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# MCLENNAN HIGHLANDER QUARTERLY

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FALL 2011

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY KNOCKS THE TOP OFF GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER



*Tournament  
originators  
Stan Mitchell,  
Bill Goss,  
and  
Butch Henry.*



As the 25th Anniversary of the MCC Foundation golf tournament approached, we knew we had to make it an extra special event to commemorate its silver anniversary. And extra special it was—not only in tournament features and participation, but in an enormous outpouring of support from sponsors and players that resulted in the highest-grossing tournament in history. At publication time, the tournament saw an 18 percent increase in net profits over last year's record-setting tournament!

Beautiful fall weather and the ever-popular Cottonwood Creek Golf Course set the stage for a day of fun for the more than 200 golfers who participated. Dozens of enthusiastic MCC volunteers and student athletes were on hand to support the event, which is the largest fundraiser of the year for the MCC Foundation. Proceeds support scholarships and capital needs.

The lunch hour featured recognition of the six MCC coaches who have won national championships in their sports, including the reading of a City of Waco Proclamation declaring October 7, 2011 "MCC National Championship Coaches Day." (See p. 2) The tournament also prompted a reunion of three of the four original masterminds of the event, Butch Henry, Bill Goss and Stan Mitchell, who in 1987 met for lunch at the old Red Barn restaurant to begin planning the first tournament.

Our deepest thanks go out to the almost 100 businesses and individuals 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 third consecutive year.

Plans are underway for the Foundation's 26th Annual Golf Classic on Friday, October 5, 2012. We'll see you there!

## 25TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC, CONTINUED



## National Championship Coaches Feted at Golf Tournament

One of the highlights of the 25th Annual MCC Golf Classic was the recognition of the six MCC coaches who have won national championships in their sports. Waco Mayor Pro-Tem Malcolm Duncan, Jr. read a proclamation declaring October 7, 2011 as "MCC National Championship Coaches Day" in the City of Waco.

Pictured at left are Malcolm Duncan, Jr., Dance Company Director Sandy Hinton (2001, 2009, 2010, 2011), Men's Golf Coach Bob Ammon (1984), Tennis Coach Carmack Berryman (1993, 1997), Baseball Coach Rick Butler (1983), Men's Golf Coach Vince Clark (2009, 2010), and Women's Golf Coach Stan Mitchell (1998, 2002, 2007.)

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Call 299-8604 for more information about the MCC Foundation or to participate in next year's tournament on October 5, 2012.

# Proclamation



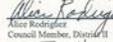
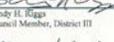
City of Waco

I, JIM BUSH, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Waco, Texas, do hereby Proclaim:

October 7, 2011  
as  
"MCC National Championship Coaches Day"

In the City of Waco, and urge the people of Waco to join with the City Council, the City staff and me in recognizing Bob Ammon, Stan Mitchell, Rick Butler, Sandy Hinton, Vince Clark, and Carmack Berryman for gracing McLennan Community College with their National Championships. We commend them in all of their accomplishments. We salute them for their many years of dedication and loyalty at MCC and in the Waco Community and wish them all continued success!

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the Seal of the City of Waco this 7th day of October, A.D., 2011.

 Jim Bush, Mayor  
 Malcolm Duncan, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member, District V  
 Wilbert Anasie, Council Member, District I  
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## Arts Notes

### FOND FOUNDATION MEMORIES ...



### *Ruth St. Claire Murphy Scholarship Benefits Art, Theatre*

In 1991, the family of MCC supporter and arts lover Ruth St. Clair Murphy established an endowed scholarship in her honor with the MCC Foundation. This picture, sent in by MCC faculty member Dr. Cynthia SoRelle, shows the first awarding of a scholarship from this fund in February 1992. From left are Foundation Board Chair C. Ray Perry, MCC art major Rueben Salazar, Ruth St. Clair Murphy, and Jack M. SoRelle, Murphy's brother-in-law. The endowed Ruth St. Clair Murphy Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship continues making awards to deserving theatre or art students each year.

Ruth St. Claire Murphy was an art major at Milwaukee Downer College. She was a painter and a great lover of theatre. Upon her college graduation, she decided to go to nursing school and join the military as an army nurse, eventually achieving the rank of captain and receiving the Bronze Star for having opened the first field hospital at Normandy after the invasion and battle there. She died in 1996 at the age of 86.

The MCC Foundation can establish endowed (a permanent fund that will generate scholarships forever) and unendowed (gift awarded in its entirety) scholarships for specific programs or initiatives at MCC. Currently, the Foundation has more than 300 named endowed scholarship funds in place to assist deserving students. Please contact Harry Harelik at 299-8606 to create a lasting legacy in honor of your loved one.

## *Steinway*

### CONCERT SERIES 2011-2012



*All concerts are free and begin at 7:30 p.m.  
in the Ball Performing Arts Center.*

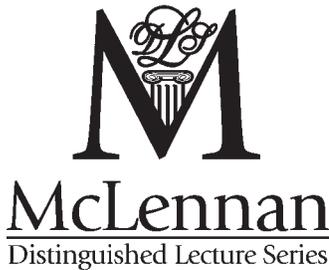
Rich Harney-jazz trio  
*Thursday, January 26, 2012*

MCC Chorale, "Carmina Burana"  
with Andrew and Terri Hudson  
*Monday, April, 30, 2012*

Waco Community Band  
All-Gershwin Concert, featuring  
*Rhapsody in Blue*  
*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

*The Steinway Concert Series is supported by a generous grant from the Greater Waco Performing Arts Council to showcase the All-Steinway Campaign that is raising funds for 27 new Steinway pianos at McLennan Community College. The prestigious designation as an All-Steinway school has elevated MCC to the status enjoyed by many well-known music schools such as Julliard, the Yale School of Music and Carnegie Mellon. The campaign objective is \$911,000, of which over \$650,000 has been raised. To support the arts in McLennan County and the All-Steinway Campaign at MCC, please contact Harry Harelik at 299-8606. Naming and legacy opportunities are available.*

## DR. BEN CARSON LECTURE PACKS HOUSE & INSPIRES MANY



In sharing the story of his life's transformation from struggling inner-city youth to world-renowned neurosurgeon, Dr. Ben Carson left his audiences spellbound with admiration for a man who defied the odds. Themes of self reliance,

perseverance and steely resolve ran strong through his Sept. 20th MCC presentations to rooms packed full of students and community members.

Carson and his wife Candy began their visit to MCC with a campus tour of the MCC Community Clinic, anatomy labs in the Science Building, and a demonstration in the Virtual Human Dissector lab in Health Professions Nursing. Carson then met with students for a frank discussion about making the most of their educational opportunities. Recalling how his childhood dream of becoming a doctor kept him motivated through struggles with peer pressure, a short temper and discrimination in high school and difficult chemistry classes in college, Carson advised students to find their passions and not let hardships or excuses come between them and achieving their dreams.

Evening activities began with a small dinner with MCC leaders and supporters, including Baylor President Ken Starr and his wife Alice and representatives from Waco's Family Health Center. At 5 p.m., the MCC conference center was already packed with guests to view a screening of the TBS movie "Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story." By the time the main lecture began, the conference center and two overflow rooms were packed. In all, more than



1,000 people attended the events to hear the now-legendary doctor—who spoke not so much about his groundbreaking work in neurosurgery, but about family values, self reliance and patriotism.

After the lecture, Carson signed hundreds of his books for fans, some of whom had driven in from Houston

for the event. Also in line was a former patient who could not pass up the opportunity to snap a quick picture and thank the doctor for saving her life.

### About THE MCLENNAN DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

The McLennan Distinguished Lecture Series is funded by the MCC Foundation through generous community donations and is designed to bring nationally known speakers to Waco to discuss politics, science, literature and popular culture. The program began in 2004 with Afghan-American author Tamim Ansary. Dr. James Watson, Nobel prize-winner and co-discoverer of the structure of DNA, spoke in 2005, and Bill Nye, "The Science Guy," came to campus in 2006. The lecturer in 2007 was former U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich and in 2009 was Alice Schroeder, author of Warren Buffet's biography. Last year, investigative reporter Lisa Ling spoke on the importance of a global perspective.

The MDLS committee is selected by the MCC president and comprises staff and faculty from a diverse cross-section of the college. The committee is already making plans for the next Distinguished Lecture event in Fall 2012 or Spring 2013. New and regular contributors to the Foundation can designate their gifts to specific purposes, like the lecture series initiative, if they so choose. For more information, visit [www.mclennan.edu/dls](http://www.mclennan.edu/dls) or contact Harry Harelik at 299-8606 to help sponsor future events.



Dr. Ben Carson and his wife Candy visit with guests at the Distinguished Lecture event book signing.

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I begin my 11th year of service to the MCC Foundation and MCC, I remind friends of the importance of supporting local higher education through current gifts, sponsorships and memorials to the MCC Foundation and ask them to consider longer-term gifts through estate gifts, trust and retirement beneficiary designations, funding endowed scholarships and including the MCC Foundation as a charity of choice for all obituaries.

Current major fundraising campaigns and giving opportunities include:

- *The All-Steinway Campaign* (see p. 3)
- *The MCC Health Professions Complex Campaign*. While the facility was constructed with bond funds, additional funds are needed for technology, equipment and furnishings that could not be covered by the bond monies. Naming opportunities are available in this important new project.
- *The First Generation College Student Endowed Scholarship Campaign* to provide funds to match the Bernard and Audre Rapoport McLennan Community College First Generation College Student Program funding of \$1 million.
- *Charitable Gift Annuity Program*. Patrons over the age of 75 may purchase annuities offering guaranteed income for life and receive a high distribution payout of up to 9.5 percent along with a potential current charitable income tax deduction.

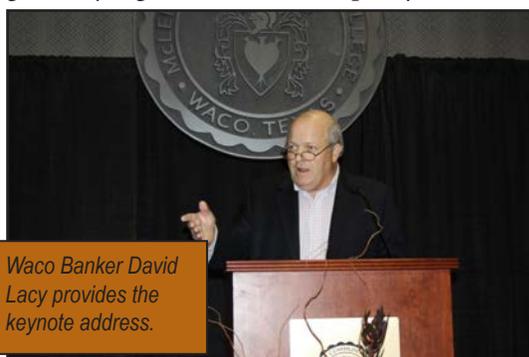
Any gift made to the MCC Foundation is, indeed, an investment in the enriched educational life of our entire community. We welcome your questions and are pleased to provide assistance in realizing your philanthropic wishes.

--Harry Harelík

## Scholarship Recognition 2011

### A CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

The evening of September 13th was a splendid night of celebration as the MCC Foundation hosted its 11th Annual Scholarship Recognition event. It truly was a night to remember, celebrating the achievement for the hundreds of scholars and their families who were awarded MCC Foundation scholarships and celebrating the generosity of the donors who established 14 new endowed scholarships or gave major gifts to MCC in the past year.



the audience to ponder where our community would be without it.

Guests were also treated to a special musical presentation by MCC vocal student Brooke Leonberger. The Highlander Alumni Association celebrated excellence with the presentation of the 2011 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Student Leader Awards (see p. 6.)

David Lacy, president of Community Bank and Trust and long-time Waco city leader and philanthropist, provided the keynote address to the rapt audience. Lacy outlined the many ways McLennan Community College benefits the community and challenged

### ALUMNI *Spotlight*



*Kenneth Jones, Jr., left, with Boys Club Executive Director Bubba Meyers*

### *An Upward (Bound) Trajectory*

While Kenneth Jones, Jr. moves easily among the movers and shakers in his role as community affairs manager for the Plano-based Rent-A-Center Corporation, he has never forgotten the people and places he came from. That awareness resulted in a recent gift to Waco-area Boys and Girls Clubs that will greatly enhance opportunities for inner-city youth.

On Sept. 8, Jones coordinated the grand opening of a new teen recreation center at Waco's Brownfield Branch of the Boys and Girls Club. The RAC Room, named after Rent-A-Center, serves as a social location for youth to gather where they can learn and interact in a safe, positive environment. The new RAC Room sports lounging furniture, flat screen TVs, game consoles and a refrigerator.

Founded more than 100 years ago, the Waco Boys and Girls Clubs are the oldest clubs in Texas, and they often provided a young Jones a safe and healthy haven while he was growing up in Waco. Later, while he was a student at Waco High School, Jones participated

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## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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### ALUMNI AWARDS HONOR ACHIEVEMENT

Bill Goss of Waco was awarded the 2011 McLennan Community College Distinguished Alumni Award from the MCC Highlander Alumni Association. Goss began his collegiate career at MCC in 1970 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Baylor University. In 2005, he chaired the Friends of MCC committee to develop and implement a master plan for an MCC bond election. The following year, the \$74 million bond election passed and has resulted in three new buildings, numerous other campus improvements, and an enrollment that this semester topped 10,000 students. Goss has spent 35 years in the banking/financial services industry in Waco, and he currently serves as president of AMC Financial Holdings, Inc.



*MCC President Dr. Johnette McKown, left, with Dr. Sandy Goss, Bill Goss, and Alumni Association Director Kim Patterson.*



*MCC President Dr. Johnette McKown, left, with Distinguished Young Leader Cody James and Alumni Association Director Kim Patterson.*

Cody James of Waco was awarded the 2011 McLennan Community College Distinguished Young Leader Award from the MCC Highlander Alumni Association. James served as a founding member and President of the MCC Engineering and Physics Club. He was the first MCC student to complete an Associate of Applied Science with a field of study in Engineering, graduating with honors in May 2011 with a 3.557 g.p.a.

He was also a MAC Scholar and member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. James is continuing his education at the University of Texas at Arlington and plans to become a nuclear engineer.

## ALUMNI *Spotlight, continued*

in the Upward Bound program at MCC. As an Upward Bound alumnus, he was eligible to take two MCC courses through the Upward Bound Bridge Program. Jones was one of the first students to receive the newly created MAC Grant through the Waco Foundation in 1995, and he continued to participate in the Upward Bound Program as a tutor until he received his Associate of Arts degree from MCC in 1997.

After completing his studies at MCC, Jones enrolled at the University of North Texas in Denton. Thanks to the generosity of MAC Grant founder Malcolm Duncan, Jones received an extension of his MAC grant at UNT. Jones received his Bachelor's degree in Social Work and is pursuing his Master's of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix.

Jones joined Rent-A-Center as a paralegal in 2008 but quickly expanded his responsibilities outside of the legal department. In October 2008, he was promoted to Public Affairs Coordinator and soon thereafter to Public Affairs Manager. His extensive background in social services and legal support enables him to successfully manage the corporate philanthropic efforts on behalf of Rent-A-Center's more than 17,500 coworkers.

Jones leads local community affairs initiatives to meet the philanthropic objectives of Rent-A-Center. His main goal is to develop national community programs on behalf of Rent-A-Center's 3,000-plus stores. He also creates and maintains partnerships with 501c3 nonprofit organizations that impact communities on both the local and national levels. He represents the company throughout the local and professional community via relationship building, public speaking and event attendance.

In his spare time, Jones serves on the advisory board of Washington, D.C. based Luke's Wings, a nonprofit organization that provides travel arrangements for the families of hospitalized soldiers. He is the son of Kenneth Jones, Sr. and longtime MCC staff member Patsy Jones. Jones can be reached at [Kenneth.Jones@Rentacenter.com](mailto:Kenneth.Jones@Rentacenter.com).



*Kenneth Jones, Jr., left, with proud parents Patsy and Kenneth Jones, Sr.*

## HIGHLANDER ASSUMES LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI PRESIDENCY

Austin attorney and MCC alumnus David Courreges recently assumed the presidency of the St. Mary's University Law Alumni Association for the 2011-2012 year. Courreges has been a member of the Law Alumni Association's Board of Directors since 2006, and, at age 34, is the youngest president the Association has had in 25 years.

Courreges was a student at McLennan Community College in the late 1990s and then went on to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas. He attended St. Mary's University School of Law, where he served as president of the Student Bar Association before graduating in 2005. Today, he leads the governmental and legislative affairs division of the Austin law firm of De Leon & Washburn, where he practices in the areas of administrative law, association law and mediation. He is also an adjunct professor at St. Mary's where he teaches a graduate level course in legislative policy and procedure and helped create the Frank J. Madla and Irma Rangel Legislative Internship Program.



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*Editor's Note: If you are an alumnus of McLennan Community College and would like to be featured in a future edition of "Alumni Spotlight," please contact Kim Patterson, Alumni Director, at [kpatterson@mclennan.edu](mailto:kpatterson@mclennan.edu)*

*\*Join the Highlander Alumni Association! Membership is free and includes benefits.*

*Register at <http://alumni.mclennan.edu>.*

## NEW SCHOLARSHIP HONORS VICTOR JEFFRESS

A new scholarship, the Iris and Victor Jeffress Scholarship for Business and Nursing, was recently funded by Iris Jeffress in honor and memory of her husband, former MCC Library Director



Victor Jeffress, who passed away in 2010. Mr. Jeffress, shown in this archived photo, was Director of Library Services at McLennan Community College from 1969 until his retirement in 1981. Mrs. Jeffress felt that a fitting tribute to Victor would be a fund that will distribute \$10,000 annually to MCC students who are pursuing business or nursing degrees. We thank Iris for her commitment to education and to the students in our community!

## 2012-2013 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ONLINE

Since its inception, the primary mission of the MCC Foundation has been to solicit and invest donations for the funding of scholarships. To date, the MCC Foundation has awarded 3,445 scholarships worth more than \$3.4 million. With tuition increasing annually and book costs spiraling upward, scholarships are an ever more important piece of a student's financial aid package.

The 2012-2013 MCC Foundation scholarship application is now online, and the deadline to apply for scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year is January 18th. The application may be accessed *here* or by visiting the Foundation web page at [www.mclennan.edu/foundation](http://www.mclennan.edu/foundation).

Contact Lance Summey at [lsummey@mclennan.edu](mailto:lsummey@mclennan.edu) for more information about the scholarship award process. To discuss endowing a permanent scholarship at MCC, please contact Harry Harelik at [hharelik@mclennan.edu](mailto:hharelik@mclennan.edu).

## Making Your Holiday List?



As you look forward to holiday giving, consider making a lasting gift to a friend or loved one with a contribution to the MCC Foundation. We offer a variety of gift ideas, ranging from stocking stuffers to permanent campus improvements:

- Chances to win a beautiful 60" x 60" quilt to benefit the Homer Allison Scholarship (drawing Dec. 9, 2011!)
- Foundation Holiday Gift Cards to the scholarship or capital fund of your choosing. We will prepare a lovely gift card and deliver it to you or to the lucky recipient.
- Chances to win a gorgeous diamond bracelet to benefit the Hearts in the Arts Gala (drawing Feb. 23, 2012!)
- Highlander Legacy Plaza Brick Pavers—a permanent tribute on the MCC campus

For information about any of these gift ideas, contact Rose at the MCC Foundation at 299-8604 or [rdeleon@mclennan.edu](mailto:rdeleon@mclennan.edu).

HONORARIUMS *and* MEMORIALS TO THE FOUNDATION  
JULY 1, 2011 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

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*memorials*

*In Honor of Kari Lynn Dulin Baker, by:*  
Charles and Alisa Petree

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Drs. Jim and Cindy SoRelle

*In Honor of Bill Goss' 60th Birthday, by:*  
Harry I. Harelik  
Drs. Stanley and Johnette McKown

*In Celebration of Paul Marable, Jr.'s 90th Birthday, by:*  
Harry I. Harelik  
Betty Marable

*In Honor of The MCC Child Development and Karen Briggs  
and Rachel Ennis, by:*  
Thomas and Nancy Neill

*In Honor of Drs. Bill and Ruth Pitts 50th Anniversary, by:*  
Harry I. Harelik  
Jim and Judy Haller

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Charles and Alisa Petree

*In Honor of Christi Walker, by:*  
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Drs. Jim and Cindy SoRelle

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Scholar & Mentor, by:*  
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Harry I. Harelik

**HONORARIUMS *and* MEMORIALS**  
**TO THE FOUNDATION, *continued***

JULY 1, 2011 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

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Patty Davis  
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Mr. and Mrs. Glen LaPorte and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Kurt LaPorte and Family  
Ms. Sue Oliver and Mark, Ginger, Alex,  
and Adam Oliver  
William and Lenora Parrish  
Mr. and Mrs. Travis Riggert

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Harry I. Harelik

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Nick and Fay Gutierrez  
Donnie and Cathy Hagan  
Harry I. Harelik

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Harry I. Harelik

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Nick and Fay Gutierrez  
Fred and Barbara Hills  
April Robinson  
Mark and Lorraine Stansel

*In Memory of Shirley Watts, by:*  
Donnie and Cathy Hagan

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**Hearts in the Arts Gala Features "Pippin"**

*February 23, 2012*

Mark your calendars for the 11th Annual MCC Foundation Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012! Guests will begin their evening with a cocktail buffet at the Ridgewood-area home of Dr. Steve and Sharron Cutbirth, followed by the McLennan Theatre performance of "Pippin" at the Ball Performing Arts Center. This year, we have moved the event to a Thursday night to avoid conflicts with other weekend events, so we sincerely hope you can join us! Invitations will be mailed in early January and sponsorships are now being accepted. For more information, or to receive an invitation, call 299-8604 or e-mail [rdeleon@mcclennan.edu](mailto:rdeleon@mcclennan.edu)