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2019 Hearts in the Arts "Pirates of Penzance" Gala

Raising Friends and Funds for Scholarships

Thank you, thank you all for your incredible support of our marvelous Hearts in the Arts Gala! It was such a wonderful evening celebrating the beauty, talent, warmth, and promise that MCC represents.

The MCC Foundation's annual Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala returned this year as one of Waco's premiere arts events, with proceeds supporting student scholarships and capital needs at McLennan Community College. The Feb. 28 event set sail with more than 200 patrons. They enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, a wine reception, and a performance at McLennan's Ball Performing Arts Center.

This year, the MCC Theatre and Opera departments combined forces in Gilbert & Sullivan's witty, enduring, comedic masterpiece, *The Pirates of Penzance*. This year's cast featured some of the strongest vocals seen in many years, with leads Justin Kroll and Alec Ehringer among the many performers, musicians, and stagehands who are receiving MCC Foundation scholarships this year.

The MCC Foundation heartily thanks this year's Hearts in the Arts members and Gala sponsors, featured on p. 3-4. We also applaud our Queen of Hearts in the Arts, Honorary Chair Betsy Reeder, for her tireless work to support our students, as well as our volunteer committee. Finally, we thank the MCC Presidential Scholars and the MCC Men's Golf Team, who make every event wonderful with their skillful volunteer support.

With your support, the gala raised more than \$31,000 for student scholarships and other student needs at MCC!



Sir Winston Churchill biographer, Dr. Andrew Roberts, at the MCC Conference Center.

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MCC Presidential Scholars; Student Performers: Prince Alfaro, Evelyn Cardenas, Joseph Cody, Saddiq Granger, Vince Greer, Sean Grmela, Marissa Licea, Madi Reid, Abby Roque, Jairo Valenciana, and Matthew Vleck, and the Men's Golf Team.





Dr. Andrew Roberts, Sir Winston Churchill biographer, visited McLennan Community College on Feb. 13. Dr. Roberts discussed his latest book, a biography of Sir Winston Churchill, which has been hailed by the Wall Street Journal as "unarguably the best single-volume biography of the man." For "Churchill: Walking with Destiny," Roberts draws from 40 new sources, including the private diaries of King George VI recorded during World War II.

Roberts participated in a Q&A with MCC, Tarleton, Texas Tech, and Baylor students at the

Conference Center at MCC. This event provided the opportunity for our students to meet and hear from this caliber of historian and fits the purpose of the College: to engage, educate, and enrich its community. Approximately 100 friends of the MCC Foundation attended a special cocktail reception at the home of Clifton and Betsy Robinson. During the reception, Roberts discussed his fascination with Sir Winston Churchill and posed for pictures with almost everyone in attendance.

Following the reception, Roberts was transported to the Conference Center at MCC for the community event "An Evening with Sir Winston Churchill Biographer Dr. Andrew Roberts." More than 700 attended the panel discussion, which was comprised of MCC history professor Vince Clark and Judge Ken Starr. A video of the community lecture can be accessed here. After the lecture concluded, Dr. Andrew Roberts stayed to sign copies of his book.

This event was a true collaboration between administration, faculty, and staff. We want to thank the following for their support in our effort to bring Dr. Andrew Roberts to Waco and MCC's campus: Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul McClinton, Community Bank & Trust, Dr. and Mrs. Ross Reagan, Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins, and Gary Parker and 1st University Credit Union.

Additionally we extend our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Robinson, Judge Ken and Alice Starr, MCC Conference Center Staff, Follett Bookstore, MCC Physical Plant, MCC Marketing and Communications Office, MCC Police, MCC Presidential Scholars, and the Planning Committee Members: Neyra Bazaldua, Dr. Andrew Canham, Vince Clark, Andrew Clayton, Ashley Cruseturner, Lisa Elliott, Dianne Feyerherm, Felicia Gladden, Heather Lanford, Jeremy Lehman, Dr. Johnette McKown, Jennifer Norman, Kim Patterson, Nikki Popko, Belinda Shelburne, Lindsey Vanek, and Clayton Williams.



An Evening with Sir Winston Churchill Biographer Dr. Andrew Roberts continued



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THE GREAT COLLEGE SEMINAR



The MCC Foundation promotes quality higher education that enriches the academic, economic, and cultural life our our diverse community. With this in mind, we were able to provide over \$75,000 in professional development funds to McLennan Community College faculty and staff this year. These funds are used to offer a variety of opportunities such as professional development workshops, informational sessions, Professional Development Day, and the Great College Seminar.

MCC began offering the Great Teachers Seminar (faculty only) in 2012 and the Great College Seminar in 2015 (staff only). This year, the faculty and staff seminars were combined into a true Great College Seminar for the first time. MCC Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, Dr. Staci Taylor, says "This seminar provides MCC the ability to have faculty and staff interact and learn from each other. It creates relationships across campus which enhances communication and problem solving, in ways that were never possible before."

More than 200 faculty and staff members have been able to attend the Great College experiences since 2012.

seminar allowed a glimpse into the breadth and depth of the talent and compassion of faculty and staff at MCC. I'm lucky to be a part of MCC and work alongside of so many dedicated professionals.

-Alisa Petree, MHSM, Professor Medical Laboratory Technician



NISOD HONOREES EXEMPLIFY MCC EXCELLENCE

McLennan Community College announced five honorees for the annual National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Awards, which recognized commitment to high performance and extraordinary service in higher education.

The 2019-2020 McLennan NISOD Award recipients are: (left to right with Executive Director Kim Patterson and McLennan President Dr. Johnette McKown.)



Adjunct Faculty: Anthony LaStrape, Communication Studies

Arts, Science & Business: John Spano, Associate Professor of Philosophy

Workforce, Public Service and Health Professions: Jessica Shelton, Associate Professor of Mental Health and Social Work

Professional Staff: Tina Ellette, Associate Director of Student Records and Registration

Support Staff: Cheryl Brooks, Registration Assistant of Emergency Services Education Center

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.

MEN OF COLOR SUCCESS INITIATIVE



Students in the Men of Color Success Initiative purchased professional business attire at a 40% discount thanks to a partnership between JC Penney and McLennan Community College. We are grateful to Dr. Frank Graves and Dr. Ron Hochstatter for mentoring these young men and increasing their access to higher education and for preparing them for their careers. Special thanks to Mark Allan Halamick and Mary Perez for the gift certificates that made these purchases possible.

How can you help? A tax-deductible gift of any size can make a difference. Our long-term goal is to endow a Men of Color Success Initiative Scholarship, one that will help remove financial barriers for these young men who are working for a better life. Please help us support this program through gifts for professional development opportunities and scholarships for these students!

GRAND RE-OPENING OF

The McLennan Community College Food Pantry has a new name on the door and a new endowment at the MCC Foundation that will ensure its long-term viability. The college announced the new name and three charitable gifts to the pantry at a ceremony on March 26 in the Student Services Center, Room 249.

The MCC Food Pantry began in 2012 in response to indications of hunger among students seeking as-



MCC President Dr. Johnette McKown and MCC Foundation Executive Director Kim Patterson unveiling a new plaque in endow a new scholarship program for part-time honor of Paulanne Ream Hoover.

students. The endowment, combined with generous monthly giving by Foundation supporters, will ensure the pantry can continue to serve students in perpetuity. In honor of the gift, the recently renovated pantry was re-named "Paulanne's Pantry" at the ceremony.

In addition to the endowment, the pantry recently received a \$5,703 Emergency Aid Mini Grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The grant

MCC Foundation Board Members Judge Vik Deivanayagam and Linda Hatchel.

sistance in the Student Success Center. A 2018 Student Financial Wellness Survey by the Trellis Company revealed that 33 percent of McLennan students show signs of very low food security according to the USDA scale. During the 2017-2018 year, the pantry served 870 households and delivered 18,500 pounds of food to students.

In 2018, the MCC Foundation received a gift of almost \$300,000 from the residuary of the estate of Waco resident Paulanne Ream Hoover, who died in 1994. The Foundation board of directors allocated \$50,000 of this gift to endow the Food Pantry, and the remainder of the gift to



will fund a new refrigerator, new freezer, and mar-

keting. Additionally, the Food Pantry received a \$2,500 grant from the H-E-B Charitable Trust.

As we celebrate all these wonderful achievements, we have to remember that Paulanne's gift will cover only about 30% of the Food Pantry expenses. For that reason, we still depend on generous gifts from our community, faculty, and staff.

A video of the ceremony can be accessed <u>here</u>.









NOMINATE AN MCC ALUMNUS WHO IS CHANGING OUR WORLD!







NOMINATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AND LEADER AWARDS ACCEPTED THROUGH JULY 15

The MCC Foundation's Highlander Alumni & Friends Association at McLennan Community College is accepting nominations for its 2019 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Leader awards. Nomination forms for both awards are available online at www.mclennan.edu/foundation under "Quick Links and Forms."

The MCC Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Award is presented to an alumnus or alumna of MCC who has demonstrated a record of distinguished service and extraordinary achievement in a particular discipline, organization, or cause that brings distinction to the college. To be eligible, nominees must have successfully completed a minimum of a one-year certificate or two-year associate degree program or have earned a minimum of 60 transferable hours (without a degree) from MCC.

The MCC Distinguished Leader Award is presented to a 2019 graduating or completing student of MCC who has demonstrated a record of distinguished service and extraordinary achievement in academic and extracurricular realms, shown remarkable leadership or provided service to a cause that brings distinction to the college.

Honorees will be recognized at the MCC Foundation's Scholarship Awards Ceremony in September and will be presented with an award and a brick paver in the Highlander Legacy Plaza.

Questions about the nomination process should be directed to the association at 254-299-8481 or alumni@mclennan.edu.





Scholarship Coordinator, Shelley Cotten with scholarship recipient signing acceptance letter.

Spring brings a time of excitement, renewal, and anticipation. At the Foundation office, it also brings a feeling of gratitude and perspective. When students come in to complete their scholarship paperwork and thank you cards, we get to see how grateful they are and how much a scholarship means to them. It reinvigorates the staff and reminds us why we do what we do every day - the events and fundraising allow our donors and partners to change lives and we are honored to be a part of that process. It is truly a fulfilling and uplifting time in the office.

With the first round of scholarships offered, over \$345,000 has been awarded to 358 students. The second competition will be open from May 1 - May 15 and can be accessed during that time at this link - http://www. mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships.



Society Scholarship, with Evan Klaras.

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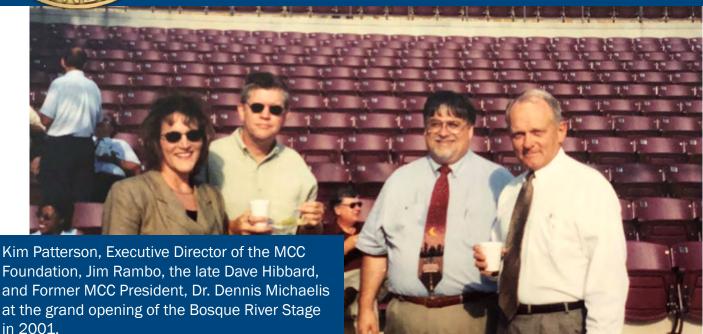
with Phyllis Blackwood.

Nell Hawkins Presidential

Scholarship.



THE DAVE HIBBARD ENDOWED MUSIC INDUSTRY **CAREERS SCHOLARSHIP**





Many longtime Wacoans remember MCC commercial music instructor Dave Hibbard, who passed away on March 8, 2019 after a short battle with cancer. Dave established the Commercial Music program at MCC, and was instrumental in the development of the Bosque River Stage that has brought so much joy to our community. Dave was also a superb trumpeter, a composer, author, and music industry consultant.

Dave's family has established the "David Hibbard Endowed Music Industry Careers Scholarship" at the MCC Foundation and has suggested memorials be made to that fund. To contribute, visit http://www. mclennan.edu/foundation or click on "Make a Gift" below. Be sure to designate the Hibbard fund in the form.



2020 MCLENNAN VOICE COMPETITION

by Bronwen Forbay, DMA; Associate Professor of Voice and Opera



Dear Friends,

I am thankful to Lise Uhl, Kim Patterson, and the MCC Foundation for this opportunity to highlight an exciting brand-new initiative. In 2020, MCC will host its inaugural Voice Competition.

Categories include:

- High School (Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors)
- Lower College (Freshmen and Sophomores i.e. up to and including 4 semesters of applied voice)

Musical Theater and Western Classical repertoire will be represented in both categories. In addition to cash prizes for the six winners (three winners per category) and the "Most Outstanding MCC Student" award, competitors will be eligible for a variety of performance opportunities including:

- · A "Masterclass" with Dr. Forbay.
- A "Winners Concert" in the BPAC Main Theater.

Applications will be available in October 2019. A \$35 application fee will assist toward pianist's fees and guest adjudicator's expenses.

I realize that there are many entities competing for your hard-earned resources, and respect that. I would be grateful however, if you would kindly consider contributing to the "MCC Voice Scholarship Competition" account in your giving to the MCC Foundation. I am extending a personal invitation to those with a love of vocal music to consider supporting cash prizes for the winners of the 1st MCC Voice Competition. My hope is for this to develop into an annual event that attracts potential recruits to our beautiful campus while raising the level of excellence among MCC's talented students.

With sincere appreciation,

Bronwen Forbay, DMA

Associate Professor of Voice and Opera

Francen Torbay





The MCC Foundation is pleased to announce a new scholarship, the [Dreams] Matter Student Success Scholarship. The MCC Division of Student Success began building this scholarship during the 2018 holiday season. The employees in this division collectively decided that while receiving gifts during the holiday season is wonderful, an even better gift would be to make donations to the MCC Foundation in lieu of flowers and material gifts to each other. Furthermore, they came to the conclusion that these gifts should be designated into a new need-based scholarship for students who need help achieving their dreams. To contribute, visit http://www.mclennan.edu/foundation. Be sure to designate the Dreams Matter fund in the form.









Join us in celebrating the 33rd Annual MCC Foundation Golf Classic!

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Because of you and supporters like you, MCC has been able to provide close to 50,000 graduates with an outstanding college experience that launched them into a lifetime of success. Your support of the MCC Foundation Golf Classic helps provide student scholarships and other program needs to make that experience the best it can be.

We sincerely thank you if you previously sponsored our golf tournament. If you are new to the family, we hope you will join us at one of the area's largest, longest running charity tournaments that *supports local students*. MCC students tend to stay in the Waco area, building a stronger workforce. With such tremendous local impact, there are few organizations that give greater return on your investment than does your community college.

Click <u>here</u> to view sponsor levels and information.











On Taxes and Transparency

by Kim Patterson, MS, APR; MCC Foundation Executive Director

Well, it finally happened. My husband and I recently met with our tax accountant and, per usual, we went in armed with a folder full of W-2s, year-end statements, and receipts from our 2018 charitable donations. Not long into the meeting, he kindly reminded us about the higher standard deduction that would need to be exceeded to earn a charitable deduction for gifts on our IRS filing. I knew this was coming, but as he gently slid my donation receipts back to us, the reality of the situation sank in: the allure of the

"make a tax-deductible donation to the MCC Foundation" message is over for most givers.

For those of us who work in the nonprofit sector, the change is not only a technical one that occurs on tax day, but also one that represents a real cultural shift to how society views charitable giving. We can no longer rely on the tax deductibility of gifts as a motivator to give. Today's donors have to believe in our mission, understand our work, and trust that we are good stewards of their gifts. In other words, we are going to have to work that much harder to build long-term relationships with donors who want to give for the pure joy of helping others. And, with donors who want to choose McLennan Community College for their support over, or along with, many other worthwhile causes.

By the way, did you know there are more than 700 nonprofit organizations in McLennan County alone?

If you are reading this newsletter, you are likely one who understands that MCC provides an affordable, accessible, and high-quality college education that launches a thousand success stories and helps build a stronger community. If you

do not know that yet, just read a few of the great articles about our successful alumni, our fantastic faculty, and our wonderful friends who help MCC be the best it can be with their support.

Speaking of earning your trust, we are pleased to announce that the MCC Foundation recently earned the GuideStar Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level of recognition offered by the world's largest source of nonprofit information. To earn the Platinum designation, we provided in-depth financial information, qualitative information about goals and strategies, and quantitative information about results and progress toward our mission. Many of you have contributed to the initiatives included in the profile, and we thank you sincerely for that.

The GuideStar database contains a profile for every tax-exempt nonprofit registered with the Internal Revenue Service; of the more than 2 million charities listed on Guide Star, only 0.3 percent earn the Platinum designation.



Being in the top 0.3 percent of all charities in the country for transparency is a great place to be, in our opinion. If you'd like to learn more, our profile is available at https://www.guidestar.org/profile/74-2550278.

With gratitude,

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION





Scholarship recipients celebrate a new milestone in scholarship awards at the Scholar, Donor, and Alumni Appreciation Luncheon on Sept. 18, 2018.

Dear Friends of McLennan Community College,

It has been another banner year at McLennan Community College and the MCC Foundation, one filled with numerous opportunities to bring new and old friends even closer to our college. Thanks to generous gifts totaling \$1.6 million and a strong investment profile, MCC Foundation assets topped \$20.7 million, putting us among the top community college foundations in Texas!

The MCC Foundation's purpose is to raise support for scholarships, faculty and staff professional development, and capital improvements at MCC. In keeping with this mission, our most significant news of 2018 was that we broke the half-million dollar mark in scholarships, awarding \$530,525 to more than 500 deserving students! Those life-changing awards would not be possible without the generosity of our donors, and this year, 12 donors established or completed funding new scholarships, thereby increasing opportunities.

We began the year with a hugely successful *South Pacific* Hearts in the Arts Gala in February. Thanks to the leadership of our honorary community chair,

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MISSION

The McLennan Community
College Foundation promotes
quality higher education that
enriches the academic,
economic and cultural life of our
diverse community.

To further this mission, the Foundation acquires financial resources and strengthens support to fund scholarships, professional development and capital improvements for the students, faculty and staff of the College and the broader communities it serves.

In so doing, the Foundation hopes to enhance quality of life, encourage success and positively change the futures of students and their families.

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