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24th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC A HUGE SUCCESS

*Remember the MCC Foundation
in your annual giving
and estate planning.*



The economic downturn has caused many charity fundraisers' profits to plummet, but fortunately, the 24th Annual MCC Foundation Golf Classic escaped such a fate. Thanks to an enormous outpouring of support from sponsors and players, this year's tournament saw a greater than 30 percent increase in net profits over last year's tournament, making it one of the highest-earning tournaments in MCC history!

Beautiful fall weather and the ever-popular Cottonwood Creek Golf Course set the stage for a day of fun for the more than 210 golfers who participated in the October 1st tournament. Dozens of enthusiastic MCC volunteers and student athletes were on hand to support the event, which is largest fundraiser of the year for the MCC Foundation. Proceeds from the tournament support student scholarships and capital needs not covered by institutional budgets.

Our deepest thanks go out to the 79 businesses and individuals (see p. 2) who supported the tournament through sponsorships or donations of cash or prizes, especially title sponsor **Target Restoration Services** that sponsored at the highest level for the second consecutive year.

Special plans are underway for the Foundation's 25th Annual Golf Classic on Friday, **October 7, 2011**. We'll see you there!



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Target Restoration

Golf Classic

Thank you sponsors, for making our 24th annual tournament one of the most successful in its history!

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Alumni Spotlight

Hayley Lehoski: Education is her Passion

Waco native and Midway High School graduate Hayley Peacock Lehoski says today that education is her passion, and that passion was awakened during her years as a student at McLennan Community College.

Hayley graduated from Midway in 1996 and chose to attend MCC, she says, because it was close to home, had a great variety of classes and offered affordable tuition. She recalls having a wonderful educational experience at MCC, an experience she says helped prepare her for future studies.

Hayley graduated from MCC in 1998 and went on to Texas A&M, where she received her Bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies with a focus on early childhood education. After graduation, she took a job teaching kindergarten in Austin, where she worked for three years until she met and married her husband, Daniel. Daniel's Air Force career immediately took the couple to Okinawa, Japan, where Hayley taught first grade at the American school on base. The couple's next assignment was in Newport News, Virginia, where she again taught kindergarten for three more years.

While in Virginia, Hayley completed her master's degree in curriculum, instruction and



assessment for grades K-12. She also taught English to refugees from Iraq, which she remembers as an eye-opening and rewarding experience.

Hayley and her husband currently live in a small town in New Mexico and she works as Student Services Coordinator at New Mexico State University-Alamogordo. She works with dual credit and transferring students and is an adjunct instructor in education for students who also want to be teachers.

Hayley recalls that some of her favorite classes at MCC were Dr. Mike White's history classes.

"I wasn't into History back then, but he made the learning fun and enjoyable," she says.

"I feel strongly that my start in education at MCC was one of the best decisions I've made. It really set me on a good path to continue my educational goals. I look forward to visiting soon to see how the campus has changed."

Mark your calendars!

October 28, 2010

**"The Sun King" Louis XIV Exhibit
Learning Technology Center Gallery**

The MCC Foundation, in conjunction with the MCC History and Visual Arts departments, presents this unique exhibit of Louis XIV memorabilia donated to the college by Dr. and Mrs. Dan Valahu. The free exhibit will open with a come-and-go reception from 3:30-5:30 p.m., Oct. 28, and will remain up through Dec. 10.

*The Sun King
Louis XIV
and the
New World*

You are cordially invited to a Gallery Opening featuring A collection celebrating **Louis XIV** Europe's Longest-Reigning Monarch (1643-1715)

3:30-5:30 p.m.
Thursday,
October 28, 2010

McLennan Community College
Learning Technology Center Gallery

"The Sun King-Louis XIV and the New World" exhibit is a permanent gift from Dan and Claude Valahu to McLennan Community College. The gallery opening is hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Valahu, the McLennan Community College Foundation and the MCC History and Visual Arts Departments. For more information, contact the MCC Foundation at 254-299-8481.

Light refreshments will be served

February 26, 2011

**Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala:
"The 25th Annual Putnam County
Spelling Bee"**

The MCC Foundation's 10th Annual Theatre Gala will feature a sumptuous cocktail dinner buffet at a Waco-area home, a special Gala performance of musical favorite "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" and dessert reception with cast and crew. Invitations will be mailed in January.

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ALL-STEINWAY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

MCC joins ranks of elite All-Steinway Schools



McLennan Community College is now a part of the Steinway family. Through this year's initiative to purchase 27 new Steinway pianos, MCC has

joined an exclusive group of colleges and universities to hold the title of All-Steinway School.

The MCC Foundation, which launched the initiative to replace old pianos on campus, and MCC President Dr. Johnette McKown received the All-Steinway School plaque from Ron Losby, president of Steinway and Sons – America, on Sept. 14. Pictured, from left, are Rob Page, McKown, Tommy Edds (back), Casey Saliba, Phil Gibbs (back), Losby, Harry Harelik and Danny Saliba.

The designation as the 111th All-Steinway School places MCC among an elite group of schools worldwide that includes such prestigious institutions as Julliard, the Yale School of Music and Carnegie Mellon. MCC is one of only three community colleges nationwide and only the third Texas college (two- or four-year) to be named an All-Steinway School.

The MCC Foundation is currently conducting a major fundraising effort to support the All-Steinway School initiative at the college. The initiative demonstrates MCC's commitment to quality and to providing the best education possible to its students. For more information, contact the Foundation at 299-8606 or www.mclennan.edu/all-steinway.



Dermot Manton of Allergan, Inc., right, presents a check for \$2,500 to the MCC Foundation for the All-Steinway initiative on Oct. 15. From left: Harry Harelik, Roy Perry, Dottie Fornoff, Dr. Johnette McKown and Manton.



2010 SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT: An Evening of Awesome Achievement



Desiree Pagana plays a Steinway concert grand.

“What a wonderful night!” was the most-often heard sentiment expressed on the evening of September 14th as the MCC Foundation celebrated Scholarship Night 2010. It truly was a night to remember, celebrating achievement with hundreds of scholars and their families, celebrating philanthropy with the 12 Premier Foundation donors

who together gave more than \$500,000 in gifts this year, and celebrating excellence with MCC as it received its official All-Steinway designation.

Vince Clark, a 15-year MCC history instructor and men’s golf coach, provided the keynote address to the rapt audience. Clark’s stellar oratory skills are widely known in the community, and many in attendance counted themselves lucky to have heard him first hand; his message was received with a standing ovation.

Guests were also treated to a special musical presentation by a trio of MCC music program graduates: Desiree Pagana playing a Steinway, Canyon Kafer on bass, and Steven Scheifley on drums. The Highlander Alumni Association celebrated excellence with the presentation of the 2010 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Student Leader Awards (see p. 6.) And, Ron Losby, president of Steinway and Sons-America, presented the college with a plaque recognizing the college as the 111th All-Steinway School in the world (see p. 4.)



Vince Clark wows the audience with his keynote address.

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Alumni Update

On September 14th, **Gary Willis** of Waco (right) was awarded the 2010 McLennan Community College **Distinguished Alumni Award** from the MCC Highlander Alumni Association. Willis was a member of the first graduating class of MCC in 1967. He served 30 years in the United States Navy, then returned to school and graduated summa cum laude from Troy State University with a degree in business administration and personnel management in 1994. For the last 10 years, Willis worked at MCC as Coordinator of the Campus Card Office, where he was fondly known as “MAC Man” because of his campus involvement and love of MCC and all things Scottish. Willis was nominated by Director of Resource Development Nancy Neill with supporting materials from Senior Accountant Cynthia Ott.

Highlander Alumni Association Presents 2010 Merit Awards



Michelle Schwier of Woodway (left) was awarded the 2010 McLennan Community College **Distinguished Young Leader Award** from the MCC Highlander Alumni Association. Schwier served as President of Rho Kappa Pi, the respiratory care technology student organization, in 2009-2010. In July 2009, the Texas Society for Respiratory Care awarded her the Marguerite Kageler Education Grant for scholastic achievement and her outstanding research on pediatric tracheomalacia. Her paper ranked first among the 30 submitted from the State of Texas. She graduated with honors from MCC in August and works as a Registered Respiratory Therapist at Scott and White. Schwier was nominated by Respiratory Care Program Director Doug Gibson with supporting materials from Instructor Lynda Harkins.

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Honorariums

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MCC Foundation Scholarship Application Now Online--Apply Today!

MCC is now accepting applications for scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year. The application is for all MCC Foundation, Presidential, Tartan and First Generation College Student Initiative scholarships.

Deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Jan. 18, 2011.

The scholarship application is available online at <https://mclennan.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com>. The application must be filed via the Internet; hard copies will not be accepted. Students who do not have access to a computer with the Internet can use the computers located in the lobby of MCC's Office of Financial Aid or in the MCC Library.

Scholarships will be awarded in May 2011 for the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters. For more information, call 299-8818 or e-mail lsummey@mclennan.edu.