

# Empowering Dreams

**Tacoma Community College**

*60th Anniversary  
Benefit*

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## Welcome & Thank You

We are honored to celebrate the legacy that began on September 27, 1965, when Tacoma Community College first opened its doors to the public. For the past 60 years, TCC has been a beacon of opportunity—helping students build brighter futures for themselves, their families, and our community.

We are deeply grateful for each of you and your unwavering support and dedication to helping students of all backgrounds reach their academic and life goals. Your generosity tonight helps shape the next 60 years—investing in education, creating pathways to success, and inspiring the next generation of leaders and changemakers who will strengthen our region and beyond.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated board and committee members, exceptional staff, and invaluable community partners. Your commitment and collaboration make this work possible.

Finally, thank you to all our supporters for your incredible generosity and commitment to empowering dreams. We invite you to continue investing in the success of our students and community. Together, we ensure that TCC remains a place where opportunity thrives and futures are transformed.

With gratitude,

**Ivan L Harrell, II, PhD, President**  
Tacoma Community College

**Emily Mendez-Bryant, Executive Director**  
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***A Special Thank You to  
the Tacoma Community College  
faculty and staff and our  
60th Anniversary Benefit volunteers  
for their support.***

## Auction Rules

### Live Auction Rules

When bidding, hold your paddle high and toward the auctioneer. The highest bid acknowledged by the auctioneer shall be the successful bid, thereby obligating the bidder to purchase the item. All sales are final, and payment is due prior to leaving the event. There will be no exchanges or refunds unless specified by the donors. In case of dispute, the decision of the auction committee is final.

While the auction committee has attempted to clearly describe the items, all items are sold “as is”. Values set on auction items are estimates, Tacoma Community College Foundation neither warrants nor represents, and shall in no event be responsible for conditions of property.

By purchasing an item, the buyer waives any claims of liability against either Tacoma Community College Foundation or the donor of property or services, and neither Tacoma Community College Foundation nor the donor are responsible for any personal injuries or damages to property that may result from the utilization of property or services sold.

Please note all restrictions on items or services. Services and events, unless specified otherwise, are to be arranged at the mutual convenience of the donor and buyer.

### Silent Auction Rules

All items have bid sheets attached or nearby. Enter a bid by writing your bid number next to the bid amount you desire. You may skip ahead to the bid amount you want to pay. The next bidder must bid higher than you did to be successful.

Each item has a “Guaranteed Purchase” option at the bottom of its bid sheet. Guaranteed purchase means you are willing to pay a premium price to guarantee you will own that item. Simply write your bid number by the predetermined sale price to close the item to further bidding.

You may bid on any item in the silent auction until the section is closed at the posted time. Announcements will be made prior closing. An auction official will circle the top bid number and amount. You can see if you are the successful bidder by looking at a copy of the silent auction bid form, which is left in its place after the section is closed.





## LEAD THE BAND! BE TCC'S CONDUCTOR FOR A DAY

*Make beautiful music!*

Step into the spotlight and lead the TCC Symphonic Band in a live concert performance! This once-in-a-lifetime experience includes personalized conducting lessons and rehearsal time with TCC's Director of Instrumental Music, Dr. John Falskow. You'll get a masterclass from Dr. Falskow who serves as conductor of the TCC Orchestra, TCC Symphonic Band, Seattle Wind Symphony, Brass Band Tacoma, and other ensembles in the region. Feel the thrill of commanding the stage and creating music magic!

Thank you to TCC Professor Dr. John Falskow and the TCC Symphonic Band.

Value: Priceless

Must be scheduled with Dr. John Falskow and TCC for a mutually agreeable date. Valid until June 30, 2026.



## ROUND TRIP FOR TWO ON ALASKA AIRLINES

*Two round-trip tickets anywhere Alaska Airlines flies!*

Celebrate TCC's 60th anniversary and support student success while unlocking your next adventure! The sky is the limit with **150,000 Alaska Airlines miles**. With miles to get to any Alaska Airlines destination, book that vacation getaway that you've been planning. Let your generosity take flight. Bid high, fly far, and help us shape the future of student success at TCC!

Thank you to TCC Foundation Board member Greg Unterbrink.

Value: \$1,800

Winner to arrange miles transfer and details with Greg Unterbrink and the TCC Foundation..



## DINNER WITH PRESIDENT DR. IVAN HARRELL, II

### *Dinner for 6 at El Gaucho Tacoma!*

An evening of elegance awaits! **6 guests** will join Dr. Ivan Harrell, II for an exclusive dinner at the renowned **El Gaucho Tacoma**. Enjoy El Gaucho's exquisite service and hospitality while you savor exceptional cuisine, fine wine, and engaging conversation with the President of TCC. Includes 2 premium bottles of wine and VIP seating.

Thank you to El Gaucho, TCC Foundation Board member Greg Unterbrink, and Dr. Ivan Harrell, II.

Value: Priceless

Dinner must be scheduled with TCC for a mutually agreeable date. Maximum guest dinner value (excluding President's dinner and wine) is \$1,000. Valid for up to one year.

## HILLTOP ARTISTS EXPERIENCE



## HILLTOP ARTIST EXCLUSIVE GLASS-BLOWING EXPERIENCE

### *Craft a glass masterpiece for you and 5 friends!*

Unleash your creativity with a hands-on art **experience for six with Hilltop Artists**. You and 5 friends will have an unforgettable opportunity to make your very own glass art with Hilltop Artist's expert student glassblowers guiding you through every step of the process. You'll craft unique pieces to take home and create memories that last a lifetime.

Thank you to TCC Foundation Board member and Executive Director of Hilltop Artists, Dr. Kim Keith and Hilltop Artists.

Value \$900

Valid for up to one year from purchase date and must be scheduled with Hilltop Artists in advance.





## SEATTLE KRAKEN CLUB-LEVEL EXPERIENCE

*Four tickets and all the action!*

Catch the action up close and cheer on our Seattle Kraken! Enjoy **4 club-level tickets** and a parking pass to see the Seattle Kraken take on the Anaheim Ducks on **January 23, 2026**. Premium seating, electrifying atmosphere—don't miss this chance to be in on the hottest ticket in town!

Thank you to Keybank and TCC Foundation Board member Georgia Riddle.

Value \$1,210

Winner to arrange tickets transfer and details with Georgia Riddle and the TCC Foundation.



## ULTIMATE SEAHAWKS VIP EXPERIENCE

*Can't miss game day for two 2 superfans!*

SEA! HAWKS! SEA! HAKWS! Score the ultimate game-day package! Cheer on your Seattle Seahawks in one of the biggest games of the year against NFC West rivals Los Angeles Rams. Includes **2 club-level 40-yard line tickets** to Seahawks vs. Rams on **December 18, 2025**, plus Tunnel Club access with gourmet food, drinks, player autographs, early entry, and a Mariners Garage parking pass.

A true once-in-a-lifetime VIP experience for any die-hard Seahawks fan!

Thank you to former TCC Foundation Board member and TCC Distinguished Alum Ali and Chris Kemp.

Value \$3,900

Winner to arrange tickets transfer and details with Ali and Chris Kemp and the TCC Foundation.



## SEABROOK WEEKEND GETAWAY AT MISS B HAVEN

*Relax and explore on the Washington coast!*

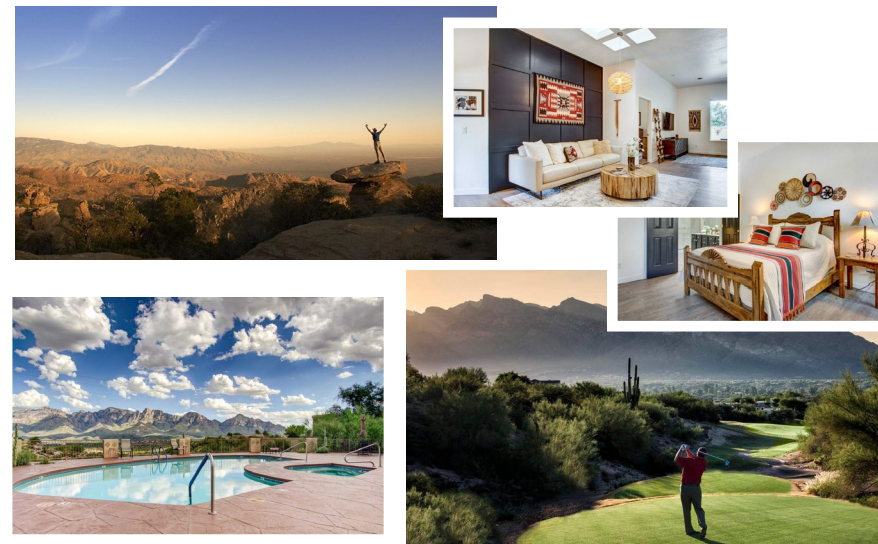
Welcome to **Miss B Haven**! An award-winning, coastal-inspired Farmhouse located in Seabrook's charming Farm District neighborhood. Built to remind you of vacations with your family as a child and help you carry on the tradition with surprises in every cabinet and activities around every corner.

Enjoy your **2-night retreat** in this **3-bedroom home** complete with a fully-stocked kitchen, fireplace, hot tub, and luxury amenities. Part of what makes Miss B Haven so special is the exciting sea-side town she resides in - which we encourage you to explore!

Thank you to Brenda Harwood.

Value \$1,200

Must be scheduled in advance and stay must be completed by May 31, 2026.  
Excludes holiday dates.



## 7-DAY ESCAPE TO SUNNY TUCSON, ARIZONA

*Your dessert oasis waits!*

Soak up the sun in the beautiful Oro Valley! This upscale townhouse accommodates up to **4 guests for a 6-night** retreat. You'll be greeted with a welcome basket before you enjoy a private patio will grill, pool access, and endless nearby outdoor activities. Minutes away from golfing, scenic trails for hikes or biking, and more. Your desert oasis awaits!

Thank you to TCC Foundation Board member Tim Flood and Debra Flood.

Value \$1,600

Valid from May-December 2026. Must be scheduled in advance with Tim Flood.  
Winner to pay \$150 service/cleaning fee.





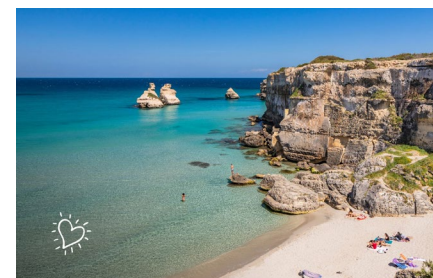
## JEWEL OF MEXICO

### *Seven nights in paradise!*

Indulge in paradise with **7 nights at a Mayan Palace resort** for **2 adults (plus an optional 2 children under 12)**. Indulge in upscale amenities including sprawling pools, world-class dining, waterparks, spas, golf courses, and more at your choice of six breathtaking coastal resorts. Exclusive access to on-site entertainment and dedicated trip planning make YOUR dream getaway.

Value \$6,860

Winners have 12 months from the purchase date to confirm their reservation and up to 18 months from the purchase date to travel. \$249 resort fee is payable upon redemption. Hotel taxes are required additionally, payable at check-out. Please see your winner certificate for full terms and conditions.



## SEASIDE PUGLIA

### *Five nights for up to 4 guest in the center of Monopoli!*

Experience the enchantment of Puglia in a chic apartment in the historic center of Monopoli. You will enjoy **5 nights for up to 4 guests** for a southern Italian retreat minutes from the beach. Savor the essence of Italy on an included local wine or olive oil tasting guided by a local producer.

Discover the best of Italy's sun-kissed southeast with the sea, historic sites, and local restaurants on your doorstep. Don't pass up this opportunity to take the Italian seaside getaway that you've been waiting for.

Value \$3,950

Winners have 12 months from the purchase date to confirm their reservation and up to 24 months from the purchase date to travel. Excludes Christmas and New Years weeks. Please see your winner certificate for full terms and conditions.

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# *Thank You*

*for helping shape the success of TCC,  
our students, and community  
for the next 60 years and beyond—  
that's what it means  
to be the community's college.*



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