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ANNUAL REPORT





## OUR MISSION

*The mission of the Angelina College Foundation is to support the College through relationship development and maintenance, coordination of capital and fundraising campaigns, responsible stewardship of philanthropic gifts, and public relations on behalf of the College.*

## OUR VISION

*The vision of the Angelina College Foundation is to develop financial resources and to grow public support that strengthens the college's ability to provide quality educational opportunities and services to aid students in the service area in reaching their full potential.*

## OUR HISTORY

*In an effort to support the development of quality educational opportunities and services for students, the Angelina College Foundation was established in May 2019. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt organization, the Foundation raises funds for Angelina College through a variety of creative events and partnerships with alumni, friends, donors, businesses, and foundations. The funding priorities of the Foundation include the Student Emergency Aid Fund, Meningitis Initiative, Scholarships, Endowments, and support for College programs, services, activities, and events. The Angelina College students, faculty, staff, and community are the heart of the Angelina College Foundation, and we are grateful for the partnerships that ensure student success. Together, we are changing lives!*

## ABOUT ANGELINA COLLEGE

*Angelina College opened its doors in the Fall of 1968. In its first semester, the College enrolled 660 students in both credit and non-credit programs. Today, Angelina College serves a diverse population of students to aid them in reaching their greatest potential and offers over 60 programs of study. The College is committed to the promise of providing quality educational opportunities to its students. Since 1968, more than over 20,000 students have graduated from our proud institution.*

### FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

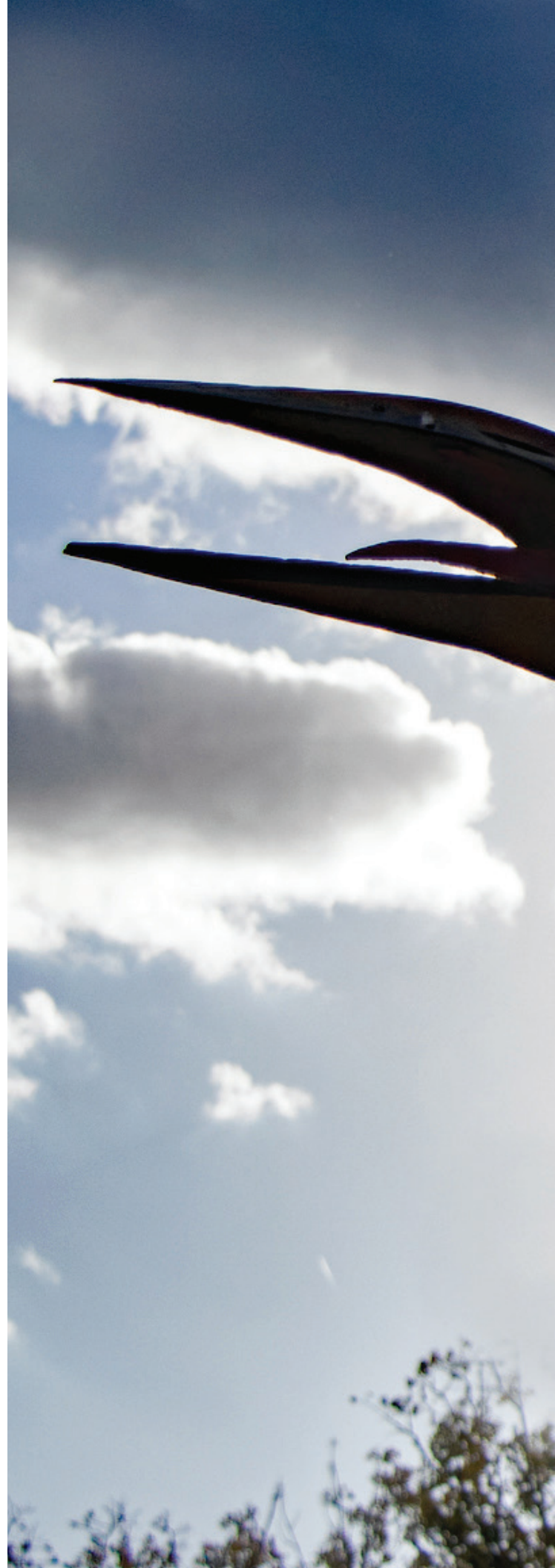
Dr. Cynthia Casparis, President

Dr. Sidney Roberts, Vice-President

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Dr. Michael Simon

Mr. Chris Sullivan







## MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

*Happy greetings to you all,*

*The 2020 year is almost behind us and what a year it has been! Just as we were hopeful for another event-filled year, COVID hit. Despite this setback, your Foundation was able to raise money to support many students who needed assistance during these hard times. We received state funding, and generous donations from our donors to help students. While we were unable to host our “2020 Dinner at the Diamond” event, additional Foundation support came from the gifts through the East Texas Giving Day. We live in a very giving community and are so thankful for all the gifts we have received.*

*Even though we are still facing a health crisis, keep your heads up and continue to encourage those around you to reach for the stars, follow their dreams, and give back to their community. No matter what trials we face, we can overcome!*

*Sincerely,*

*Dr. Cynthia Casparis*

*President  
Angelina College  
Foundation*



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# Giving OPPORTUNITIES .....

**ANNUAL CAMPAIGN** - As we look back over 50 successful years of educating students, we must also prepare for the future. Many students achieve their goals of earning a college education through scholarships, other special assistance, and resources made possible from the support and generosity of friends of the College. Angelina College will conduct an Annual Campaign to provide sustainability for the Foundation's funding priorities.



“THERE WERE FINANCIAL OBSTACLES THAT I FACED THAT THREATENED TO DERAIL MY EDUCATION. THANKS TO ANGELINA COLLEGE'S **STUDENT EMERGENCY AID FUND**, I WAS ABLE TO BREATHE A LITTLE BIT, AFFORD MY OTHER BILLS, AND STAY IN SCHOOL.”

-Current AC Student

*It is because of success stories like this that the Foundation will work diligently to continue assisting students each year.*

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For online giving, go to [angelina.edu](http://angelina.edu), then select GIVE NOW.

## AC GENERAL FUND

AC's endowment has continued to grow and will support the future needs of the institution. Your thoughtful contributions to this fund will increase the College's ability to provide long-term financial support for students. The importance of this endowment will increase as State funding for community colleges continues to decline.

## HONORARY & MEMORIAL GIFTS

Recognizing others through an Honorary or Memorial Gift is a thoughtful and generous way to acknowledge a person's life and accomplishments. A gift in honor or memory of a family member, friend, student, employee, or instructor is also a special way to support the Angelina College Foundation initiatives. The AC Foundation will gladly notify the honoree or next of kin if address is provided.

## MENINGITIS INITIATIVE

Students age 21 and under are required by law to have the Meningitis vaccination before college entry, but the cost is not covered by student federal aid. The Meningitis Initiative provides a unique opportunity to help eliminate the barrier of the Meningitis vaccination for students. This program helps students meet the requirements for enrollment and eases their financial burden. For many students, the Meningitis vaccination could be the barrier that keeps them from attending college.

## PLANNED GIVING

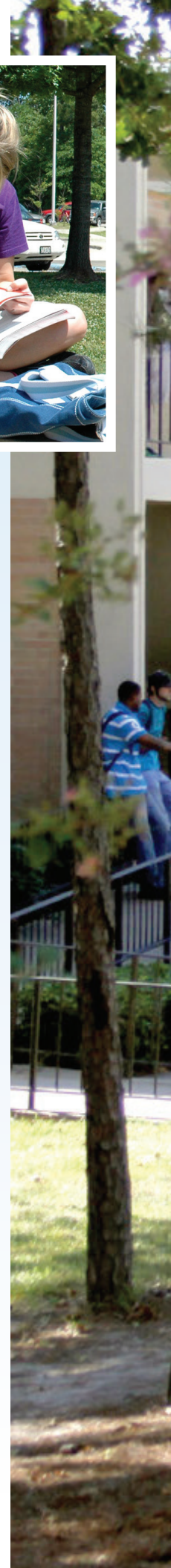
Creating a planned gift is an opportunity to achieve a lasting impact to the College. A wide range of planned gift options are available for a legacy gift which will meet your needs and interests. Bequests, gifts of insurance, and real estate gifts are a few ideas for planned giving. For further information, contact [foundation@angelina.edu](mailto:foundation@angelina.edu) or 936.633.3213.

## STUDENT EMERGENCY AID FUND

The student emergency aid fund was established to provide a "Helping Hand" for students in critical need of funds during uncertain times. This fund will help students stay in school and ultimately ensure student success. Our goal is to help eliminate barriers, offer student assistance in critical times, and aid students in achieving their goal of a college education.

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND ENDOWMENTS

As educational costs are many times a barrier to higher education, scholarships continue to be an effective way to invest in Angelina College while impacting the lives of students. Named scholarships can honor an individual, create a corporate presence, and acknowledge the accomplishments and needs of AC's students. Scholarships can be established through an endowment or can be funded annually.







## MESSAGE FROM THE ANGELINA COLLEGE PRESIDENT

*Since its inception, Angelina College has been blessed with good will and financial support from people throughout its service area. One should never take such amity and philanthropic investment for granted; it is critical to ensure those who invest in the College know how deeply their support is appreciated and to manage faithfully all gifts according to the donor's intent. In early 2016, friends of the College, trustees, and College teammates started envisioning a nonprofit foundation to coordinate and encourage support for the students and programs of Angelina College and an Office of Institutional Advancement to communicate and coordinate regularly with donors and friends. I am grateful to everyone who has helped realize the vision we developed in 2016, I am humbled by the caliber of the community leaders serving on the Foundation's Board and Advisory Committee, and I am honored to contribute to this first annual report of the Angelina College Foundation and Office of Institutional Advancement.*

*In 2016, we could never have envisioned how the challenges of 2020 would impact every student, employee, program, and service of the College as well as the communities it serves. Undoubtedly, the Foundation's donors, volunteers, and the AC team led by Executive Director, Dana Smithhart, helped many AC students continue to pursue their academic goals during the pandemic. With the charitable investment from numerous people and organizations, the team has helped AC students in deeply meaningful ways through programs to distribute food, basic hygiene, and school supplies; to grant emergency financial support for utilities and unanticipated expenses and to provide comfort and encouragement for students feeling isolated or discouraged. As donors and supporters of Angelina College, I hope you are proud of how your community college has stayed faithful to its mission to aid students in the service area in reaching their full potential during these challenging times.*



*Dr. Michael J. Simon*

President  
Angelina College





## Student EMERGENCY AID FUND.....

The concept and preparation for the Angelina College Student Emergency Aid Fund (SEAF) began in the Spring of 2019. The Office of Institutional Advancement and the Office of Access & Inclusion then spent many hours researching potential funding sources, best practices, effective procedures, and emergency aid programs on other college campuses. On June 6, 2020, the Angelina College SEAF disbursed its first emergency aid to assist a student with their internet bill. Additionally, a number of food drives have been held with over 140 bags of nonperishable food items distributed.

The SEAF is especially critical this year. The program was launched in the midst of the initial rise of COVID-19 in our country, so not only were students struggling with adapting to online learning, but many of our students were also losing their primary sources of income due to reduced hours or business closures. More than ever, students are experiencing financial crisis. Many of our students are suddenly at risk of becoming homeless, unable to pay bills and worried about food security.

We not only heard stories of struggle and heartbreak, but also stories that showcased tremendous strength, resolve, and hope-filled dreams. Something as small as helping a student with their internet bill could determine whether or not that student successfully completes the semester.

The Student Emergency Aid Fund provides a vital resource to help students reach their goals and the realization of their dreams. Our many generous donors are a part of this success story. We appreciate their belief in our mission and support of this important program.

If you are interested in joining forces, please contact us at [foundation@angelina.edu](mailto:foundation@angelina.edu).

Together, we are changing lives.

*“ The COVID-19 STUDENT EMERGENCY AID PROGRAM was a tremendous help to me. With the funds from the aid, I was able to stay on top of my financial responsibilities and maintain focus on my course work. I am very grateful for the opportunity AC has given me to further my education and the chance to improve my quality of life. I also want to personally thank you and the staff for being so accessible and helping to make the process of continuing my education as smooth and uncomplicated as possible. ”*

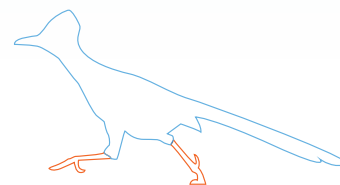
*Thank You, Trillance Price*





“ On April 2020, my dad was diagnosed with cancer. On top of that, coronavirus cases increased drastically. After spring break, we were told we couldn't go back to campus and had to go fully online. Therefore, I came home to take care of my sisters while my parents stayed in Houston for my dad's treatment. I was a waitress at a Tex-mex restaurant, but due to the coronavirus, my hours got cut short so I had to get a second job. I struggled in my college courses because I was working two jobs in order to finish paying my college and paying my utility bills all while still making time to study. There were times where I felt like I couldn't do it, but I managed to push forward. I took college classes at Angelina College both summer I and summer II and did not receive financial aid because my parents couldn't find their tax return, so I paid everything myself. Thankfully for the Fall 2020 semester, I got financial aid. Sometimes I didn't know what I was more stressed over, school or work. I am forever thankful and blessed that Angelina College was able to approve me for the Emergency Aid and on top of that help pay my utility bills. Thank you. ”

-Crystal Segovia



IN ITS FIRST THREE MONTHS,  
THE STUDENT EMERGENCY  
AID FUND AWARDED  
EMERGENCY AID TO  
**22 STUDENTS**  
AND DISBURSED  
**\$9,175.35**  
JUNE 6 - AUGUST 31, 2020



# Texas EMERGENCY AID GRANT PROGRAM.....

In April, Angelina College was offered an opportunity to apply for a grant, Texas Emergency Aid Grant Program, that supported colleges and universities based on a priority model. The aim was to support as many Texas postsecondary institutions affected by the COVID-19 pandemic-related disruptions as possible. After submitting a thorough grant application describing the Angelina College Foundation's emergency aid program, process, and criteria for approval. The Foundation was awarded a \$15,000 grant

from the Texas Higher Education Foundation to assist students in financial crisis due to COVID-19.

The Foundation was one of 57 educational institutions awarded out of the 124 grant applications submitted. In addition to funding, the College was offered a series of free webinar opportunities that offered promising practices for program development. Helping students stay on the path to graduation is crucially important during these unprecedented times, and the emergency

aid program assists students with emergency financial support to ensure student success.

The Texas Emergency Aid Grant Program assisted many students at Angelina College during the summer and fall semesters of 2020. Additionally, \$4,692 of the awarded \$15,000 was used to fund a mobile market to assist with food insecurity, and 140 students received bags filled with nonperishable food items.



“ THIS PROGRAM  
SAVED MY FAMILY, AND  
I WILL NEVER FORGET  
HOW AMAZING MY  
COLLEGE IS. ”

- Josh Giles

*As a photographer and film maker, at least half of my family's income has come from people having public gatherings like speaking events, weddings, and quinceañeras. When the pandemic stay-at-home orders happened this spring, people kept their families indoors, adopted social distancing, and started canceling plans and events. Immediately this affected our family in a very hard way.*

*At the beginning of the spring 2020 semester, I had decided to focus on being a full-time student and was going to make cash booking events and projects. The year looked promising with 6 jobs in the works and more projected for the summer. My wife started back as a waitress to supplement our income and help make sure our bills were paid, while I chased my degree and a better future for us.*

*Coronavirus changed our plans. One by one, my clients emailed and called. They politely canceled, and I completely understood. My wife was the newest at her job, and with the stores being take-out only, she was given the least number of hours (at \$2.13 an hour). Since we were already living paycheck to paycheck, things became very tight. Internet bill came past due first, and with all of my spring classes now being exclusively online via Blackboard, it was imperative that it be paid. As I was worrying and literally counting all the coin change in the house, my mentor and advisor, AC instructor Mr. Reg Reynolds, messaged me asking about how we were holding up during all the chaos.*

*I was very honest and open with him about my family's issues and worries. He let me know that the Angelina College Foundation has a dedicated student emergency fund to help students during times of great stress. Not knowing if anything would come from it, I sent my case to be considered.*

*Not long after, I was emailed by AC and told that they would love to help. I was in shock. I had prayed for a miracle and my college took up the challenge! AC student emergency fund stopped my internet access from being cut off and (surprisingly) asked what more they could do to help.*

*I was still \$300 behind on that month's rent, and my landlord was losing patience fast. Angelina College took care of the overdue amount and gave us security during a very dark time. I do not know what I would have done without the amazing people at Angelina College. This program saved my family, and I will never forget how amazing my college is. Roadrunner for life.*

- Josh Giles

*Josh's GPA is currently a 3.07, and he is a Design and Applied Arts major (AAS). He is currently enrolled in 13 hours, and is scheduled for 9 hours in the spring. He plans to graduate this spring (May 2021). Josh is a frequenter of student life events, and he is a very good student. He usually interns with the Pacer, AC's student newspaper, on campus, but he was unable to this semester due to Covid.*





“TWO MOBILE MARKETS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED, AND WE HAVE PROVIDED OVER **140** BAGS.”

## Roadrunner MOBILE MARKET .....

The idea for the Roadrunner Mobile Market came to fruition during the rise of the COVID-19 pandemic. Because we knew that students were encountering food insecurity due to the pandemic as they faced loss of jobs or reduced hours, we knew we had to act quickly, and the Roadrunner Mobile Market was born.

Approximately 20% of our student population live below the poverty line according to federal guidelines. After the pandemic, this rate increased dramatically, and many of our students' most basic needs were left unmet.

Prior to the creation of the Roadrunner Mobile Market, the Angelina College Student Food Pantry was established by our Student Government Association in January 2018. We already had experience meeting the needs of students facing food insecurity. However, Covid-19 would change the way we were accustomed to meeting that need.

Despite the many dangers of the disease, we also knew the importance of making sure our students had food; this was paramount to us. We then got creative and organized a safe, drive-through food bank, which we will continue to hold throughout this academic year. To protect our staff, team members are required to wear masks and gloves, and students drive up and receive a bag filled with nonperishable items. These bags are filled with everything from pasta and sauce for family meals to snacks and soups for something quick and easy. Students are incredibly grateful for the Mobile Market, and we are proud to have continued our efforts to reduce barriers to their academic success, even in the midst of a pandemic. In reality, some students experience anxiety about food security, and the Mobile Market helps reduce this anxiety. We are committed to continuing this beneficial program to help students.



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## .....Meningitis INITIATIVE

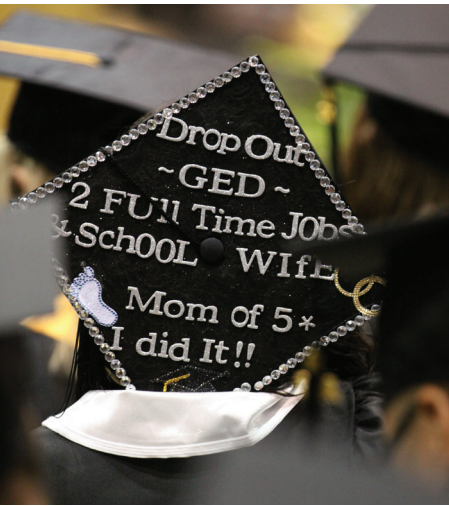
For many students, the Meningitis vaccination could be a barrier that keeps them from stepping foot on the Angelina College campus and achieving their goals of a college education. **Survey data indicates that the vaccination that is required by law can impact a student's ability to enroll in college.** In an effort to eliminate this barrier, the Angelina College Foundation offers two Meningitis Initiative programs through a partnership with the Angelina County/Cities Health District. The Health District hosts shot clinics at Lufkin High School, and the AC Foundation covers the cost of the Meningitis vaccinations. This program eliminates the financial burden of the vaccination and travel to the Health District.

The Angelina College Foundation also provides vouchers to eligible students who have already graduated from high school and are enrolling in classes at AC. The cost of the Meningitis vaccination increases considerably at age 19, so the Foundation offers assistance with this financial barrier as well. Since the inception of the Meningitis Initiative, the Bettye and Murphy George Foundation, the Kiwanis Club of Lufkin, the Pineywoods Foundation, and Rotary Club of Nacogdoches have partnered with the Foundation to provide the necessary funding for the program. The Meningitis Initiative is one of the funding priorities of the Angelina College Foundation, and we are extremely thankful for the support from our generous partners.





# Scholarships AND ENDOWMENTS.....



Attending and completing college at any level can become a financial burden for any student. The entire East Texas community has experienced its share of economic changes over the past few years. Many of the industries on which our citizens relied for years have closed their doors or moved out of the area, leaving our population in need of the kinds of boosts geared toward professional development.

As a result, many of our area residents have realized the need for further education and training. Many have discovered that Angelina College is exactly what they need to create better opportunities for competing academically and in the work force.

For more than 50 years, AC has proven itself capable of emphasizing the “community” in a community college. The college has adapted to every change, whether it’s teaming up with local industries to enhance employee training or creating brand-new programs for future workers. Students arrive at AC with doubts and leave with plans.

A large number of those students struggle to meet the financial aspect of obtaining college degrees or certifications. An estimated 80 percent of all community college students must work while tackling their course loads, with nearly 50 percent of those needing to work full-time jobs (Research. CollegeBoard.com). Nearly 70 percent of community college students are raising families at the same time, thus increasing their burdens of responsibility.

This is where the generosity of our donors comes into play. For as long as Angelina College has been in existence, there have been those alumni and friends who helped ensure numerous opportunities for students who might not have been able to attend college otherwise. The donors provide a lifeline of support in helping students realize potential that may have gone undiscovered. Scholarships pave the way for deserving people who are trying to carry on the AC tradition of creating success stories.

Without the necessary funding, some of those students would have seen college as nothing more than an unreachable dream. The thoughtful friends of Angelina College continue to support the dreams of AC students through generous contributions to assist with institutional expenses.

Such generosity isn’t lost with the students. One recipient stated, “I want to make whoever those people are proud of me. I want them to know they’re not wasting their money.” Every little bit helps, and there’s no way to know just how much such financial assistance can change a life.

At least not until Graduation Day. Those smiles and tears underneath those graduation caps are more than enough evidence of a newly changed life.

## Smith-Hutson SCHOLARSHIP.....

The Smith-Hutson Scholarship is awarded to students with academic potential and established financial need who are committed to completing a certificate or degree at Angelina College.

Students are eligible to receive a Smith-Hutson Scholarship for a maximum of two years of undergraduate studies, or three years for those enrolled in a health career related program, provided the recipient maintains a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 and completes a minimum of 24 semester credit hours toward their degree each academic year.

FOR INFORMATION ON APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS,  
Contact AC’s Financial Aid Office at [fareceptionist@angelina.edu](mailto:fareceptionist@angelina.edu).





## ANGELINA COLLEGE HAS ANNOUNCED THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2019 SMITH-HUTSON SCHOLARSHIP



*First-year recipients of Angelina College's Smith-Hutson Scholarship are (front row, L-R) Blair Strickland, Jessica Crisanto, Sandra Zuniga, Mylee Powell and Haley Jacobs; and (back row, L-R) Asa Dewitz, Landon Thompson, Katherine Hawthorne, Alexis Lopez, Rafael Bahena Jr., Katelyn Ray, Kristyn Smith and Rachel Barrett. Not pictured: Adrian Luna and Dominic Perez. (Jan Anderson-Paxson/AC Press photo)*



*Second-year recipients of Angelina College's Smith-Hutson Scholarship are (front row, L-R) Andrea Vidal, Jaselyn Johnson, Milneshia Phipps, Summer Durham, Chloe Vineyard and Monica Vera; and (back row, L-R) Vanessa Terrazas, Kyndell Gore, Colton Lovell, Brennon Davis, Jolie Cheney and Cooper Bendy. (Jan Anderson-Paxson/AC Press photo)*



*Third-year recipients of Angelina College's Smith-Hutson Scholarship include Makayla Ray. Not pictured: Maddison Hoose, Jennifer Hernandez and Kylie Rodgers. (Jan Anderson-Paxson/AC Press photo)*



# East Texas GIVING DAY .....

## EAST TEXAS GIVING DAY



In April, 2020, the Angelina College Foundation partnered with the East Texas Giving Day campaign. East Texas Giving Day is an 18-hour online giving challenge. Because the COVID-19 pandemic had just begun, students were in dire need due to reduced work hours or lost jobs. Funds raised through East Texas Giving Day supported the Foundation initiatives to include the Student Emergency Aid Fund which assists students in extreme need due to an emergency or a sudden financial crisis, the Meningitis Initiative, Scholarships and Endowments, and College programs. The Campaign was a huge success generating \$23,033.47 to support the Foundations programs. The Foundation sincerely thanks you for your gift in support of the Foundation initiatives to assist students in reaching their greatest potential.

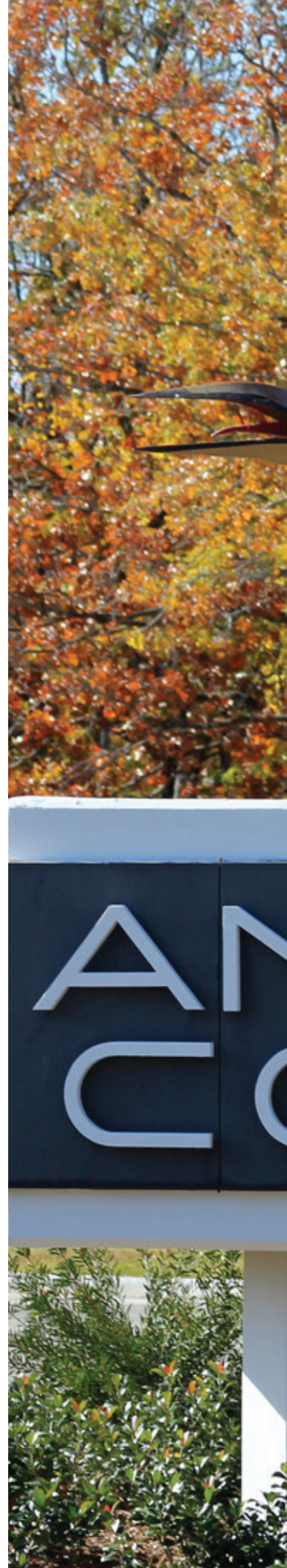


Another new resource, AmazonSmile, is now available for individuals to make contributions to the Angelina College Foundation. By using a unique link, Amazon will donate .5% of the price of eligible Amazon Smile purchases. Because many of us purchase through Amazon, we hope this will be utilized and additional funds can be raised easily to help us reach more students who need financial assistance. For more information or explanations, email

## Roadrunner TRAVEL CLUB .....

The innovative idea and spark to establish a travel club was introduced by Esther Campbell, Senior Director of Workforce and Continuing Education, to foster continuing education and lifelong learning at Angelina College. While this unique opportunity will provide an overall learning and fulfilling travel experience it will also provide a way to engage AC faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members with the spirit of Angelina College. Esther's vision was to offer continuing education while also creating a 10 % revenue stream for the Angelina College Foundation. After analyzing and researching options, the Roadrunner Travel Club (RTC) was created as a collaborative effort of Workforce and Continuing Education and the Office of Institutional Advancement. With much excitement, the Foundation partnered with Collette Travel and scheduled the first travel adventure to Washington D.C. in May 2020 and the second scheduled trip would take the RTC to Italy in October 2020. As the unpredictable pandemic occurred, both of the RTC trips were canceled for 2020. With great optimism, we have once again scheduled the "first" Roadrunner Travel Club adventure to Washington D.C. on October 13, 2021.

For more information, please contact the AC Advancement Office,  
936-633-3213 or [foundation@angelina.edu](mailto:foundation@angelina.edu)







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# Dinner AT THE DIAMOND .....



“ THE VERY FIRST  
DINNER AT THE DIAMOND  
WAS A GRAND SLAM,  
AND EVERYONE  
INVOLVED WALKED  
OFF WITH A WIN. ”

The Angelina College Foundation held its inaugural event, Dinner at the Diamond, in September, 2019. The event was held at the beautiful Roadrunner Baseball Field at the Larry Phillips Family Sports Complex on the AC campus. On this special evening, guests were there not to witness a baseball game but to ensure the success of the newly-founded Angelina College Foundation and the inception of the Angelina College Alumni and Friends Network. More than 30 Lifetime Alumni memberships and 13 Annual Alumni memberships, both with give-aways and amenities, were purchased by those in attendance.

Under the bright lights of the field, guests were seated at tables around the infield. With baseball décor and AC athletes as waiters, over 300 guests enjoyed a fun evening and raised more than \$13,000 for the AC Foundation!

The night began with entertainment provided by Hayden Baker, a former Angelina College baseball player and rising music star. Hayden was accompanied by the talented Raquel Ray, also a former student and performer for the AC Singers. Their familiar songs set the tone for an evening not to be forgotten. Local favorite, Texas Custom Catering, provided their homemade, delicious meal for the event.

Numerous auction items were available at the Silent Auction, including a guided fishing trip to Lake Calcasieu, a stay at Crystal Beach, and a children's party at the AC Diamond. In addition, the fabulous Live Auction items included a John Hardy bracelet, a Crystal Beach getaway, an exotic game hunt, a fish, shrimp, and oyster fry for 30, and a pizza and wine party for 16.







Because no baseball game would be complete without fierce competition, guests competed for the title of Fastest Throw, Closest to the Pin, and winner of Heads or Tails.

Due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 event was postponed. However, we look forward to another fun Dinner at the Diamond on September 25, 2021. [Look for the exciting details to come!](#)



## MVP BASEBALL BIRTHDAY.....

Donated by the Angelina College Foundation and Angelina College's Baseball Program, a popular auction item at Dinner at the Diamond was the "MVP Baseball Birthday." The birthday package included a party at Roadrunner Baseball Field, a birthday cake, decorations, party favors, and the honor of throwing out the first pitch at an AC Baseball game.

In February, young George Hall Henderson V, celebrated his seventh birthday in style. With some of his friends in tow mingling with the Roadrunner Baseball team on the field, George threw out the first pitch, led his friends onto the field for the national anthem, and helped compete in a fierce whiffle ball game on the grounds behind the press box.





# Angelina COLLEGE ALUMNI & FRIENDS NETWORK .....



In September 2019, the Angelina College Alumni & Friends Network was established during the Dinner at the Diamond event. Those in attendance purchased more than 30 lifetime memberships and 13 annual memberships.

If you are like most of us, Angelina College played an important role in your life. Perhaps it provided the framework for your technical career, the springboard for the rest of your education at a four-year university or that much needed course you took when you came home from another college in the summer. You are probably thankful for the experiences you had on this beautiful, forested campus.

Why should you be involved in the Angelina College Alumni & Friends Network at this point in your life? The AC Alumni & Friends Network will provide you with great networking opportunities for your business and career and give you the means to reconnect with old friends and cultivate new ones. Your input and involvement will increase awareness of this important institution and will uplift the prestige of your education. Through the Alumni Network web presence and newsletter, you will learn of entertainment, athletics, and enrichment opportunities. Many exciting things are happening at Angelina College, and we want you to be a part.

We need you! Alumni strength and power will encourage and help our current students meet their goals. Through difficult times, the value of helping others become successful college students cannot be overstated.

If you are looking for personal involvement and a way to make a difference, Angelina College Alumni & Friends Network is calling you, **JOIN NOW!**

Please visit [angelina.edu](http://angelina.edu) to join online. Select **FORMER STUDENTS**, and then select **JOIN NOW**.

## Reflections FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR.....



*I began my relationship with Angelina College (AC) as a Nursing Student forty-five years ago. Today, I serve on the Advisory Committee for the Angelina College Foundation. To say I have had a long term relationship with AC is an understatement.*

*After completion of Nursing School, I remained in Lufkin to join a team of nurses at a local facility, Woodland Heights General Hospital. The nursing*

*team was predominately made up of graduates from AC who had a bond, or brand if you will, like few in the industry. Not only was there a bond, there was a strong sense of community as well, as most of the staff lived in the area. Having grown up in a small community, it was easy to make this home. Working long hours, we were able to share experiences from nursing school and continue to build on that education to gain experience. Sharing those experiences ultimately helped future nurses make it through challenging times so they could continue, graduate, and join the team.*

*Nursing school was not easy, but we were trained by a group of educators that were a strong team as well. As a team of professionals they knew the individual needs of each student and made it a priority to help them succeed. At Woodland Heights, my nursing instructors, fellow AC graduates/peers and the Physicians I worked side by side with shaped my career. Having the privilege to serve this community at Woodland Heights Medical Center as Chief Nursing Officer for a number of years, I can confidently say that AC has been critical to the successful staffing of not only facilities in Lufkin, but also facilities throughout East Texas.*

*Today as I serve on the Advisory Committee, I continue to feel that bond and sense of community. The committee is made up of individuals from businesses that know the value of being able to hire employees educated by Angelina College. This committee is committed to raise AC awareness and assist in removing obstacles for students seeking to complete their education. As Chairman of the Advisory Committee, I am proud to be a part of a team committed to make a difference, one student at a time.*

Respectfully, *Cathy Busbee*

**WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHERING THE MISSION OF THE ANGELINA COLLEGE FOUNDATION IN THE COMING YEAR. THANK YOU!**





## 2019-2020 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### OPERATING REVENUE BY CAMPAIGN

ALUMNI MEMBERSHIPS	\$7,380.00
DINNER AT THE DIAMOND	\$29,414.00
EAST TEXAS GIVING DAY	\$23,033.00

### OPERATING REVENUE

GRANTS	\$22,000.00
<i>Texas Higher Education Foundation (Distribution \$11,416, Deferred \$3,584)</i>	
OTHER GIFTS	\$4,166.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$85,993.00</b>

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**ALUMNI CO-CHAIRS** Velincia Dobrec and Ray Ann Baker

**DEVELOPMENT CHAIR** Michael Dorman

**EVENTS CO-CHAIRS** Michelle Briley and Amy Ross

**MARKETING CO-CHAIRS** Mary King and Lynne Haney

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

**BACK ROW** - Will Alvis, Dorothy Lou Davis, Velincia Dobrec, Lynne Haney, Mary King, Amy Ross and Dana Smithhart

**FRONT ROW** - Taylor Kovar, Michelle Green, Crystal Williams, Michelle Briley, Cathy Busbee, Becca Chance, Lisa Haglund, Emily Jordan, Jay Jelinek and Vince Treadwell

**MEMBERS NOT PICTURED** - Nickie Ashby, Ray Ann Baker, Dr. Cynthia Casparis, Malcolm Deason, Michael Dorman, Elizabeth Lopez, Rocky Thigpen and Karen Watson

**NEW MEMBERS** - Tyane Dietz, Kyle King

*Members of the AC Foundation Advisory Committee are proud to serve the students of Angelina College to provide valuable services and educational opportunities. We are thankful for their unending support and service to the College.*





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