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HIGHLANDER QUARTERLY



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Please remember the MCC Foundation in your annual giving, estate planning and memorials.

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2015



Thank You

FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

On behalf of the McLennan Community College Foundation Board and staff, we want to thank you, our supporters, for continuing to invest in higher education in McLennan County! The energy at MCC continues to surge as we prepare to conclude the celebration of the College's 50th Anniversary with a grand 50th Anniversary Gala on May 5 (*see page 4 for more details*).

The MCC Foundation held its annual Board Holiday Dinner on Dec. 8 at McLennan's Conference Center. The dinner serves to recognize board members, past, present and future. Executive Director Harry Harelik gave brief remarks on the Foundation's progress, which included breaking fundraising records with both annual events — the 2015 Theatre Gala, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Robinson, and the 2015 Golf Classic — that together raised \$79,000 for student scholarships.

In addition to recounting the events of the 50th Anniversary celebration, Harry recognized the Foundation board members rotating off of the board as of Jan. 2016. These outgoing board members (*pictured above left to right with Executive Director Harry Harelik*) are Fay Gutierrez, Mike Bidwell, Nelwyn Reagan and Annette Lindsey. Harelik also welcomed the following individuals to the MCC Foundation Board, effective Jan. 1, 2016: Phyllis Blackwood, Linda Hatchel, Judge Vicki Menard and Charlie Moore. We look forward to working with these new board members for a successful and meaningful 2016 at McLennan Community College.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

FOUNDATION SURPASSES \$20,000 GOAL

On December 1, 2015 #GivingTuesday, the MCC Foundation launched an effort to raise \$20,000 during a 50-hour time-span. "50 Hours of Giving" (crafted to promote giving to the 50th Anniversary Endowed Scholarship Fund) surpassed its \$20,000 goal, ultimately raising **\$20,905** for various scholarship funds at the MCC Foundation. Thank you to all of the donors who participated in #GivingTuesday and shared their message of giving to MCC!

MCC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

The scholarship competition for the 2016-17 academic year concluded Jan. 15. The scholarship committee is diligently working to award the first round of scholarships. Last year, the committee awarded more than \$381,000 in scholarships for the 2015-16 academic year. This year a total of 891 complete applications were submitted. Current high school seniors represented 42% of that number. School districts other than Waco which are represented in the applicant pool include: Axtell, China Spring, Lorena, Marlin, Mart, McGregor, Moody, Riesel, Robinson and many others. Students over the age of 25 were 20% of the applicant pool and 73% were females.

The goal of the anonymous scholarship committee each year is to maximize funds available and award scholarships to deserving and qualified students. Each complete application is scored by two scholarship committee members and the scores are averaged. Scoring is based on essay quality, recommendations received, merit and/or need, and thoroughness of the application. The committee must carefully consider all qualifications and the individual scholarship guidelines when awarding. This process is time consuming and tedious, and the effort and commitment of the MCC Foundation Scholarship Committee is greatly appreciated.

30TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC - OCT. 7, 2016

The MCC Foundation's 30th Annual Golf Classic will take place **Oct. 7** at Cottonwood Creek Golf Course. This year's golf classic will offer morning and afternoon flights and celebrate the 30th anniversary of this golf classic (one of the oldest tournaments in McLennan County), which benefits student scholarships and needs at McLennan Community College.

Cash and in-kind donations — including items for the silent auction and hole-in-one contests — are currently being accepted through Aug. 10. Please contact Jana Bland (jbland@mclennan.edu or 254-299-8481) to discuss your donation.



Save the Date
Friday, October 7, 2016
Cottonwood Creek Golf Course

Proceeds benefit student scholarships at McLennan.
Contact Jana Bland at **299-8604** or jbland@mclennan.edu.

Accepting sponsorships & team registration through Aug. 10, 2016

MCLENNAN ANNOUNCES NISOD AWARD WINNERS

McLennan Community College announced five honorees for the annual National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Awards, which recognize commitment to high performance and extraordinary service in higher education. The 2015-16 McLennan NISOD Award recipients are:

Workforce, Public Service & Health Professions: Alisa Petree, Medical Laboratory Technician

Support Staff: Brenda Price, Senior Executive Secretary, Instruction

Adjunct Faculty: David Oualaalou, Government

Arts, Science & Business: Alex Shiu, Associate Professor, Economics/Business

Professional Staff: Herman Tucker, Director, Records and Registration



2015-16 NISOD Award Recipients (left to right): Alisa Petree, Brenda Price, David Oualaalou, Alex Shiu and Herman Tucker

On behalf of the MCC Foundation board and staff, congratulations to these deserving honorees. *Thank you for your hard work and investment in the lives of McLennan students.*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The McLennan Community College Foundation, at the direction of the MCC Professional Development Committee, awarded professional development awards totaling \$15,110 during Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2015 to the following McLennan faculty and staff:

- Sue Allen - American Veterinary Medical Association Leadership Conference
- April Andreas - Hawaii National Great Teachers Seminar
- Monica Burmicky - LifeBound's Academic Coaching Training
- Sondra Dubowsky - Biology of Genomics at Cold Springs Harbor
- Elizabeth Grassmann - The 87th Conference of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association

- Missy Kittner - ATIXA Conference
- Elizabeth Mitchell - Biology of Genomics at Cold Springs Harbor
- Kelly Parker - Knight-Thompson Speechwork: Experiencing Accents Workshop
- Joshua Rieff - National Behavior Intervention Team Association Annual Conference
- Amanda Sansom - Mars 101
- Alexandra Shiu - 11th Annual Cenage Learning Economics Teaching Conference
- Paulina Sidwell - Hawaii National Great Teachers Seminar
- Caleb Stroman - USITT Annual Conference
- Stephen Swanson - The Centrality of Media Literacy in Engagement and Critical Thinking for 2-yr Colleges & Inquiry Based Learning and Social/Digital Media
- Ostmar J. Villarroel - Mars 101

WACO COMMUNITY BAND TO HONOR MCC'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Waco's Community Band, directed by Brian Harris, will feature a special concert honoring past MCC Foundation Theatre Galas on **Tuesday, April 26**. The concert, "Broadway at MCC — A Decade of Galas" will include songs from Broadway classics such as *Pippin*, *Anything Goes*, *Hairspray*, *George M* and more! The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Ball Performing Arts Center at McLennan Community College. **Admission is free and seating will open one hour prior to the show.**

More information can be found at www.WacoCommunityBand.org.

Arts Notes

MCC'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA: TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!

The McLennan Community College 50th Anniversary Committee and Foundation Gala Committee are working hard to plan a spectacular evening for Thursday, May 5! The 50th Anniversary Gala promises to be a night to remember and one of Waco's premiere spring events. **Tickets are on sale now!** There are two ways to enjoy the 50th Anniversary Gala: by purchasing a complete Gala ticket (dinner and the concert) or by purchasing a concert ticket only!

Dinner & Concert:

A very special gala dinner celebration at the Baylor Club will kick off the evening at 6 p.m. We are excited to announce that Dr. Betty Sue Marable Flowers (former Director of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library and daughter of one of MCC's founding fathers) will give brief remarks during the dinner. After dinner, guests will drive to Waco Hall to enjoy a special Waco Symphony Orchestra concert starring the well-known (and Emmy-nominated!) Steinway duo of Greg Anderson and Elizabeth Roe. The Anderson and Roe Piano Duo return to Waco from a completely sold-out concert on the campus of McLennan Community College in 2013. This concert is not part of the regular Waco Symphony season, but is a special concert designed specifically to celebrate MCC's 50th Anniversary. For complete gala tickets (dinner AND concert), please visit www.mclennan.edu/50th or contact the MCC Foundation (254-299-8604) to purchase your tickets or table(s). Dinner and concert tickets are \$125 per person (or \$1,250 per table) and include a full gala reception and dinner followed by premiere first floor orchestra seating at the concert. **Dinner seating is limited!**

McLennan Community College's
50th
Anniversary Gala Concert
May 5, 2016
Featuring
Dinner & Concert
\$125 per person
(\$25 tax-deductible portion)
6 p.m. Elegant Dinner @ Baylor Club
8 p.m. Concert @ Waco Hall
Anderson & Roe
Piano Duo
with the
Waco Symphony
Orchestra
Tickets* available
November 1
50th
McLennan
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Anderson & Roe and wow!
"It was one of those nights that
remind you of music's magic
and the reason why, despite
being in the digital age, we
still have live performances."
— Carl Hoover
Waco Tribune

www.youtube.com/user/gnanderson

*Tickets for the concert alone will be sold through the Baylor Ticket office (www.baylor.edu/tickets). The McLennan Community College Foundation will exclusively sell complete gala tickets, which include a dinner and the concert. Complete gala tickets will be limited and available through the MCC Foundation; contact Jana Bland (jbland@mclennan.edu or 254-299-8481) for more information.

Concert Only: Tickets to the concert only (excluding the gala dinner at the Baylor Club) may be purchased online through the Baylor Ticket Office (pricing depends on seating selection). Go to www.baylor.edu/tickets and click on the lower right "Event Tickets Online." Then click on "MCC 50th Anniversary Gala" and proceed to ticket selection and payment. *The Baylor Ticket Office is handling all "concert only" ticket sales.*

Learn more about Emmy-nominated artists Greg Anderson and Elizabeth Roe by visiting their [website!](#) Or, check out their [YouTube channel](#) and be mesmerized by their creativity and talent. We are excited to bring these two cutting-edge classical artists to Waco. We hope you join us for a spectacular evening celebrating MCC's 50 years of service. Please plan to join McLennan Community College staff, faculty, alumni and community supporters for this celebratory event! *For more information regarding the 50th Anniversary Gala, please contact Jana Bland (jbland@mclennan.edu or 254-299-8481).*

HAPPY NEW YEAR: SEVERAL WAYS TO GIVE IN 2016

By Harry Harelik, Executive Director of the MCC Foundation

Though there are often regular articles about charitable giving to one's favorite charities, the following ideas bear repeating as the New Year kicks off. There are several ways to support your favorite charity in 2016:



1) **Regular donations by check, cash or charge card:** Making out a check or charging a card donation online are, of course, the most common ways to donate to a nonprofit. Nonprofits often have special campaigns and projects or seasonal needs, and donations during the year facilitate a nonprofit's cash flow. Often these donations can be memorials or honorariums remembering special family and friends of the donors. Such donations may be income tax-deductible if a donor itemizes deductions but many taxpayers can't itemize every year. If that is the case, sometimes by "deduction bunching" a person may get the total of his or her donations high enough to allow an itemized tax deduction by paying one year's donations in January and then paying the NEXT year's donations the following December. (Property taxes can be handled in this way as well.)



2) **Donor advised funds:** While this type of giving sounds complicated, it really isn't. One simply establishes a special donor fund at a community foundation or other organization which is authorized to oversee donor advised funds. One can donate on a tax-deductible basis to his or her special donor advised fund at any time, and the fund can specifically be organized to donate to one or more charities at a specific time or as the donor requests. In this way, the donor can time his or her deductible donations as necessary for personal tax planning and then have the donations forwarded to the charity at another time (but no additional deduction is available when the funds actually reach the charity). The donor can also make a donation in one year and then delay the transfer to charity into a future year. The fund can be permanently funded so that income, not corpus, is distributed to one or more charities annually after the donor dies. In this way, nonprofits, which were supported by the donor during his/her lifetime, continue to receive donations "in the donor's name" long after the donor's passing.



3) **Naming a nonprofit as a "charity of choice" in an obituary:** This avenue doesn't cost a donor or the estate one penny. One can simply be sure that he, or his family and friends, designate a favorite charity as a charity of choice in the obituary of the deceased person. In lieu of flowers, friends and family can remember a person by donating to that person's favorite charity. This avenue not only gives widespread visibility to the nonprofit but also allows a nonprofit to expand its donor lists. It is a win-win for all.



4) **Donations by will:** The next most obvious and easy manner in which to donate is by listing one's favorite nonprofit(s) in one's last will and testament. The amount can be listed in details of specific dollar amounts or simply put as a percentage of the estate. Generally, the largest donations that charities receive come to them through estate bequests.

5) **Life Insurance or retirement plan beneficiary designation:** In many cases, a person's life insurance and/or retirement savings are the largest assets in one's estate. When one passes away, his/her life insurance and remaining retirement funds are distributed to named beneficiaries. It makes perfect sense to name a nonprofit as a beneficiary of some or all of these funds. Even small percentages, such as 5%, can be most meaningful to the charity without seriously undermining the inheritance of other estate beneficiaries.



6) **Charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts, charitable gift annuities:** Though these planning tools are more sophisticated, they allow for sharing assets between family and charities. **Charitable remainder trusts** are set up to provide income for individuals for a set timeframe, with the remainder going to a favorite charity. **Charitable lead trusts** operate in the opposite way, with income going to a favorite charity for a given timeframe and then the remainder going to named individuals. Charitable gift annuities are set up, usually with a community foundation, wherein a person transfers income producing assets or cash to the charity, allowing a set payout percentage going annually to a person for his or her lifetime, with the invested assets/cash being given to a favorite nonprofit at the person's death. The community foundation (or nonprofit) invests the assets received, charging a management fee or termination fee for services, and completing the recordkeeping, payouts and termination distributions. Professional advisors must be consulted to be sure the income tax savings and financial results of these tools are completely compatible with a donor's lifestyle needs, income tax and estate tax planning.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2016 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS BEING ACCEPTED THRU JULY 15!

Each September, two outstanding alumni are honored and recognized at the McLennan Community College Foundation's Scholarship, Donor and Alumni Recognition event. The awards are given by a nomination and competition process during the spring and summer of each year.

- Distinguished Young Leader: Recognizes a recent McLennan graduate who was particularly active during his or her time at MCC (in the twelve months prior to being nominated).

Previous Distinguished Young Leader Recipients: Miguel Diaz, Luis Terceiro, Joseph Mabbitt, Christopher Brown, Cody James, Michelle Schwier and Abanda Zofoa

- Distinguished Alumnus: Recognizes a McLennan graduate who has pursued professional excellence and distinction after graduating from McLennan Community College (more than one year prior to being nominated).

Previous Distinguished Alumnus Recipients: Danny Uptmore, Rod Aydelotte, Travis Poe, Landon Hengst, Bill Goss, Gary Willis and Robert Hawkins

Nomination forms and more information are now available online. Employees and community members are highly encouraged to consider a special individual you would like to nominate for these awards. Please contact Jana Bland (jbland@mclennan.edu or 254-299-8481) for more information. Awards will be announced at this year's event during September.

ALUMNI RETURN TO CAMPUS FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

The 50th Anniversary has given McLennan Community College divisions the opportunity to hold reunions for alumni. The Theatre Department and McLennan Dance Company held separate reunions during the month of October. Below are some pictures from these two events, which drew alumni back to campus to celebrate the successes of MCC and its alumni.



MCLENNAN CHORALE EUROPEAN TOUR UPDATE



The MCC Chorale's inaugural European tour this spring is fast approaching! As the tour quickly approaches, the Foundation continues to develop resources to assist the choir with costs associated with "the trip of a lifetime!"

As of publication date, the Foundation has received \$71,896 toward its goal of \$75,000 for the MCC Chorale 2016 European Tour. "Angel Choir" donors to the tour will be invited to a special choir concert on April 25 to preview the talent that will be on display for MCC in Europe. To donate, please contact Harry Harelik (hharelik@mcclennan.edu or

254-299-8606). You may also donate [online](#) or by mail (addressed to the MCC Foundation, 1400 College Drive, Waco, Texas 76708, and designated for the MCC Chorale 2016 European Tour).

HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS TO THE FOUNDATION

OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2015

In Honor & In Memory

In Honor of Genevieve Brunk by:

Richard and Jerrilyn Manbeck
Karin Sutton

In Honor of Dottie and David Fornoff's 65th Wedding Anniversary by:

Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Honor of Marsha Green's Inspiration of Piano Lessons by:

Paul and Gail Illich

In Honor of Harry Harelik by:

Peter Blaskiewicz
Nick and Fay Gutierrez
Kim Klimt
Tom and Nancy Neill
Drs. Gayland and Ann Sims

In Honor of Janis Jackson by:

Mr. and Mrs. James Schwarz

In Honor of Dr. Ruth Pitts' Inaugural Induction into the McLennan 50th Anniversary Hall of Fame by:
Heyward and Marsha Green

In Honor of Martie Sauter's Inaugural Induction into the McLennan 50th Anniversary Hall of Fame by:
Heyward and Marsha Green

In Honor of Bob Sheehy's 60th Birthday by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Honor of Barbara Stites by:
Shauna Rumbaugh
Karin Sutton

In Memory of Minnie Blair by:
Elaine Fagner
Harry and Beverly Harelik
Tom and Kathryn Proctor
Alexandra Shiu

Consider making your next gift online! Click the "Make a Gift" button to access our online donation page at any time.



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In Honor & In Memory

In Memory of Joy Bell Blaisdell by:
Donnie and Cathy Hagan
Harry and Beverly Harelik
Tom and Kathryn Proctor

In Memory of Concetta Marie Citrano by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Wayne Cruseturner by:
Billy and Charlotte Laughlin

In Memory of James Chesley Dodson, Jr. by:
Billy and Charlotte Laughlin
Phillip and Carol Lowe
Andrea Mock
Gail Parrigin-Clark
Carrie Kukuda
Michelle Musto
Van Parrigin
David and Annette Scott
Alexandra Shiu
Mark and Lorraine Stansel
Stiba Wealth Management LLC
Eric Stiba
Ernest Stiba

In Memory of Lillian Edwards by:
Donnie and Cathy Hagan
Harry and Beverly Harelik
Drs. Stan and Johnette McKown

In Memory of Virginia Fitzhugh by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Beverly Ann Gibson by:
Leila Clark
Glynnis Gaines
Donnie and Cathy Hagan
Cade & Lynda Harkins
Tommy Lowrance
Lesley Plemons
Tom and Kathryn Proctor
Marcie Rierson

In Memory of Teodulo "Ted" Gonzalez by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Mary Lou Graves by:
Elaine Fagner
Harry and Beverly Harelik
Tom and Kathryn Proctor
Staci Taylor

In Memory of Sam Hodges by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Lela Hubble by:
Billy and Charlotte Laughlin

In Memory of James Jackson by:
Mr. and Mrs. James Schwarz

In Memory of Helen Murchison Lander by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Charles Langlotz by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Mary Louise Morris by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik
Bill and Ruth Pitts
Mark and Lorraine Stansel

In Memory of Flora Norine Pearce by:
Billy and Charlotte Laughlin

In Memory of Joyce Purvis by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Norma Dell Owens Ross by:
Elaine Fagner
Harry and Beverly Harelik
Tom and Kathryn Proctor

In Memory of Dr. Harry Slade by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS TO THE FOUNDATION
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In Honor & In Memory

In Memory of Stanley Strum by:

Joe and Rich Ahlers and Ingrid Martine
Bill and Michelle Bailey
Bluebonnet Health Services
Richard Bradfield
Chris and Joyce Brammer
S. Boyce and Len Brown
Coldwell Banker
Jim Stewart, Realtors
All Your Friends at Community Bank & Trust
Buz and Kay Campbell
Leonard and Debbie Christensen
Mr. and Mrs. William L. Clifton, Jr.
Edwin and Meredith Cohen
Robert and Sandra Corwin
Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Corwin
Sandra Cox
Doug and Cynthia Davis
Doug and Beth DeCluitt
Andrew and Rose DeLeon
David and Jean Dickson
The Dwyer Group, LLC
Volney Ellis
Louis and Sara Jo Englander
Craig and Jennifer Estes
Trevor and Pam Ferger
Sue Getterman
Richard and Edith Gibney
Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Gillette
Charles and Lynda Golenternek
Mike and Rose Gulig
Harry and Beverly Harelik
John and Linda Hatchel
Jim and Nell Hawkins
Ron and Cheryl Holy
Hopper Mikeska PLLC
Don and Martha Howe
Dan and Rita Hull
Jaynes, Reitmeier, Boyd & Therrell, P.C.
Mike Reitmeier
Stewart Kelly
Tracy Kelly
Bob and Barbara Kirstein
Kim Klimt

In Memory of Stanley Strum by (Continued):

Frank and Eleanor Levy
Karl and Glenda Lindekugel
Melvin Lipsitz
Larry and Frances Lynch
David Mann
Martin Sprocket & Gear, Inc.
Joe and Priscilla Martin
Drs. Stanley and Johnette McKown
Dennis and Jan Michaelis
Charlie and Nancy Moore
Eddie and Ellie Morrison
Mike and Valerie Overstreet
William Pakis
Sarah Preddy
Dr. Tiffany Preddy
Tom and Martha Salome
Donna Slette
Byron Smith
Celia Smith
Stuart and Elizabeth Smith
Jon W. Spelman Co.
Jon Spelman
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spence
Bryan and Rene Taylor
Jack and Sadie Wertheimer
West Window Corporation
David and Nannette Wheelis
Winton Engineering, Inc.
World's Presidents Organization
Fort Worth Chapter
Eolior and Laura Yokus

In Memory of Rex LaVerne Thralls by:

Tom and Kathryn Proctor

In Memory of Elizabeth A. Uhl by:

Billy and Charlotte Laughlin

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MCLENNAN HAS THOUSANDS OF REASONS TO GIVE

The McLennan Community College Foundation is committed to enriching the college and the communities it serves by supporting its 9,300 students, 800 faculty and staff members, and by improving facilities on our 200-acre campus. Consider strengthening our community by giving to the McLennan Community College Foundation. Visit www.mclennan.edu/foundation to learn how you can support your local college.

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