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McLennan Highlander Quarterly

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A Conversation with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas

McLennan Community College is pleased to present “A Conversation with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas” at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 7, in The Highlands gym on the MCC campus. Tickets for “A Conversation with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas” sold out in just over 24 hours of their release at midnight on Aug. 1. Those who were unable to secure one of the 2,000 tickets released have a couple of options:

1. Register through EventBrite to be placed on a waiting list and be notified if tickets become available.
2. View the recording of the event on the MCC website and YouTube Channel (available one week after the event).

A group of dedicated McLennan Community College faculty and staff have worked hard for a year to plan this event for our students and the community. Should you have questions regarding this event, please contact Lisa Wilhelmi, director of marketing and communications, at lwilhelmi@mclennan.edu. Copies of Justice Thomas’ book, “My Grandfather’s Son,” will be available for purchase and signing for one hour after the event. For more information or to register as a representative of the media, visit www.mclennan.edu/clarencethomas.

Faculty and Staff Honored at Service Awards Banquet

Each year, McLennan Community College honors faculty and staff who have dedicated years of service to our beloved institution. This year’s Service Awards banquet took place Thursday, May 4, at the Conference Center at MCC. Ninety-eight employees were honored for their dedication to the College (in five-year increments), many of whom donate to the MCC Foundation through employee monthly giving. For the first time, two employees celebrated 50 years of service to MCC – Bob Ford, a chemistry professor; and Wayne Duncan, a mathematics professor. Click here to read an article featured in the Waco Tribune-Herald about professors Ford and Duncan and their impact at MCC over the past 50 years. Please see a complete list of the honorees below.

50 Years

09/01/1966 – 08/31/1967

Wayne Duncan	Professor, Mathematics
Robert Ford	Professor, Chemistry

45 Years

09/01/1971 – 8/31/1972

Ann Duncan..... Professor, Communication Studies
Don Hurst..... Systems Analyst, Information Systems & Services

40 Years

09/01/1976 – 08/31/1977

Donald Balmos.....Vice President, Instruction
Jamie Stanford.....Professor, Office Technology

35 Years

09/01/1981 – 8/31/1982

William Howard.....Professor, Music Industry Careers
Sharon Kenan..... Librarian/Professor, Library Sciences
Cloddy Williams..... Exec. Secretary, Resource Development and Administrative Services

30 Years

09/01/1986 – 08/31/1987

Debra Fultz.....Professor, English
Clark Nauert.....Professor, Music Industry Careers
Nancy Ray-Mitchell..... Professor, Business

25 Years

09/01/1991 – 8/31/1992

O.C. Beasley.....Sr. Lab Instructor, Computer Information Systems & Multimedia
Jennifer Black.....Professor, English
Faith Glatter..... Records Assistant, Continuing Education
Patsy Jones..... Project Director, Upward Bound
Bridgit Moore..... Professor, Allied Health
Stan Norman..... Craftsman, Building Maintenance
Edward Solano.....Sr. Admin. Secretary, Human Services & Education
Lorraine Stansel..... Professor, Developmental Education

20 Years

09/01/1996 – 08/31/1997

Shirley Kelinske-Jezek.....Professor, Associate Degree Nursing
Kathleen Laundry..... Professor, Theatre
Sherriea McCray.....Library Technician, Library Services
Darrel Ross.....Network Administrator, Information Systems & Services
Joyce Sims..... Coordinator, Community Health
Nancy Wyatt..... Database Technician, Financial Aid

15 Years

09/01/2001 – 8/31/2002

Nancy Boyens..... Professor, Computer Information Systems & Multimedia

Lori Caceres..... Sr. Admin. Secretary, Math & Sciences
 Michael Campenni Professor, Government
 Londa Carriveau Program Director/Professor, High School Pathways
 Andrew Cottrell..... Sr. Groundskeeper, Grounds Maintenance
 Kevin Gill Head Men’s Basketball Coach/PHED Instructor
 Kent Hoeffner..... Professor, Philosophy
 Gail Illich Professor, Mathematics
 Charlotte Laughlin..... Professor, English
 Susan Olson..... Professor, Associate Degree Nursing
 Bennie Prnka PC Specialist, Client Systems
 Elizabeth Scheifley Sr. Highlander Central Assistant, Highlander Central
 Annette Scott Director, University Center
 Belinda Shelburne Events Specialist, Conference Center
 Matt Shelton Professor, Mathematics

10 Years **09/01/2006 – 08/31/2007**

Kendall Culver Professor, Criminal Justice
 Virginia Dossman Professor, Associate Degree Nursing
 Glenn Downing..... Professor, Visual Arts
 Claudette Jackson Associate Director, Student Engagement & Compliance Education
 Orlando Jimenez Security Guard, Campus Police
 Candice Kelm..... Sports Information Specialist, Athletics
 William Lawson Police Officer, Campus Police
 Diana Lomosad..... Financial Aid Specialist, Financial Aid
 Becky Parker..... Professor, Marketing
 Bradley Pratt Police Officer, Campus Police
 Stephanie Randell Professor, Biology
 April Robinson..... Associate Director, Financial Services
 Ameenah Snow Counseling Specialist, Upward Bound
 Jacquelin Spears..... Simulation IT Technician, Client Systems
 Emily Stottlemire..... Professor, Child Studies and Education
 Jodi Tindell Coordinator, Central Services
 Paula Unger..... Associate Professor, Sociology
 Janie Walker..... Records Assistant, Community Health
 Karen Weil..... Professor, Office Technology
 Steven Wenzel Coordinator, Corporate Training
 Kelly White Director, Center for Teaching and Learning

5 Years **09/01/2011 – 8/31/2012**

Amy Antoninka..... Associate Professor, Philosophy
 Suzanne Baldon..... Associate Professor, Criminal Justice
 Meghan Becker Associate Director, Completion Center
 Cindy Burns Associate Professor, Developmental Math
 Drew Canham..... Vice President, Student Success

Bradley Christian	Associate Professor, Biology
Dennis Clark	Associate Professor, Veterinary Technician Program
Tina Contreras	Teacher, Child Development Center
Deborah Focarile	Associate Professor, Child Studies & Education
Christy Franklin	Student Success Technician, Financial Aid
Marianna Hampton	Associate Professor, Communication Studies
Peaches Henry	Assistant Professor, English
Ronald Hochstatter	Associate Professor, Communication Studies
Jenna Hoefler	Assistant Professor, Communication Studies
Monique Hoskins	Success Coach, Completion Center
Thelda Jones	Assistant Professor, Associate Degree Nursing
Steve Kirk	Assistant Professor, Biology
Stacy Kuehn	Assistant Professor, Mathematics
Jeremy Lindley	Technology Specialist, Client Systems
Leigh Ann Long	Associate Professor, Psychology
Anne Merchant	Assistant Professor, Biology
Elizabeth Painter	Associate Professor, Vocational Nursing & CNA Simulation Lab
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Spring Commencement at MCC

Each May, Chisholm Hall at the Waco Convention Center buzzes with new college graduates and their celebrating families. Spring Commencement is typically the largest of the three ceremonies the College hosts each year. Thanks to the generosity of commencement speaker Clifton Robinson, all spring 2017 graduates received a special surprise! During his commencement speech, Mr. Robinson referenced two of his favorite books: Dale Carnegie's "How to Win Friends & Influence People" and Napoleon Hill's "Think and Grow Rich."

Little did the graduates know, Mr. Robinson worked with MCC President Dr. Johnette McKown, MCC Foundation Executive Director Kim Patterson, and roughly 40 MCC faculty and staff volunteers to prepare and present gift bags to each graduate with a copy of each book. At the end of his speech, the side doors of Chisholm Hall opened and volunteers dressed in bright orange distributed over 350 gift bags to the graduates! Thank you, Mr. Robinson, for making this a commencement to remember! The MCC Foundation also thanks the faculty and staff volunteers for making this surprise happen!

Foundation Update: Scholarship and Operations

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the diligence of the scholarship committee, 2017-18 Foundation scholarships total \$375,150 to 361 deserving students to date. This year's Scholar, Donor, and Alumni appreciation event will be held as a luncheon on Sept. 14, 2017 (by invitation only), to allow donors to meet and interact with the students they are helping.

The Foundation is preparing for the 2018-19 scholarship competition that begins Oct. 1. Visit www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships for more information.

Northwest Rotary Gifts \$54k Endowed Scholarship Fund

After serving the Waco community for 64 years, the Northwest Waco Rotary Club made the difficult decision to disband as of June 30. Club leaders worked with the MCC Foundation to establish a generous endowed scholarship of \$54,000 to benefit MCC students in perpetuity. The Northwest Rotary Club Memorial Scholarship will give an estimated \$2,500 scholarship to a student every year beginning in 2018. Read more about this generous gift [here](#).

Telling Julia's Story

When Judy Reagan was researching her genealogy, she learned the sad truth that her family had once owned slaves. One was a girl named Julia, who managed to escape her situation when she was 12 years old. "Run, Julia, Run!" thought Judy. Inspired by Julia, Judy wondered how she could help today's young people overcome the barriers of a life without education.

In 2016, Judy established the Julia Fund endowed scholarship through the McLennan Community College Foundation to provide two years of tuition, fees, and mentoring to students of African-American heritage. Thanks to Judy's generosity, each year six students have the chance to run with their dreams at MCC. Of this year's scholars, one is a singer, and another plans to be a nurse. One of this year's scholars was the first in his family to earn his degree. "Even one day spent in the college classroom changes a person," Judy says. "It opens up the world."

In June, Judy met with the students who will benefit from the Julia Fund during the 2017-18 academic year. Over a delightful lunch at Northwood, these students spoke candidly about their aspirations and experiences in education thus far. From discussing interests in music and other topics, Judy was able to get to know the students benefitting from her fund.

During lunch, Necaïl Hawkins told Judy and Foundation Executive Director Kim Patterson of her desire to study educational psychology. Judy instantly connected Necaïl with the Talitha Koum Institute of Waco and arranged for a site visit and tour of the facility. "Seeing a donor's vision turn into reality is a magnificent feeling," said Patterson. "Seeing a student connect with a donor and then engage in and give back to our home community is exactly why the MCC Foundation exists." If you would like to help change a life story, contact us to learn more about endowed scholarship giving.

Highlander Alumni News: Technology Shift

It's been over 10 years since the MCC Foundation's Highlander Alumni & Friends Association began! Since that time, over 4,000 alumni and community friends have registered with our website, alumni.mclennan.edu. In an effort to increase efficiency and back office administration, the MCC

Foundation has selected to move both our donor and alumni databases to Raiser's Edge NXT, a Blackbaud product. Raiser's Edge NXT will allow the Foundation to streamline donation processing and increase the ability to organize and communicate with like-minded supporters of the college.

This means that the website alumni.mclennan.edu will no longer exist as a resource for our Highlander Alumni & Friends members.

What can you expect with this change, which will take effect Sept. 1?

- Your User ID and password for alumni.mclennan.edu will no longer be valid.
- alumni.mclennan.edu will no longer exist. Alumni should follow the MCC Foundation on FaceBook to keep up to date with the happenings at MCC!
- Your information that exists in our alumni database will be securely transferred to our new software, Raiser's Edge NXT. You will not receive a notification when this happens; the information will simply roll over into the new software on Sept. 1.
- You will continue to receive e-mails from alumni@mclennan.edu with alumni updates, newsletters, and special opportunities and events for MCC alumni and friends.

We look forward to continuing our service to McLennan Community College alumni through this new product. Should you have any questions or concerns about this change, please contact Jana Bland (jbland@mclennan.edu or 254-299-8481).

Membership in the Highlander Alumni & Friends Association is free and open to all alumni and friends of McLennan Community College! Not a member? Contact Jana Bland at jbland@mclennan.edu or 254-299-8481 to register or receive more information!

Everyday Philanthropy

If you hear the word “philanthropist” and immediately an image of Andrew Carnegie comes to mind, you’re probably not alone. But the truth is that today’s philanthropist looks a lot more like the man or woman in your bathroom mirror than a captain of industry.

Giving to charity does not have to mean sacrifice ... in fact, the word I have heard most often from our donors in the past six months has been “JOY!” Here are 10 easy ways you can weave the JOY of giving to the MCC Foundation in your daily life:

1. ***Give THANKS.*** If your coworker did a super job on a project, or helped you out in a pinch, give a small donation to the Foundation in their honor. We will send them a special acknowledgement card letting them know you are thinking of them. Random acts of kindness never go out of style.
2. ***Give a BOOK.*** Awesome MCC Faculty member Brad Turner donated the entire print run of his fascinating history book *Lust, Violence, Religion: Life in Historic Waco* to the Foundation. For a \$20 donation, you can give this book to someone in your world. (With those three topics, this is surely the gift that will fit anyone!)
3. ***Give a SMILE.*** Who wants to hassle with the grocery store? When you sign up to give to the MCC Foundation through [Amazon Smile](#), 0.5% of eligible purchases will automatically come to the MCC Foundation. Simple.
4. ***Give a BRICK.*** OK, we admit that it takes a while for these [brick pavers](#) to be installed. But what a lovely, permanent tribute to a friend to have their name permanently

inscribed in the beautiful Highlander Legacy Plaza. Small pavers are \$100 and large pavers are \$250.

5. *Give a MEMORIAL.* Death is a fact of life. This year, several in the MCC family have lost family members and have named the MCC Foundation as a charity of choice in the obituary. By doing this, your family member lives on through these gifts that support the scholarship or program of your choice.
6. *Give 5%.* Consider a legacy gift when preparing your will. Most people underestimate the value of their estate, and naming the MCC Foundation to receive even a small percentage of the total value can make a significant gift for future students after you're gone.
7. *Give a PUTT.* The MCC Foundation Golf Classic is one of the longest-running charity golf tournaments in the Waco area. Even if you are not good at golf, taking half a day to play is a great, fun way to support Foundation scholarships and athletics needs. \$125 per player.
8. *Give a HEART.* Join the Hearts in the Arts Committee of the MCC Foundation to support visual and performing arts at MCC. From a "Friend of the Arts" level all the way up to "Executive Producer" level, you can show that your heart is in the arts while enjoying all the performances MCC has to offer.
9. *Give MONTHLY.* Probably the easiest giving method is through automatic monthly giving. Employees can give through payroll deduction, non-employees by credit card draft. Many hands make light work, and even \$5 a month makes a major difference.
10. *Give YOUR BOSS SPACE ON HIS/HER SHELF.* If your #1 Boss has one too many mugs or plaques proclaiming this fact, give a gift to the Foundation in his or her honor instead. The bookshelf, and your boss, will thank you. And, the Foundation thanks you.

With JOY!

Kim Patterson, APR

MCC Foundation Executive Director

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