



Meet the Telecky and Olson Families

For the Telecky and Olson families, Spokane Community College (SCC) and Spokane Falls Community College (SFCC) is a decades-long tradition. It started in the early 1960s when Bruce Telecky enrolled at Spokane Technical and Vocational School. He was voted student body president and graduated just before the school officially became SCC in 1963.

The tradition continued when Dawn, Bruce's daughter, enrolled at SCC in the late 1980s as a paralegal student. She met Ryo Olson in 1987, a fellow student studying biomedical equipment technology. "I like the personal attention you get at a community college, and you can find out what you excel at," said Ryo.

Dawn and Ryo graduated with jobs right out of their programs. Ryo spent 25 years in the biomedical equipment field, meeting his first boss, also a program alumnus, when he came to SCC recruiting for jobs.

Now their son, Caleb, is the latest addition to the tradition as he prepares to graduate from SFCC in June 2017. "I wasn't ready to jump into the four-year experience," he said. "I thought there would be more time to find myself at a community college." Caleb is an accounting student holding a 4.0 GPA, an internship and, like his grandfather, the role of student body president. He plans to continue his education and dreams of working at one of the "Big Four" accounting firms as an auditor.

Rooted in community

Spokane Community College and Spokane Falls Community College are just two of Washington state's 34 community and technical colleges. Each college is built on the foundation of the community it serves. Caleb is one of the nearly 381,000 students enrolled in the college system. Like his parents and his grandfather, Caleb is earning an affordable education that will prepare him for the workplace and for the future.

Washington's community and technical colleges fill a vital niche in the state's higher education. We believe in our students and support them to reach their goals for better jobs and brighter futures.

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