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Our Mission

The mission of the Truckee Meadows Community College Foundation and Grants Office is to provide strategic support for TMCC by cultivating and developing relationships, and raising funds for scholarships, programs, capital improvements and the College community.

We secure funds for:

- ▶ **Scholarships**
- ▶ **Capital Improvements**
- ▶ **Programs**
- ▶ **Student Emergency Funds**
- ▶ **Instructional Equipment**
- ▶ **Critical Needs**



DONOR SUPPORT AND GRANT FUNDING HELPS US PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMS AND STUDENTS AT ALL FOUR TMCC LOCATIONS

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- William N. Pennington Applied Technology Center**
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- Meadowood Center**



Scholarships Empower DREAMS

The TMCC Foundation Scholarship Program is an important source of financial support for TMCC students. Thanks to the generosity of our community, since 1990, the Foundation has awarded nearly \$12 million to deserving students. Scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate scholastic merit and financial need.

SCHOLARSHIP SNAPSHOT

| Academic Year | Amount Awarded | Scholarships Awarded | Average Award |
|---------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 2023-24 | \$1,178,860 | 1,033 | \$1,142 |
| 2022-23 | \$1,038,497 | 819 | \$1,268 |



L-R President Karin Hilgersom, TMCC student and scholarship recipient Heather Morton, and TMCC Foundation and Grants Executive Director Gretchen Sawyer

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT HIGHLIGHT

Welding Student Forges Bright Future

TMCC scholarship recipient, **Heather Morton**, is a single mother of three. Although a series of setbacks slowed her dreams of becoming a welder, she discovered a better future through TMCC. Heather served as the keynote presenter at the **12th Annual Legacy Scholarship Reception**, sharing her inspiring comeback journey.

Heather eventually found her way into the TMCC Welding Program and plans to pursue a bachelor's degree. Ultimately, she desires to return to TMCC one day as a welding instructor. "I want to be the voice in the back of your heads that says, 'Yes, you can!' That you matter, and you got this. Regardless of what you've been through."

FOUNDATION & GRANTS



Alumna of the Year Award



L-R TMCC Vice President of Student Services and Diversity Estela Levario Gutierrez, Alumna of the Year Edith Duarte, and President Karin Hilgersom

TMCC was proud to name **Edith Duarte** as the 2024 Alumna of the Year during Commencement on May 10. After graduating from TMCC, Edith earned a degree in International Affairs from the University of Nevada, Reno, and founded Horne Duarte Government and Public Affairs. She also received her Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She currently serves in a public affairs consulting role embracing diverse representation in the legislative process. Since 1998, TMCC has recognized and honored outstanding alumni at Commencement. From diverse industries such as government, healthcare, education and even entertainment, TMCC's past Alumni of the Year recipients continue to positively impact their communities, reflecting the value of a TMCC education.

Giving Tuesday



L-R Rotarian Mike Hix, TMCC Associate Director of Development Stephanie Sellers, TMCC Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Jeffrey Alexander, student Marayma Morales Alvarez, and Rotarian Paul Kaplan

Thanks to the generosity of community members and TMCC employees, more than \$12,000 was raised for the Student Emergency Resource Fund and the Wizard's Warehouse Food Pantry. The Wizard's Warehouse Food Pantry served 2,500 students during the 2023-24 academic year. The Student Emergency Resource Fund provides up to \$1,000 to students in desperate need of assistance with rent, utilities, transportation, groceries and other financial issues that could prevent them from graduating. The TMCC Foundation and Student Services collaborate to ensure students facing dire need receive the help needed to finish their education. We were proud that the **Rotary Club of Sparks** provided a \$1,000 matching grant for Giving Tuesday that helped us to reach our goal!

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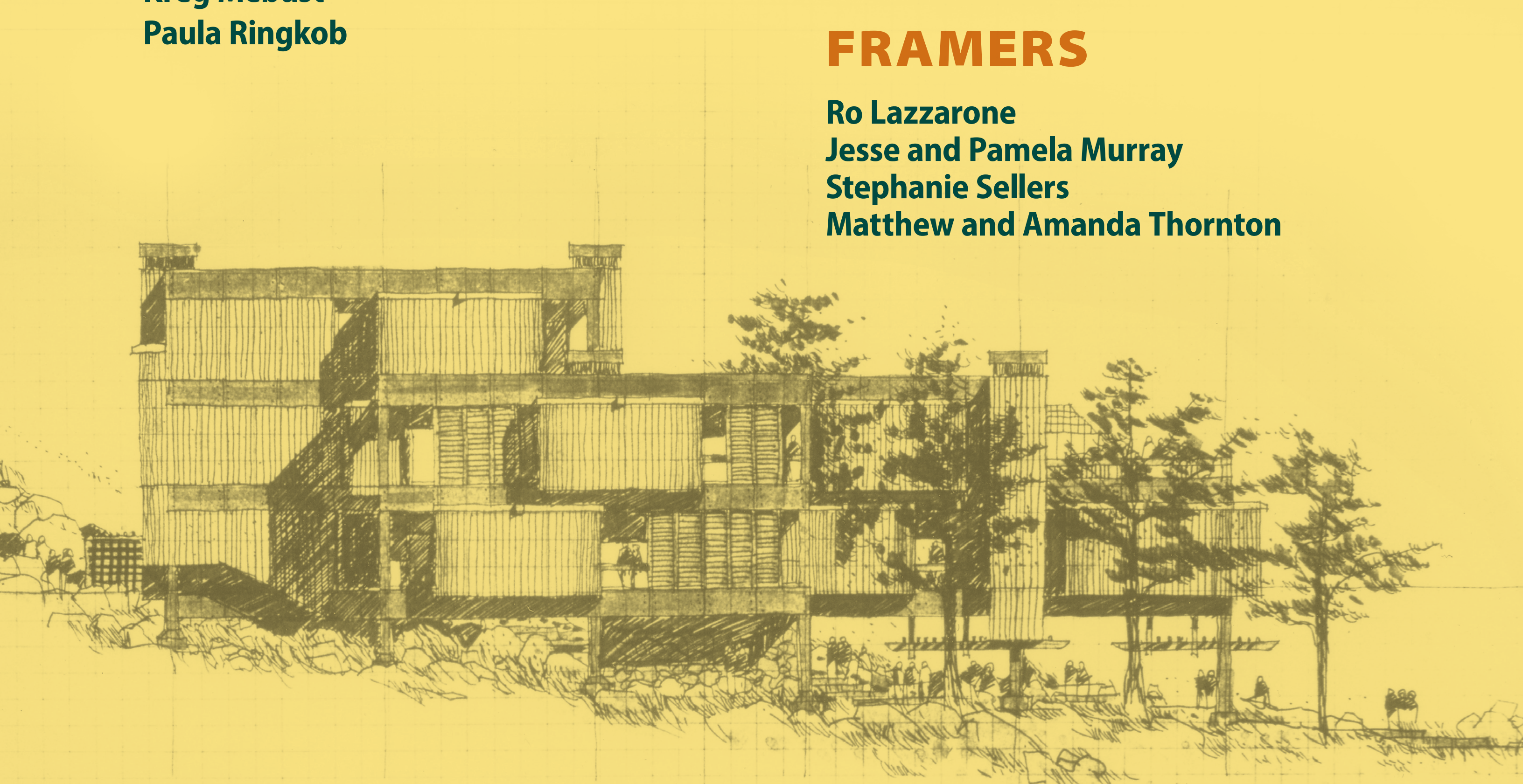
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Inaugural Kickstart Tailgate Fundraiser Reaches the Goal

In September, Mighty Lizard student-athletes gathered with fans and donors prior to an exciting game against Silver State rivals, College of Southern Nevada (CSN) Coyotes. The tailgate supported TMCC Men's and Women's Soccer by raising funds for scholarships. RVs and cars lined the East Lot where grills were sizzling with hot dogs and breakfast burritos. A DJ provided the morning's entertainment as more than \$8,000 was raised at this inaugural fundraiser. Fans joined their Mighty Lizards on a procession to the field, where both teams were victorious against their rival, CSN.



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The Grants Team writes and submits proposals for external funding from private, federal and state sources. In FY 2024, the Grants Team submitted 38 grant proposals for federal, state, local government and private/non-profit awards and received 39 awards, totaling \$12,140,812.

Once TMCC receives notification of a grant award, the Grants Team serves as the central coordination point and ensures compliance with federal, state and institutional requirements, and policies.

Following are a few exciting grant-funded projects currently going on at TMCC:

TMCC received over \$2.6 million in grant funding from the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development's WINN fund aimed at enhancing and expanding TMCC's Automotive, Logistics, Data Science, Advanced Manufacturing, Machining, Diesel, and Welding programs. These awards are intended to upgrade and purchase new equipment, develop curriculum enhancements that will better prepare students for the evolving demands of these industries and enhance marketing and outreach.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded TMCC a five-year grant to enhance engineering education. This grant supports a collaboration with the University of Nevada, Reno, Western Nevada College, and Great Basin College to improve transfer processes for engineering students, and ultimately prepare students for successful careers in the engineering field. This marks TMCC's first leadership role for an NSF grant.

TMCC was awarded a \$1.9 million US Department of Labor Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant. The purpose is to create and sustain new apprenticeship programs to strengthen the region's workforce and meet the needs of the burgeoning advanced manufacturing sector.



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