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Update from Alumni Ross Nelson Director of Alumni Relations



We all know that Fort Lewis College is a special place, offering students personalized attention, unparalleled beauty, and a fun, supportive Durango community. Thankfully more young people are discovering this for themselves, and I'm happy to share that enrollment is up at FLC for the 2012-2013 academic year! Through our Alumni Ambassador Program, FLC alumni made over 600 calls to prospective students during this last recruiting season, offering to answer questions, sharing their perspective on life as a Fort Lewis College student, and generally giving the personal touch that FLC is known for. Thank you to all FLC alumni who participate in this valuable program – you are directly supporting new student recruiting at Fort Lewis College! We are always looking for more participants to have some fun and help expand this effort. Visit www.fortlewis.edu/alumni for additional details.

Scholarships help attract high performing students, assist underserved students with college accessibility, and support retention by helping to alleviate some of the financial pressure of attending college, allowing students to focus on their studies. Scholarship fundraising remains a focal point of the alumni association, and we are pleased to offer scholarship awards to the children and grandchildren of FLC graduates each academic year. Our hope is to develop these scholarships into four year awards, to encourage timely degree completion. Consider supporting scholarship funding at Fort Lewis College, knowing that every dollar you give will benefit college students directly. One way to support scholarship funding is through the recently introduced 16 Cent'r

Program. This program allows donors to break an annual donation into smaller monthly payments, and with a minimum gift of \$5 per month, or 16 cents a day, the hope is that this program offers a way for most people to participate. However you choose to support FLC and the students we serve, we sincerely appreciate your involvement, and realize that this wouldn't be the same place without you! Visit the alumni homepage listed above to learn how you can sign-up for the 16 Cent'r Program, and rest assured your generosity will be put to good use!

Lastly, I wanted to share with you that due to some profound changes in my personal life this past year, the time has come for me to leave Durango, and thus Fort Lewis College. I have enjoyed my time here immensely! The opportunity to work with current students, the wonderful faculty and staff, and our alumni community is one I will cherish always. I can assure you that I will remain an active alumnus and supporter of FLC, and will help pave the way for the next director to hit the ground running and further develop the important initiatives underway. I have been blessed to talk with FLC alumni living all over the country, and to a person, they all have recalled their overall experience here with positive feelings. There are many alums who feel that their time at FLC was transformational, and helped them discover their own personal path to success in life after college. I leave you with the thought that we can all do our part to serve as unofficial ambassadors of Fort Lewis College. Whether it's by helping support scholarships, attending events, or simply talking to the neighbor kid about FLC, your continued involvement helps immeasurably in ensuring the future strength of this wonderful institution.

-Ross Nelson
Director