

THE EVERGREEN FUND

CAMPUS VOICES | 2024

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 SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
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EVERGREEN BY THE NUMBERS

FALL 2023

Enrolled students	2,332
Average age	29 yrs
WA Resident	86%
First-Generation	18%
Students of color	36%
Low-income	34%

Reaching Beyond Limits – Thanks to You

When you give to the Evergreen Fund, you do more than support the College—you strengthen our shared Greener community. You create and expand 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, achieve their goals, and reach beyond their dreams. Because of you, lives are transformed. Thank you for believing in the potential of every student and for making an extraordinary difference.

Through June 30, 2024, all gifts to The Evergreen Fund supported the Forever Green campaign.

ForeverGREEN
 Campaign for The Evergreen State College

Why Christine Loves Evergreen Tacoma

My name is Christine and I am from Washington state and reside in Tacoma, near the Evergreen Tacoma campus. My mother and my cousin graduated from Evergreen Tacoma. I picked Evergreen because there are so many positive things they have done in the community, and I see how accomplished students have been after graduating.

The staff here are informative and knowledgeable and it's exciting to be around professors who can direct you towards success. They have common sense, they're patient, and they make themselves available. I've been particularly influenced by Dr. Tyrus Smith, Dr. Joye Hardiman, Dr. Keith Stafford, Dr. Maxine Mimms, and Dr. Gilda Sheppard.

One of my favorite things is attending Lyceum. I have gained tremendous knowledge through the guest speakers

who attend our Lyceum every Tuesday, and I was particularly excited to meet someone who looked like me and was doing phenomenal work as an African American rocket scientist.

I am very happy to be a part of this school. Staff and peers have helped me apply for financial aid, grants, scholarships, work study, and special services for a traumatic brain injury I experienced. I love attending our campus events on the weekends, and I take yoga on campus on Saturdays.

Through these experiences, I wish to become the best teacher and community leader that I can be, and I want to continue to advocate for myself and others in our community.

~Christine Y., Class of 2028

EVERGREEN TACOMA FUND 2023-2024 IMPACT

# of scholarships awarded	20
Value awarded	\$20,000

When you support the Evergreen Fund, you help provide scholarships to students at the Olympia and Tacoma campuses.



Evergreen Scholarship Fund



Awards from the Evergreen Scholarship Fund not only foster academic learning, they also give students a chance to enjoy and experience the Evergreen community and campus activities that help them build new connections and thrive.

“I get to just enjoy my time and devote my full attention to learning.”

My ultimate career goal is to become a psychologist. I want to be able to help some of our most underserved communities get the help they so desperately need, and I am most excited to meet other Greeners who share a common interest in mental health and psychology. Receiving this scholarship took such an immense level of stress off my shoulders. Anyone who is low-income knows: going to school when you are poor is very difficult. The stress of how you are going to pay for it, how much you will have to work, and if you will even be able to afford it by the end is always lingering over you. Now, this quarter at Evergreen, I no longer have to worry as much about that aspect, and I get to just enjoy my time and devote my full attention to learning. I would love to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made this possible. You have made a major impact on my first quarter at Evergreen. This award is something that I cannot thank you enough for.

~ Cloe G., Class of 2027

I've learned so much about working with groups and people who have vastly different views and backgrounds. The scholarship helps me immensely. As a student athlete who works and is financially independent, this scholarship enables me to be at Evergreen and pursue my academic goals. I can not thank you enough. Without your support I would not be able to continue at Evergreen in this amazing environment that helps me actually enjoy learning.

~ Anna M., Class of 2026

EVERGREEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2023-2024 IMPACT

# of scholarships awarded	229
Value awarded	\$393,905

Your gifts to the Evergreen Fund create scholarships that stick with students year after year, and increase in value as they become Juniors and Seniors.

RIBBON SETS GLOBAL GOALS

I really enjoy walking around campus and all the natural beauty here. I also really like the teaching style at Evergreen because I never thought the idea of traditional grades made sense. I like being part of programs that focus on what I want to study rather than “normal course work.” Dr. Rebecca Raitses’ French classes will always hold a special place in my heart. She always made class fun, and I gained experience with a new language. Dr. Stacey Davis’ history lectures about medieval France always blew me away as well.

I also enjoy the people at Evergreen. Being a young queer person, sometimes life feels isolating. But here on campus I feel instantly comforted.

Scholarships made it possible for me to experience a pivotal three-month study-abroad trip to France where I have been able to delve into French art and design, with a focus on watchmaking. I am a European citizen, and after Evergreen I hope to become a trained watchmaker in Europe.

~Ribbon E., Class of 2028



Student Emergency Fund

HOW EVERGREEN HAS OPENED DOORS FOR YANNY ALARCÓN

My name is Yanny Alarcón, and I am from Venezuela. Since coming to The Evergreen State College in the fall of 2022, I have experienced a significant change in my life, not only academically, but also in my personal development.

I chose Evergreen because, from the get-go, I felt it was a place where doors are open to everyone. In a world where it often seems that obstacles are insurmountable, Evergreen proves that, with support and determination, anything is possible. Since my arrival, I have felt at home and surrounded by people who value and celebrate diversity. This sense of belonging has been fundamental to my academic and personal success.

In addition, scholarships and the Student Emergency Fund have been an essential pillar in my journey. Thanks to this financial support, and the help of Trina Griffis during the scholarship process, I have been able to focus on my studies without the constant worry of costs. They have covered my tuition fees and, at critical times, have been there to help me continue my education.

I am working towards my Bachelor of Arts with an emphasis in early childhood education. I am inspired by my classes with Dr. Sharon Cronin as she is an excellent mentor. I have taken several classes with Dr. Cronin, and what excites me is her dedication and patience towards helping the class achieve her teaching objective.

I have had the honor of participating in the spring fair and graduation reunions, moments that have filled me with pride and made me feel more connected to the campus community. These events not only celebrate our achievements, but also reinforce the spirit of unity and collaboration that defines Evergreen.

I plan to graduate in Spring 2025. Looking to the future, after Evergreen, my goal is to continue studying and pursue a Masters degree. I want to be the director of my own early childhood education center.

Evergreen supports us until the end and really wants us to go far. With the knowledge and skills I have gained here, I am confident that I will be able to face the challenges that come and continue to grow.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to Evergreen and all those who have made my educational journey possible. I'm excited for what the future holds for me and, most of all, grateful for the incredible opportunity I've been given here.

~Yanny Alarcón, Class of 2025



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Students received micro-grants from the Student Emergency Fund in 2024.

\$159,503

in emergency aid was distributed in 2024.

The Student Emergency Fund was founded in 2015 by Evergreen parents and distributes micro-grants to students facing urgent expenses that stand in the way of their studies.

Special Initiatives



Returning Greeners

Donors like you made it possible for the Foundation to create the **Returning Greeners Scholarship**. This fund supports students who had to leave or stop attending school and gives them a chance to return to Evergreen, and revive their college goals.

YVONNE'S MISSION FOR HEALTH

I am from Newport, Rhode Island, and I moved to Washington state in the summer of 1990. I have been a medical assistant for 28 years; I'm also a volunteer firefighter and EMT. I picked Evergreen because of the non-traditional undergraduate curriculum in which students have the option to design their own path. Studying Psychology at Evergreen has given me the opportunity to transform my thoughts, emotions, and behaviors and become more resilient. The Returning Greeners Scholarship I received made it possible for me to travel out of state for my Independent Learning Contract, and I have been able to share what I have learned with patients. After I graduate, I would like to pursue the Master of Arts in Counseling Program at St. Martin's University.

~ Yvonne E., Class of 2026

Getting Students into the Field

Your support enables students to take part in capstone projects focused on applied research and data analysis, as well as Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF). During SURF, students immerse themselves in fieldwork alongside faculty advisors. These opportunities enrich their academic experiences and provide invaluable career skills. Here are just a few of the exciting SURF projects you supported during the summer of 2024:

PROJECT	STUDENT
Invasive Species Detection and Quantification on the Olympic Peninsula	Stevi Barrio
Archaeological Database Creation at the West Cemetery at Isthmia, Greece	Merlin Kelsay
Analysis of Ocean Acidification and Shell Mineralization	Ruby Young

RESEARCH & LEARNING 2023-2024 IMPACT	
# of SURF fellows supported*	9
SURF & Capstone funds provided	\$20,000

*SURF is supported by the Foundation and the Academic Operating Budget.

“We can learn as much, or even more about ourselves, as we can about the ancient world, through study of the material past of humans.”

~ Ulrike Krotscheck, Faculty & SURF Advisor

Unrestricted gifts ensure The Evergreen State College Foundation can stay nimble and responsive to critical demands on campus and within our community. You can feel good knowing that your investments go where they are needed most.

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YOU DID IT (AND MORE)

\$62.5 million raised
\$7 million above goal!

\$31.1 million

to expand holistic services
and financial aid for students

\$18.4 million

to foster learning experiences
that prepare students to solve
critical real-world problems

\$7.9 million

to promote Native arts
and cultures in the Pacific
Northwest and beyond

YOU CREATED A COMMUNITY

4,000+ donors
strong

(including over 1,100
first-time donors)

24 new endowments established

New center created for Climate
Action and Sustainability

You increased
student aid by 82%

\$2.2 million Title III grant
awarded to enhance comprehensive
student advising

**"I'm tremendously grateful
for the way that people have
rallied to this campaign. Your
generosity is already making
a difference for students."**

~ John Carmichael, Ph.D.

Class of 1987, MPA 1998

President, The Evergreen State College



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Read more about campaign success.
evergreen.edu/forevergreen

You Made History

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 in comraderie 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 to bring back students who had to stop their education due to financial hardship, and you established new scholarship endowments. You also helped Evergreen secure \$1 million in federal grants to support low-income parenting students with direct childcare subsidies. And, thanks to your campaign commitments, a new House of Welcome Endowment will sustain support for Native programs, facilities, and staff. Thank you for your commitment to a rich and diverse liberal arts education focused on student accessibility and success.

THANK YOU



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