## Development 101

FUNDRAISING AND RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT AT BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

### Today's Agenda

#### Part I - Overview

- Fundraising and Advancement
- About the BCC Foundation
- Fundamentals of Relationship Management

Part II – Group Work

• What You Give Money to, and Why?

#### Part III – Fundraising at Bergen

- Kinds of Fundraising
- Why donors give

# Part I

OVERVIEW

### Fundraising and Advancement

#### **Galvanizing Potential Supporters**

Identifying people who care about the mission

- Current supporters
- Friends of existing supporters
- Supporters of similar organizations

Creating opportunities to learn about and support the organization

- Peer-to-peer conversations or proposals
- Direct mail
- Media and social media presence
- Events with supporters as ambassadors

### Fundraising and Advancement

#### **Stewardship of Supporters**

Thanking

- Timely acknowledgements
- Personal notes, where appropriate

Sharing impact and value of their support

- Periodic updates in area of interests
- Inclusion at events as insider

Asking for continued/increased involvement

Connecting impact and need

### Fundraising and Advancement

#### **Managing Strategic Relationships**

Identifying high-potential supporters

- Research and targeted prospecting
- Direction from board and volunteer leaders
- Surprise gifts

Engaging for more than financial support

- Volunteer opportunities in program areas
- Advice or professional expertise
- Leadership opportunities

#### **Mission and Goals**

Supporting excellence at Bergen Community College

- Helping students succeed
- Driving program excellence
- Building community

Managing philanthropic relationships for the college

#### **History and Current Challenges**

Independence compromised by politics

Key donors and leaders pushed away

Loss of strategic vision for Foundation

Outcome was reduced fundraising and downward spiral

#### **Strategic Reorganization**

Building database and ensuring data integrity

Re-aligning employees with jobs

#### **Strategic Rebranding**

Re-establishing core messaging

- Intersection with promotion of college
- Mission-based focus
- New website

Drawing a line and moving forward

Re-establishing key relationships

- Individual meetings
- Thank you event

#### **Pyramid of Gifts**

Distribution of contributions

Application of resources



#### **Donor Pyramid**

Identification and Outreach to Top Supporters

Prospecting and research

Leveraging existing relationships

Understanding their interests and needs

Reporting on progress and strategic goals

Engaging in the life of the college

#### **Mission-first Communications**

The "Compelling Why"

- Not about goals, or participation, or tote bags
- Focus on the impact and need for their support

Stories of real people

- How my life changed
- Why I give

Celebration of Bergen

#### **Stewardship of Donors**

Thanking

- Timely acknowledgements and notes
- Annual Report with donor listing

Personalized reports to top donors

- Written reports on impact
- Meetings with key college leaders to see impact

Annual donor appreciation dinner

#### Leadership Opportunities

Opportunity to engage other supporters

Help on a project or event

Joining the Foundation Board of Directors

# Part II

GROUP WORK

### **Break-out Session**

#### **Small Group Discussions**

What would you give money to, and why?

What content and materials do you want to receive from the organizations you support?

How do you want to receive that content?

Report back to full group

# Part III

FUNDRAISING AT BERGEN

### Fundraising at Bergen

#### **Strategic Approach**

Focused attention to top donors

Individualized approach to previous donors

Broad mailing to others

Events and other approaches



### **Donor Pyramid**

### Fundraising at Bergen

#### **Endowment and Capital Giving**

One-time transformational gifts

Pooled gift memorials

Building funds by adding over time

### Fundraising at Bergen

**Estate and Planned Giving** 

Bequests

Lifetime income vehicles

Other planning giving opportunities

## Charitable Gift Annuity Illustrations

#### Calculated for a \$10,000 annuity with a single life beneficiary

Age	Annuity Rate	Annual Income	Income Tax Deduction
85	7.8%	\$780	\$5,650
80	6.8%	\$680	\$5,021
75	5.8%	\$580	\$4,577
70	5.1%	\$510	\$4,029
65	4.7%	\$470	\$3,490

Includes income for life, as well as a sizable charitable deduction

### Questions and Answers

## Thank you

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