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in your annual giving
and estate planning.*

GIFT HIGHLIGHT OF SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

The largest single donation ever received in McLennan Community College's history was announced Sept. 3 at the MCC Foundation's annual scholarship reception. The \$575,000 gift from Waco philanthropists Jim and Nell Hawkins will fund a water feature plaza and two stained-glass art pieces adorning the new science building that will be complete in 2009.



**Benefactors Jim and Nell Hawkins
with Dr. Dennis Michaelis.**

"Jim and Nell Hawkins have been wonderful supporters of our college," said MCC Foundation Executive Director Harry Harelik. "Their generosity has enhanced our community immeasurably, and we are fortunate to have them as friends."

The gift was the highlight of an evening brimming with positive news, including the recognition of seven new endowed scholarship donors. Supporters receiving recognition for major gifts up to \$25,000 included Rick and Sharon Butler, Karen Conine, The Dwyer Group, Dave and Dottie Fornoff, Paul Gonzalez, Ruth M. Laird Hix and Murray and Greta Watson. In addition, Tom Stanton, executive director of The Rapoport Foundation, was recognized for helping the Rapoport Foundation set up a \$50,000 endowed scholarship and an



**Randy Cox, Tom Stanton
and Harry Harelik.**

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Alumni Spotlight

Making a Difference



**MCC Graduate
Terri McLennan, RN, MSN, LNC**

It's a long way from McLennan Community College to Las Vegas, Nevada, but for Terri McLennan, the ties are not easily broken. For starters, there's the name that she shares with her alma mater as well as with McLennan County's namesake Neil McLennan. The McLennan family's homestead is the Speegville area.

Terri graduated from the MCC nursing program in 1998 and went on to earn her master's degree from the University of Phoenix.

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But, she says, she has never forgotten the opportunity that MCC gave her.

"I am very connected to MCC sentimentally because it gave me my first opportunity to do something with my life," she says.

Today, Terri lives and works in Las Vegas, teaching in the nursing program at the College of Southern Nevada. As part of what she terms "my life-long commitment to education and self improvement," she currently is finishing her studies in Marriage, Family, and Child therapy and is an intern in the Community Counseling Center in Las Vegas. Her long-term goal is to acquire her Nurse Practitioner license so she can help patients in a holistic manner with both mind and body issues. Terri is a

published author of self-help materials and she speaks about her MCC education in her book "Prescription to Destiny."

As for Terri's destiny, it appears intrinsically tied to Waco and MCC.

"It is my dream that my life path brings me back to MCC as a faculty member to share all that I have learned with those who are just beginning, and to let them know we can have our dreams if we stay on our path and believe."

Away from school and work, Terri enjoys playing tennis and practicing amateur photography while exploring the nearby Red Rock Canyon outside Las Vegas. She can be reached at terri.mclennan@csn.edu.



MCC alumna and nursing instructor Terri McLennan, back right, with nursing students at the College of Southern Nevada.

RAPOPORT SCHOLARS ANNOUNCED

In December 2007, the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Foundation announced a new \$250,000 gift to the MCC Foundation to continue and enhance the MCC First Generation College Student Initiative. Part of this gift includes transfer scholarships for 3rd- and 4th-year college tuition at a University of Texas system school.

Three of the first beneficiaries under this new program were announced recently at the Waco Foundation scholarship awards program, hosted by the Waco Foundation and the MCC Foundation. They include Denise Rodriguez, Santiago Salas and Salvador Medina. Denise has already begun her studies at the University of Texas at Arlington and Santiago and Salvador will begin in the spring.

We extend hearty congratulations to these students, along with our sincerest appreciation to the Rapoport Foundation for its strong commitment to the MCC Foundation and our students!



Denise Rodriguez



Santiago Salas



Salvador Medina

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ALUMNI UPDATE

The Highlander Alumni Association is growing strong ... having relied on mostly word of mouth promotion, the association has grown to more than 470 members since its debut in mid-April! Members hail from throughout Texas, as well as distant locales including New Jersey, Nevada, California, Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Wisconsin, and the Czech Republic. Almost every graduating class in MCC's history has at least one representative in the association, and 28 campus organizations have formed interest groups on the social networking site.

The association has been busy working on branding, planning fall events and establishing discounts and other member benefits. Among these: members will receive a 20 percent discount on season tickets for McLennan Theatre and a whopping 50 percent off the ticket price for the Oct. 2 Tommy Emmanuel concert at the Bosque River Stage.

The first official Alumni Association event will be Thursday, October 2, when we host the "Alumni and Friends Reunion Picnic" at the beautiful McLennan Gardens near campus. The picnic will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude early enough for guests to make it down to the Bosque River Stage for the Tommy Emmanuel concert at 8. The picnic is free to association members and \$5 for each additional guest. For more information, visit the alumni web site at <http://alumni.mclennan.edu> and click on "Alumni and Friends Reunion Picnic."

Remember ... the Highlander Alumni Association is for alumni *AND FRIENDS* of MCC ... you don't have to be a graduate or even a former student to join! The association welcomes members from campus (including current students), retirees and friends in the community who have an interest in MCC. There is no cost to join, but there are numerous benefits. For more information, contact us at alumni@mclennan.edu.

A rare 1968 MCC class ring that belongs to MCC graduate Robert Hawkins.



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additional \$200,000 in current scholarship funds to support the college's First Generation College Student Initiative.

The students and donors in attendance were treated to delightful memories and pearls of wisdom by keynote speaker

Andy Harwell, an MCC alumnus and now County Clerk of McLennan County. Harwell regaled the group with tales from his classes at MCC and reflections on the friendships made while he was a student,



including a simple reminder of how balance is the key to success in college and in life: "never let your highs get too high or your lows get too low."

Aside from being a community leader and MCC alumnus, Harwell is also an MCC donor: he and his brother established a golf tournament in honor of their father, longtime McLennan County Sheriff Jack Harwell, who passed away in 2000. To date, the tournament has raised more than \$50,000 for scholarships at MCC.

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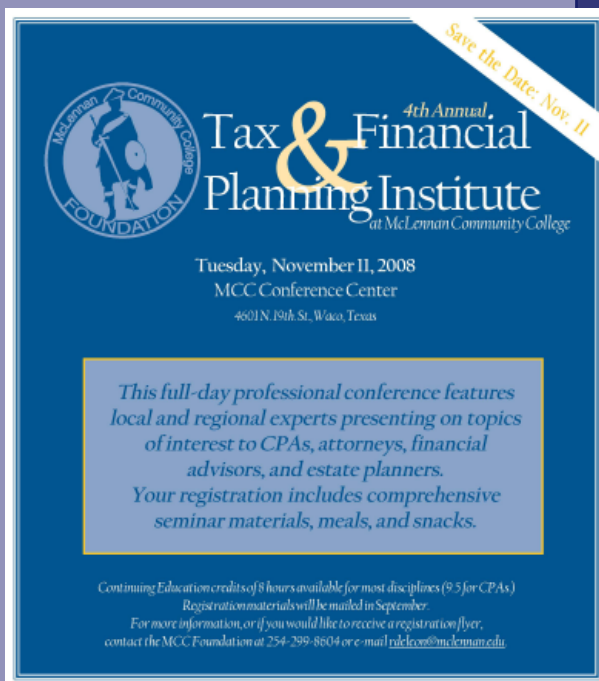
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MCC FOUNDATION NEWS

Plans are well underway for the MCC Foundation's 4th annual Tax and Financial Planning Institute, scheduled for Nov. 11 at the MCC Conference Center.

Seven speakers from St. Louis, Waco, Ft. Worth, Dallas and Temple are scheduled to cover a multitude of topics for the benefit of local CPAs, attorneys, financial planners, trust officers, estate planners, investment professionals and insurance professionals.

Professional education credits will be available for all disciplines. To be included on the invitation mailing list, contact the Foundation office at 299-8604 or e-mail Rose DeLeon at rdeleon@mclennan.edu.



Save the Date: Nov. 11

Tax & Financial Planning Institute
4th Annual
at McLennan Community College

Tuesday, November 11, 2008
MCC Conference Center
4601 N. 19th St., Waco, Texas

This full-day professional conference features local and regional experts presenting on topics of interest to CPAs, attorneys, financial advisors, and estate planners. Your registration includes comprehensive seminar materials, meals, and snacks.

Continuing Education credits of 8 hours available for most disciplines (9.5 for CPAs)
Registration materials will be mailed in September.
For more information, or if you would like to receive a registration flyer, contact the MCC Foundation at 254-299-8604 or e-mail rdeleon@mclennan.edu

Events Calendar

Highlander Alumni Association Alumni and Friends Reunion Picnic

• 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2 at the McLennan Gardens at 1728 Powell Drive by the Highlands Gym. Visit <http://alumni.mclennan.edu> for more information.

Guitar Legend Tommy Emmanuel in Concert

• 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2 at the Bosque River Stage. Call the Box Office at 299-8200 for tickets.



(Alumni Association members receive a 50% discount: \$10 tickets instead of \$20!)

MCC Foundation Golf Tournament

• 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. flights, Friday, Oct. 3 at Cottonwood Creek Golf Course. Deadline for player reservations is Sept. 30. Call 299-8604 to register.

4th Annual Tax and Financial Planning Institute

• 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 11 at the MCC Conference Center. Call 299-8604 to register.



MCC Foundation-Granite Ford Golf Classic

Expanding support for student success



Friday, October 3, 2008

Cottonwood Creek Golf Course
Flights tee off at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Cost: \$100, includes golf, player gifts, continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks.

Player deadline: Sept. 30. Call 299-8604 to register!

MCC Faculty Profile:

Dr. Arvis Scott

Hometown: Jasper, Texas (in deep southeast Texas, the Piney Woods region)

Courses teaching this semester: Freshman Composition I and American Literature to the Civil War

Favorite quote: “Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.” —Robert Kennedy, 1966 (one of my heroes)

What book are you reading right now? I just completed *Same Kind of Different as Me*.

Who is your favorite author? As an English teacher, it would be difficult to list one favorite author. I have many: Herman Melville, Edgar Allan Poe, James Baldwin, Toni Morrison, William Faulkner, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Frederick Douglass, Doris Kearns Goodwin, Richard Wright ... just to name a few.

Name three jobs you’ve had. I have worked at my family’s funeral home as a secretary; I have taught high school English; I worked as a Pepsi girl in a grocery store after graduating from college until I found a teaching job.

Best advice you ever received: “Do the right thing and you don’t have to worry.”

What do you consider the greatest skill a student should have? A strong work ethic.

What is the most valuable thing you have learned from a student? One of the most valuable lessons I learned occurred when I first started teaching at MCC. I did not use the title of Dr. in my classes. I



Dr. Arvis Scott has taught English to MCC students for 13 years.

was a little self-conscious. When one of my female students found out I had a Ph.D., she said I should use it and tell all of my students. She said it was inspirational for her—I was a role model of what a woman (a person) could achieve. I had never thought of it that way.

If you could spend a day with any literary figure, who would you pick? Why? If I could spend a day with two literary figures, one would be Mark Twain. I would like to ask him what he thought of the controversy surrounding his book *Huckleberry Finn*. The other would be Zora Neale Hurston. If I could spend the day with two male historical figures, one would be Martin Luther King Jr. The other would be Franklin D. Roosevelt. If I could spend the day with two historical female figures, one would be Jackie Kennedy, and the other would be Ida B. Wells-Barnett, who worked tirelessly to awaken society to the horrors of lynching in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. She was a courageous woman.

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In Honor of Homer Allison

Donation Given by: Mr. Harry I. Harelik

In Honor of Bill and Sandy Goss' Marriage

Donation Given by: Mrs. Mary M. Goss
Mr. Harry I. Harelik

In Honor of Rondy Gray's Birthday

Donation Given by: Mr. Harry I. Harelik

In Honor of Lindsay Reed

Donation Given by: Ambassador and Mrs.
Lyndon L. Olson, Jr.



In Memory of Charles Scott Adams

Donation Given by: Mr. Harry I. Harelik

In Memory of Avonelle (Ava) Gilmore Andrews

Donation Given by: Mr. Harry I. Harelik

In Memory of Helen Bryant

Donation Given by: Mr. Harry I. Harelik
Dr. Carole A. Lowe
Mrs. Kim A. Patterson
Dr. Ruth Landes Pitts
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Rambo

In Memory of Pearl Christian

Donation Given by: Mr. Harry I. Harelik

In Memory of Russell Cummings

Donation Given by: Ms. L. R. Dodd

In Memory of Robert W. "Bob" Gentry

Donation Given by: Mrs. Nancy Neill

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In Memory Frances Green Fox

Donation Given by: Donnie and Cathy Hagan

In Memory of Tonie M. Havelka

Donation Given by: Ms. Mary L. Feltman

In Memory of Carole Johnson

Donation Given by: Robert and Michelle
Johnson

In Memory of Charles Lee

Donation Given by: Mr. Harry I. Harelik
Mrs. Linda Stanford

In Memory of Ripple McGregor

Donation Given by: Mr. Harry I. Harelik
Dr. Sandra Reyna Goss

In Memory of Larry Moss

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Donation Given by: Mr. Robert D. Ford
Mrs. Linda Stanford

In Memory Herbert Patlis

Donation Given by: Mr. Harry I. Harelik

In Memory of James Plemons

Donation Given by: Robert and Michelle
Johnson

In Memory of Butch Pruett

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In Memory of Lloyd and Mary Pruett

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Johnson

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MEMORIALS TO THE FOUNDATION JUNE 13 - SEPTEMBER 12, 2008

In Memory of Sadie Shelburne

Donation Given by: Mr. Harry I. Harelik

In Memory of Juanita Smith

Donation Given by: Mr. and Mrs. John R. Alexander
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Mr. and Mrs. John B. McNamara, III.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Smith
Waco Habitat for Humanity
Waco High School
Waco Tribune-Herald

In Memory of Frank D. Taylor

Donation Given by: Mr. Robert D. Ford
Mr. Harry I. Harelik

In Memory of Silverio Trujillio

Donation Given by: Mr. Harry I. Harelik

Nine great ways to give to MCC:

- In honor of a birthday or anniversary
- In memory of someone at their passing or on the anniversary of their passing
- With annual gifts just before year end (for potential income tax savings)
- With appreciated securities ... donors can avoid capital gains taxes and can take a charitable deduction for the full value of the investment on the date of the gift
- By donating paid-up life insurance or by naming the Foundation as one of the beneficiaries of a life insurance policy
- Join the McLennan President's Circle by funding a named endowed scholarship (\$15,000 for a standard scholarship or \$25,000 for a presidential scholarship.) The fund need not be funded all at one time and, once funded, it will award scholarships annually ... *forever*. An endowed scholarship is a wonderful way to have the name of a loved one, teacher, friend or business live on into the future.
- By naming the MCC Foundation as a favored charity in the obituary of a loved one, or making sure your loved ones know to name the MCC Foundation as a favored charity if you, the donor, should pass away
- Join the Highlander Legacy Society through deferred giving, which is naming the MCC Foundation as a beneficiary in your will. A defined amount or a percentage of the estate may be given.
- By naming the MCC Foundation as a beneficiary of an IRA or retirement plan

To learn more, contact Harry Harelik at 254-299-8606 or hharelik@mclennan.edu.



Something to Watch For ...

Check out the October *Waco Today* magazine, which will feature an article on the 25th Anniversary

Reunion of MCC's 1983 National Championship Baseball Team. The team will reunite Oct. 3-4 in conjunction with the MCC Foundation Golf Tournament.