



FOUNDATION UPDATE

CELEBRATING SUCCESSES & SHARING STORIES

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Proudly Announcing New Programs and Expansion

Established in 2020 with a modest initial enrollment of four scholars, the TRA Medical Imaging Foundation Education Fund has experienced remarkable growth. To date, the program has graduated 21 scholars, and the Foundation is committed to supporting up to 26 new and continuing scholars from various institutions through 2026:

Tacoma Community College – Radiologic Sciences, Sonography & CT Programs

Olympic College / Poulsbo Campus – Radiologic Sciences & Sonography Programs

Bates Technical College – MRI Program

The TRA Medical Imaging Foundation is currently reviewing scholarship applications from Tacoma Community College, Olympic College, and Bates Technical College for the Fall 2025 cohorts. The scholarships will be announced on December 15. These scholarships support students throughout their two-year programs, which typically span six to eight quarters. Graduates of the Foundation's Scholar and Mentorship Program actively participate in the TRA Medical Imaging Foundation Alumni Association. These alumni serve as advocates for the medical imaging profession, promoting awareness about the diverse career paths it provides.

NEW! Computed Tomography Program offered at Tacoma Community College

Meet two of our Radiological Technologist Scholars working towards their advanced certification.



TCC's part-time Computed Tomography Program (CT) is designed to provide Radiologic Technologists with the knowledge and documented clinical standards required to meet ARRT criteria for the CT registry exam. With a blend of online and in-person learning, the program supports a wide range of learners. Clinical experience is gained across multiple affiliate sites.

Two TRA Medical Imaging Foundation Radiologic Technologist scholars have enrolled in the CT Technologist Certification Program during their second year, aiming to obtain dual certification.

Courtney shares: *"I'm so excited to have passed my first CT class this quarter, and I'm already looking forward to the full load of classes next quarter. I believe in embracing opportunities even when they come with uncertainty because that's where the real growth happens."*



Haily shares: *"After being introduced to CT during my clinicals and hospital training, I was inspired to pursue this advanced certification. I'm excited about the opportunity to excel as both an X-ray and CT technologist, creating new opportunities for growth in the field."*



Shown: MRI unit installed at Bates Technical College

NEW! Bates Technical College – Brings MRI Program to Pierce County

A new bill, Substitute House Bill 2355, effective June 6, 2024, established a primary certification process for MRI technologists in Washington. This legislation harmonizes state training requirements with national standards and extends the list of certified radiologic technologists to include MRI technologists. The state exam is administered through a contract with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) and is specifically designed for Washington certification.

Bates Technical College in Pierce County has become the first institution locally to offer the new MRI Technologist Program, providing students with an Associate of Applied Science: MRI Technology degree. This ARRT-approved program integrates classroom instruction, hands-on lab work, and clinical experience to equip students with the skills necessary to operate MRI equipment, prioritize patient safety, and produce high-quality diagnostic images. Graduates of this program are eligible to take the ARRT MRI certification exam.



NEW! Olympic College – Healthcare Programs Expansion in Poulsbo

Olympic College has introduced two new healthcare programs: **Diagnostic Medical Sonography** and **Radiologic Technology**. These programs will equip students with essential skills for high-paying roles and directly contribute to improving healthcare access in our region, ultimately leading to better health outcomes for our community. To learn more about this exciting healthcare expansion project at the Poulsbo campus, visit [Olympic College](#).

President Marty Cavalluzzi emphasized the importance of these programs, stating that they were designed to address the needs of our community. They aim to fill healthcare workforce gaps and provide local residents with the training they need for stable and well-paying careers. Cavalluzzi underscored the long-term health of our region and the crucial role that local education plays in ensuring access to high-quality care.

The TRA Medical Imaging Foundation was delighted to present to the inaugural cohorts of Radiologic Technology and Diagnostic Medical Sonography students. They shared information about scholarship and mentoring opportunities and encouraged students to apply for the scholarship programs



Scholar Spotlight: TRA Medical Imaging Foundation's First High School Bridging Scholar

Meet Andrew, a high school graduate from Mt. Tahoma High School, Class of 2024. We first met Andrew during one of our high school presentations on Imaging Sciences in his sophomore year. He had already envisioned a future in healthcare but was unsure about which path to pursue. The presentation sparked his interest in X-ray technology, and he further solidified his ambition through his experience as the first participant in the TRA Medical Imaging Foundation's Pilot High School Bridging Program.

This innovative program, created in partnership with Jobs 253, a Tacoma Public Schools initiative, helps students transition from high school to college by providing meaningful exposure to real-world careers. Through job shadowing in fields that ignite their interest, students gain early insights into professional pathways that might otherwise seem out of reach.

As part of his job shadowing experience, Andrew spent time across various TRA Medical Imaging departments, immersing himself in the daily work of highly skilled technologists and care teams. His rotations included X-ray, Fluoroscopy, CT, and MRI.

Each modality offered a fresh perspective on patient care, technology, and the scientific principles behind diagnostic imaging. Andrew didn't just observe; he actively engaged with staff, asked questions, and absorbed the rhythm of a clinical environment. His curiosity and professionalism were evident, especially when he presented his journey and work with the TRA Foundation Board of Directors.

At the end of his experience, Andrew presented his reflections through a thoughtfully prepared PowerPoint. He discussed the profound impact of witnessing imaging professionals in action, the confidence he gained navigating a healthcare setting, and how the program helped him envision a future in the medical field. After experiencing the technology firsthand, he expressed a preference for MRI and even hinted at the possibility of becoming a Radiologist in the future.

Board members were not only impressed by Andrew's poise but also by the clarity of his goals. Andrew's presentation effectively highlighted the purpose of the Bridging Program: to open doors, foster confidence, and help students envision fulfilling careers that have a profound impact on others.

Andrew's participation marks a significant milestone for TRA Medical Imaging and the TRA Foundation. As the inaugural high school student to complete the Pilot Bridging Program, he has established a powerful precedent for future scholars. His journey exemplifies the transformative potential when community partnerships, educational opportunities, and student ambition converge.

Andrew's story is just the beginning — we can't wait to see where his path leads next.



Andrew Shares:

"The patient interaction portion is my favorite. Even though I'm not a technologist yet, seeing the patient come in anxious and then leaving with a smile after the exam always brings a smile to my face."



Kickoff Event for MobileMammo Coach

The TRA Medical Imaging Foundation is thrilled to announce that **MobileMammo NW**, a Washington-based nonprofit organization, has officially commenced production on its state-of-the-art 39-foot ADA-compliant mobile mammography coach. This significant milestone was celebrated with a community kick-off event on October 15, 2025, in the presence of over 150 supporters and donors who played a pivotal role in making this project a reality.

To date, the organization has successfully raised over \$2 million out of its ambitious fundraising goal of \$2.35 million. These funds will be instrumental in covering the capital and start-up costs of the mobile unit, as well as the initial two years of operating expenses. This commitment ensures that South Sound communities will have access to the region's inaugural dedicated mobile mammography screening service.

[To learn more about visit www.mobilemammonw.org](http://www.mobilemammonw.org).

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