

Foundation Report – March 25, 2025

- **Announcement of New Foundation Technician**

Let's all welcome Peighton Sisk into her new role as the Foundation Technician. The selection committee and I unanimously agreed that Peighton would be the best candidate to fill this new position within the Foundation. Peighton has worked in the foundation office for over six years, first as a student worker, then as a temp Foundation Specialist, and for the last four years as the permanent Foundation Specialist. While she has not performed some of the tasks this position will require, no one has. I am excited to expand the foundation's reach and the depth of engagement and financial development activities we will be able to do with this added position and Peighton in it. But next, we must fill the 24-hour per week Foundation Specialist position.

- **All Fund Committees Are Established**

With the start of the Science and Business Fund Committees, we have now established all eight fund committees set out in our strategic plan. The Science Fund currently has five new volunteers serving the foundation and the Business Fund has three. Both could use a few more community members on them, so please consider recommending someone who you think might be able to contribute to these efforts.

- **Founding Donation for Science Fund**

A geology professor at COS, Eric Hetherington met me in the foundation office with a desire to donate to the college in honor of his late mother. After some discussion about the possibilities of doing the typical scholarship fund, I mentioned the forming of the Science Fund and the intentions behind it. He became especially enthusiastic about directing his donation to it and thought being the first donation was a good tribute to his mother. Eric donated \$20,000 to the COS Science Fund that day. He also expressed that there may be more to come, depending on how the remainder of her estate winds down and gets distributed.

- **Hall of Fame Recap**

Our Hall of Fame is planned for Friday, March 21st, at 5:30 PM in the COS Porter Field House. We are inducting Dr. Robert Aguilar and the members of the 1987 COS Women's Basketball Team.

- **COS Retiree Excursion – Downtown Paso and Tin City – March 27th**

The next COS Retiree Excursion is set for March 27th to visit both downtown Paso Robles and Tin City a few hours each. We have 32 paid registrants so far. If any board members are interested in joining, please do. There is still some room.