: Investment income

<sup>5</sup> Statement of Activities: Grants and scholarships plus other college support

<sup>6</sup> In 2021-22 federal funds were used for 155 students in addition to the 24 from the Foundation



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