



BELOVED INSTRUCTOR'S LEGACY LIVES ON



Ali Modabber

There are countless stories about dedicated Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) employees going the extra mile to support students as they reach for the stars.

One such story centers on **Ali Modabber**, a part-time instructor and **Maria Pelayo**, an administrative assistant. Both were immigrants to this country—he, from Iran and she, from Mexico—and both worked in Adult Basic Skills (ABS), where they

had a profound effect on students from all over the world.

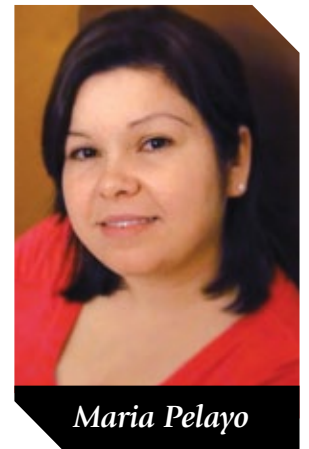
Modabber's passion for helping people and making the world a better place resonated with students and co-workers, friends and family, who were saddened by his passing a year ago. As a tribute, his MHCC colleagues immediately established a scholarship fund in his name through the MHCC Foundation.

Pelayo, who worked with Modabber for five years, recently returned to her native Mexico to reunite with her

family. A longtime and respected member of ABS, she graciously turned down offers of going-away gifts from her co-workers, instead asking for donations to the Ali Modabber scholarship fund to honor their dear friend and colleague. In addition, Pelayo, her sister **Cecilia** (who works at MHCC) and other family members made and sold more than 700 tamales in four days in November 2011 and donated the proceeds to the scholarship fund.

What would Modabber think of all this? "He loved his students," says **Marc Goldberg**, ABS dean. "He would be thrilled that others were helping them to enrich their lives through a college education."

Help the MHCC Foundation to carry on Modabber's passion to put dreams within reach for students. Contact us at 503-491-7204 or give@mhcc.edu.



Maria Pelayo

SEEING A FUTURE, THANKS TO MILLER SCHOLARSHIP



Kitt Jennings
Class of '12

Kitt Jennings, a 29-year-old student from Texas, *loves* trees. Problem is, she grew up in a flat, high desert area where she could literally count every tree along the 13-mile drive from her family's ranch to the local high school. (There were about 30, in case you are wondering.)

It was her fondness for the outdoors that brought Jennings to MHCC, where she is in her second year as a Natural Resources Technology major. She likes the College because of the quality education she's receiving, the contacts

she's making and the scholarship that is putting her dreams within reach.

Jennings is a recipient of a scholarship from the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation. "I would not be able to attend college if not for this scholarship," she says. "I am very grateful!"

To support students like Jennings, contact us at 503-491-7204, or email give@mhcc.edu, or online at mhcc.edu/foundation.

HAVE IMPACT, JOIN THE HERITAGE SOCIETY



Stan Hymel

Stan Hymel is a longtime supporter of the College and thanks to thoughtful estate planning, will remain so...forever.

Hymel served as president of the MHCC Foundation about 15 years ago and currently chairs its finance committee. He is a charter member of the Heritage Society, a designation that formally recognizes the deep commitment of individuals who value education and who, through their bequests,

life insurance arrangements, beneficiary designations, or other forms of planned and deferred gifts, have created a legacy that will provide quality educational opportunities for MHCC students for years to come.

"By making the MHCC Foundation a beneficiary of my IRA account, I am doing something right for the students in my community," says Hymel. "I have the good fortune of being financially successful and it feels good to share it with others so that they may also have an opportunity to complete college and build a career."

And, as a private wealth advisor and certified financial planner with Cascade Wealth Advisors in Gresham, he sees another benefit to charitable planning. "Current law allows people to make gifts from IRA accounts to 501c3 organizations such as the MHCC Foundation without tax implications." Before making a decision, it is always wise to consult with a tax professional.

Heritage Society members—and you, too—can make a lasting legacy to MHCC in a number of ways:

- Name the MHCC Foundation in your will or charitable trust
- Create a charitable remainder trust
- Create a charitable gift annuity or other form of life income agreement, which also provides income to you
- Name the MHCC Foundation as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy
- Name the MHCC Foundation as a beneficiary of a retirement plan or IRA

To join the Heritage Society, please contact the Foundation. We will guide you through the process. It's a great way to make a difference in the lives of students.

DO YOU REALLY NEED A WILL?

By Jane Patterson

If a person dies without executing a will and owns assets without survivorship or beneficiary designations, Oregon statutes determine the heirs who will receive the estate. These may not be the person's preferred recipients.

That is one of many reasons a will is a good idea; here are some others:

- To name the representative(s) of your choice and waive bond (costing a minimum of several hundred dollars for a premium) if appropriate.
- To leave your estate to the recipients of your choice. There are many estates in which assets have been distributed to distant relatives or have escheated to the state when there is no will in place.
- To have a contingent plan if an individual predeceases you. Poorly

drafted or "do-it-yourself" wills sometimes fail to provide for alternative recipients, with unfortunate results.

- To name a trustee and set up provisions for an incapacitated individual. When the will does not include these provisions, it can be very expensive to fix the oversight. Court procedures may be necessary, or the incapacitated individual may be disqualified from his or her public benefits.
- To make it easier for family to administer your estate.
- To make a gift to a charity of your choice.

Parents of young children should execute wills naming their preferred choice of guardian, and set up a financial arrangement to handle assets for a child until he or she reaches a designated age.



Jane Patterson

Since a minor child cannot receive assets, a conservatorship would be required, and then the assets would be distributed to the child when the child reaches age 18.

Patterson, a specialist in elder law and estate planning, is a member of the MHCC Foundation board and co-chairs the planned giving committee.

SCHOLARSHIPS WITH STYLE



Staff of Salon Ambiance give back to the community by raising funds for scholarships. (Photo courtesy Paul Garcia)

The generous staff and clients at Salon Ambiance wanted to support their industry, give back to the local community and help the next generation. Oh, what to do?

The staff tossed around ideas, but they didn't have to look far for inspiration.

"Six of us have kids in college, so we understand the financial burden on parents and kids for tuition, books and supplies," says **Cathy Brostrom**, salon owner. "We decided to raise funds for a scholarship that would help cosmetology students at MHCC."

The group came together to do what they do best—which is make clients look gorgeous. Their energy and enthusiasm resulted in two great stylin' evenings of hair and fashion shows and silent auctions that raised funds for scholarships. Participants bid on handmade blankets, art, hair care products and lots of other great items.

"We outgrew our space after the first event and had to move to a larger venue," says Brostrom, adding that the next fundraiser will probably be held in September. "It's an exciting way for us to help students by putting our talents to work. And, it was a lot of fun for our staff and clients."

The first scholarship was awarded in January. Thanks to the generosity of Salon Ambiance staff and clients, **Kristashae Haugen** is getting assistance with college expenses as she works toward a career as a hair stylist.

"I chose MHCC because I fell in love with the Cosmetology program after the first visit. There is none other like it in the state, and I want to be taught by the best and be one of the best!" says Haugen. "Words can't describe the feeling I had when I found out I had been awarded the Salon Ambiance Scholarship. I am very thankful and excited about my future. Now, I won't have to choose between putting gas in my car or buying groceries!"

For information on setting up a new scholarship or supporting any of the existing annual and endowed scholarships, contact the MHCC Foundation at 503-491-7204 or give@mhcc.edu.

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class of '12



Kristashae Haugen



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JOIN US MAY 19 FOR 40TH ANNUAL EVENT

Since 1972, the MHCC Foundation, with generous support from the community, has been putting dreams within reach for MHCC students.

Mark your calendars now for the "Power of the Dream," the 40th annual Foundation auction and dinner, May 19 at the Portland Waterfront Marriott.

Under the leadership of event co-chairs **Pat Fiedler** and **Kathy Toynbee**, volunteers are hard at work planning this great evening. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, donating an auction item (or cash), reserving a table or making a reservation, please call the Foundation at 503-491-7206.

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