

Newsletter December

PAYING IT FORWARD

GHC '54 Alum Endows Scholarships

When Janice Johnson-Brandstrom graduated from GHC in 1954, she never imagined that her hard work and lifelong passion for education would one day allow her to bequeath one of the largest endowments in the GHC Foundation's history, over \$835,000.

As a GHC student, Janice discovered her love of science. She graduated from GHC in 1954, receiving an Alumni Merit Award. Janice credited her ability to complete her degree thanks to the generosity of the Schaffer Family Scholarship, which paid her tuition in full. She then transferred to the University of Washington, and graduated in 1957, with a bachelor of science in chemistry. As a female in a male-dominated field, Janice found it difficult to find work using her chemistry degree. She began teaching and later furthered her education and became a community college counselor.

"This is a wonderful story of a past scholarship recipient paying it forward in a major way," expressed Lisa J. Smith, GHC Foundation Executive Director. "I had the pleasure of working with Ms. Brandstrom-Johnson before her passing in January. She was a truly extraordinary person who was passionate about women having equal opportunities to pursue their education and career, regardless of the field. Her forward thinking gift will help students for generations."

To learn more about making a bequest or a donation, contact foundation@ghc.edu or (360) 538-4024.



90TH
1930-2020
**GRAYS HARBOR
COLLEGE**

\$90K IN 90 HOURS
FEBRUARY 9, 2021

While our annual Mystery Getaway fundraiser is postponed in 2021, the need for scholarships and GHC programs continues to grow. In February, we will invite you to celebrate GHC's 90th Anniversary and help us reach this year's goal of \$90,000 in 90 hours!





JOIN THE

266

GENEROUS DONORS WHO
GAVE MORE THAN

\$1,565,000

IN 2019-2020!

GIVING THAT EMPOWERS

Plan your year-end giving to include the
GHC Foundation, an IRS 501(c)(3).

*For more information on
timelines for 2020 donations*
www.ghc.edu/foundation/giving-deadlines

JOHN A EARLEY SCHOLARSHIP

*"I plan to work as a
Medical Assistant while
attending my nursing
courses. I am deeply
honored to have received
your scholarship."*

Jesus, Medical Asst

WINDERMERE SCHOLARSHIP

*"I am equally committed
to my job with the USFS
and to pursuing my
forestry degree at GHC. I
am extremely grateful
for the scholarship."*

Daniel, Forestry

MAKING AN IMPACT

\$76,053 AWARDED THIS FALL

51 deserving Grays Harbor College students were awarded more than \$76,000 in scholarships during the Foundation's fall cycle.

Often these awards are the missing funding a student needs to continue their education. Scholarships can be used for tuition, books and costs of attending.

Nothing is more rewarding than reading the heartfelt thank you notes, two of which are shared above. To donate toward the work the GHC Foundation does to support students, visit ghc.edu/foundation.

DONORS EQUIP GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE FOR THE FUTURE TRAINING TOMORROW'S AUTOMOTIVE WORKFORCE



Jesse Kangas-Hanes (right), Automotive Technology Faculty.

The slogan, "this is not your father's Oldsmobile" has never been truer than in today's high-tech auto shops. With demand for automotive technicians expected to grow 1% annually over the next 10 years, Automotive Technology Faculty, Jesse Kangas-Hanes, is committed to ensuring GHC students have the equipment and relevant training to work on all types of vehicles. Faced with outdated training equipment, the College turned to the GHC Foundation and our generous donors for help.

Longtime supporters of GHC trade programs, Pat and Mary Ellen Hughes' gift resulted in the purchase a state-of-the-art front end alignment machine (left). The Marian J Weatherwax Trust purchased an electric car and batteries for students to train on.

PUTTING THE TECH IN GHC AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

FRONT-END ALIGNMENT MACHINE

DONORS: PAT AND MARY ELLEN HUGHES

ELECTRIC VEHICLE AND BATTERIES

DONOR: MARIAN J WEATHERWAX TRUST