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A Letter from THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Since its inception in 1996, the San Jacinto College Foundation has raised more than \$70 million to support students in achieving their educational dreams.

Through the generosity of donors, 21,000 scholarships have been awarded, opening doors and creating opportunities that may not have been possible otherwise.

The San Jacinto College Foundation's mission is simple but powerful: to foster student access and success for today and tomorrow. We remain committed to reaching students who may not consider college a possibility because of financial barriers.

Thanks to your support, the Promise @ San Jac Scholarship campaign has raised \$1.9 million. In the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the Foundation has contributed more than \$3.8 million directly to students.

The Foundation's goal is to endow the Promise scholarship, so that all in-district high school graduates can earn a degree or certificate debt-free.

The need is great — 57% of our San Jac students are first-generation college students, and 40% face some level of food insecurity. Yet with your continued partnership, we are making a measurable difference.

On April 24, 2026, the Foundation will mark 30 years of giving at the "Couture for a Cause" Gala. This milestone event will celebrate our history while helping secure the future of our Promise Scholars.

On behalf of the San Jacinto College Foundation and the thousands of students whose lives have been transformed, thank you for your generosity, your trust, and your belief in the power of education.

Together, we can ensure that the doors of opportunity remain open for generations to come.

-Jaime Ortegón
Chair



Matching Gift ACCELERATES DEBT-FREE COLLEGE ACCESS

A \$1 million matching gift from an anonymous donor will double the impact of Promise @ San Jac Scholarship donations, expanding access to debt-free college for East Harris County students.

Structured as a two-part investment, the gift includes an immediate \$500,000 and an additional \$1 million in matching funds, which will be unlocked as other private donors step forward. Matching funds will be released in two equal installments, so donors can increase their impact.

The Promise @ San Jac Scholarship allows graduating high school seniors in the San Jacinto College taxing district to earn a certificate or an associate degree with tuition and most fees covered. More than just financial aid, the program includes academic support, advising, and career services to help students succeed from day one through graduation.

Since its launch, Promise @ San Jac has empowered thousands of local students — many of whom are first-generation to attend college — to pursue higher education and graduate job-ready. These students go on to fill essential roles in our region, from health care and education to energy, technology, and skilled trades.

This is a unique moment for donors and industry leaders in the region to take action. The Promise @ San Jac Scholarship changes lives, builds a stronger workforce, and invests in the future of southeast Texas.

The San Jacinto College Foundation's long-term goal is to establish a \$30 million endowment that supports Promise @ San Jac scholarships permanently. This generous matching gift brings that vision closer to reality, while offering an immediate way for donors to double their impact.

To learn more about how you can support Promise and shape the region's future, visit sanjac.edu/promise.



DONOR IMPACT DATA POINTS

FOR 2024-2025



\$ 3.8 million
raised (including pledges)



\$ 64,666
in employee giving



447
unique donors



1,445
students served



\$ 147,221 awarded in student
emergency scholarships for **417** students



\$ 968,602 awarded through **1,390** scholarships (not including Promise)



\$ 1.9 million raised for Promise @ San Jac Scholarship
(including pledges)



\$ 9,000+
raised for SJC Marketplace (campus food pantry)



\$ 2,354,261
awarded through Promise @ San Jac



\$ 93,846
awarded in book and tuition assistance



\$ 54,461
awarded in Student Success Initiative grants

\$ 26,587 awarded in Ravens Rise
Emergency Assistance to **55** students



San Jac Remembers

THREE LEADERS LEAVING A LEGACY FOR STUDENTS

In 2024-2025, the San Jacinto College community said goodbye to three remarkable leaders and champions for education: Marie Flickinger, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees chair; John R. “JR” Moon, Jr., trustee and Foundation Board member; and Molly Smith, Foundation Board member. Each left an indelible mark, shaping the College’s direction, supporting its mission, and inspiring all who served alongside them.



Marie Flickinger: Champion of Access and Community

For more than three decades, Marie Flickinger dedicated her energy and passion to San Jac and the southeast Houston community she loved. First elected to the Board of Trustees in 1995, she became known for her steady leadership and passion for expanding college access. Serving many years as Board chair, she guided the College through growth marked by bond referendums, new facilities, and innovative workforce programs.

Beyond her College service, Flickinger was often called the “unofficial mayor” of the South Belt area. Founder of the South Belt-Ellington Leader newspaper, she championed neighborhood causes, safety, and education, always putting people first. Her vision, voice, and tireless advocacy built lasting connections between San Jac and its community, opening doors for thousands of students.



John R. “JR” Moon Jr.: Leader, Educator, Advocate

Elected to the Board of Trustees in 2009, JR Moon Jr. devoted more than 15 years to serving the College and his community. He helped pass two bond referendums totaling \$720 million, which modernized and expanded San Jac facilities to meet the needs of students and industry partners. As vice chair and chair of the building committee, he also shaped the College’s physical and academic landscape.

Moon’s impact extended beyond governance. A San Jac alumnus himself, he returned to the classroom as an adjunct professor and gave his time to the Foundation Board of Directors. A certified public accountant and lifelong Pasadena resident, Moon brought expertise and heart to every endeavor, always championing the transformative power of education.



Molly Smith: Dedicated Partner in Service

Molly Smith’s life was defined by generosity, partnership, and faith. Smith served for two years on the San Jacinto College Foundation Board of Directors, helping expand scholarships and create opportunities for students to pursue their dreams. Together with her husband, Caroll, she lived her belief in serving side by side — through family, faith, and community.

Smith approached service with compassion and humility, always seeking ways to lighten others’ burdens. Her warmth, devotion, and vibrant leadership touched countless lives and continue to inspire all who knew her.

Together, Flickinger, Moon, and Smith embodied the spirit of San Jac: leadership, service, and a belief in every student’s potential. Their legacies live on in the opportunities they created and the lives they changed.

HCA Houston Healthcare[®] Southeast



Legacy of healing and giving: HCA Volunteers invest in students

San Jacinto College health care students now have a new, lasting source of support thanks to the HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast Volunteer Association's \$25,000 gift in June 2024. The donation established the HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast Annual Scholarship Endowment, which will provide renewable scholarships for nursing and medical technology program students for generations to come.

The first awards from the endowment are already in motion, with two \$1,000 scholarships pending for 2025-2026. For students preparing for high-demand health care careers, this funding relieves financial stress so they can focus on their education and clinical training.

"Our parent organization, the Texas Association of Healthcare Volunteers, encourages giving back through medical scholarships," said Cathy Leimbach, former president of the volunteer association. "It was always a thrill to have nurses or medical professionals say, 'I'm so grateful to have received a scholarship from HCA, and now I'm back to help.'"

While the endowment marks a new chapter in the Volunteers' giving, it builds on a long tradition of support. For decades, the group personally managed scholarship awards, giving as much as \$50,000 a year through hospital gift shop sales. San Jac is the only institution the HCA Southeast Volunteers Association supports, underscoring its deep connection to the College's students.

The Volunteers' story began in 1965, when Bayshore Hospital opened and formed a group modeled after the Pasadena General Hospital volunteer program. Originally comprising retirees, the group has evolved to include college students completing service hours, with each of today's 25 members giving at least four hours weekly.

As the HCA Southeast Volunteers Association celebrates 60 years of service, its commitment to San Jac ensures the next generation of health care professionals have the resources — and encouragement — to succeed.

I'm so grateful to have received a scholarship from HCA, and now I'm back to help.

-Cathy Leimbach



PVF YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ADVANCE SAFETY, CAREER READINESS

Demonstrating their commitment to building a safer, stronger workforce, the PVF Young Professionals donated \$5,000 in December 2024 to support San Jacinto College students preparing for careers in the pipe, valve, and fitting industry.

"We are deeply grateful to PVF Young Professionals for their generosity and vision," said Andrea Nguyen, San Jacinto College Foundation director of corporate and foundation relations. "This support not only empowers students with training but gives them confidence and credibility as they enter the workforce."

Their investment directly funds student participation in the safety essentials course, critical training delivered in partnership with the Health and Safety Council. The course equips students entering high-risk fields with essential safety knowledge and credentials aligned with industry standards, ensuring safer job sites from day one.

"Safety affects us all," said Russell Klinegardner, Health and Safety Council president and CEO. "Through this training, students gain the tools to protect themselves and others, which leads to better outcomes for everyone in the workplace."

A division of PVF Roundtable, the PVF Young Professionals are emerging leaders who understand industry demands and support workforce development.

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"Our industry is growing, and there's always a need for trained professionals," said Caroline Capelle, PVF Young Professionals member. "Supporting initiatives like this creates real opportunities for students and strengthens our future workforce."

This donation builds on PVF Roundtable's long-standing partnership with the Foundation. In August 2024, the organization renewed its \$50,000 annual commitment to support scholarships and educational programs. Together, PVF Roundtable and PVF Young Professionals are making a measurable difference, expanding access to workforce training, improving safety outcomes, and opening doors to high-demand Gulf Coast careers.

The Foundation proudly partners with PVF Young Professionals and PVF Roundtable to transform students through education, hands-on experience, and community-driven investment.

To learn how you can support student success, visit sanjac.edu/foundation.





COUTURE FOR a CAUSE GALA

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

Sponsor the San Jacinto College Foundation Gala or donate an auction item and help transform students' lives. By funding scholarships and fueling opportunities, you can empower students to achieve their dreams and build brighter futures.



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