

Blackfeet Community College

Press Release

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(Browning, MT) Blackfeet Community College has established a 3 million dollar endowment fund with USI Advisors, Inc. USI has been selected in a competitive process to provide financial management of the college's new endowment. Blackfeet Community College's Investment Committee has decided that the fund shall remain in place and not be withdrawn for at least ten (10 years) from the date the fund has been established. The objective of this endowment is to ensure that the principal of the fund remains intact, while interest is used to perpetuate the educational growth of Blackfeet Community College. The MacKenzie Scott donation has allowed the college to secure a prosperous financial future in education for the Blackfeet Nation.

Chair Person, Kimberly Boy stated "Blackfeet Community College is proud to provide the path for financial security and stability through their first ever financial investment agreement with USI. The generosity of Ms. MacKenzie Scott will provide future BCC leadership the opportunity to assure continuous service. This gift will provide BCC the potential for growth and expansion of the current curriculum and physical campus as well. It is an exciting time to look forward to the future of BCC. Our students and our community rely heavily on this college, they will now have the chance to benefit from this historic event."

President Karla Bird stated, "This endowment is a significant investment into the future of the Blackfeet people. For as long as future leaders steward this endowment with great care, this investment may exist in perpetuity. The investment fund has the potential to secure our children and grandchildren's futures and affirm our educational rights as a sovereign nation. This opportunity would not be available without the generosity of philanthropist, MacKenzie Scott."

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Provost Carol Murray stated "BCC is very excited to have the financial resources to develop strategic long term investments."

Blackfeet Community College has recently contracted Education North West to conduct a community needs assessment and long term strategic plan for the growth and development of the college. The use of any funds from this investment will be guided by a data informed process and strategic plan. Blackfeet Community College will be asking all current students, alumni, employees, and community stakeholders for input, through a community needs assessment on how funds would be best utilized to perpetuate the vision of the college.

If you would like to contribute to Blackfeet Community College's endowment fund, please contact President Karla Bird at karla.bird@bfcc.edu or (406) 338-5441 Ext. #2202

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