

For Friends and Supporters of the MCC Foundation & MCC Alumni

MCLENNAN HIGHLANDER QUARTERLY

*In this issue: Rapoport \$1 Million Gift • New Board Members
Steinway Update • Hearts in the Arts Gala Recap • Golf Tournament
Scholarship Update • Alumni News • Honorariums and Memorial Gifts*

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

SPRING 2011

RAPOPORT GIVES \$1 MILLION GIFT TO MCC

The Bernard and Audre Rapoport Foundation of Waco is donating \$1 million to the McLennan Community

College Foundation for MCC's innovative First Generation College Student Initiative (FGCSI), the college announced at a press conference April 19.

The \$1 million grant will be awarded over five years to permanently endow a scholarship fund for first-generation college students at MCC. It is the largest single gift the college has received in its 45-year history.

"People need to know and appreciate what MCC does for its students and our entire community," longtime Waco philanthropist Bernard Rapoport said. "I am proud to be associated with MCC's efforts and I hope what our Rapoport Foundation does with MCC will encourage others to help MCC, too."

Because of the gift, the FGCSI will be permanently endowed as the Bernard and Audre Rapoport McLennan Community College First Generation Scholarship Program.

"We at McLennan Community College are grateful for the considerable

support the Rapoport Foundation has historically provided our students and community, who are the beneficiaries of their generosity. This

latest gift supports future generations in a way that makes a major difference in the life of our community," said MCC President Johnette McKown.

First-generation students are students who are the first in their family

to attend college and, as a result, lack familiarity with college procedures and academic rigor. MCC's FGCSI has assisted more than 60 students with scholarships, mentoring and counseling to enhance student success and college completion.

The FGCSI program began in 2006 with \$100,000 of seed money from the Rapoport Foundation to launch the program and partially fund a director. Other gifts totaling \$350,000 from TG Public Benefits of Round Rock, Texas, helped develop materials for the program and fund scholarships.

In the five years since the program was founded, the Rapoport

See Rapoport, p. 2



MCC President Johnette McKown is shown with Rapoport Foundation Board member Lyndon Olson, Jr., Executive Director Tom Stanton and MCC Foundation Executive Director Harry Harelik at the announcement of the \$1 million gift on April 19.



FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS 2011

The McLennan Community College Foundation is pleased to welcome the following new board members for three-year terms beginning in 2011:

Louie Englander, Luanne Klaras,
Paul McClinton, Bill Patterson,
Murray Watson, Jr.

In addition, the following officers were elected for 2011:

Chair: Dottie Fornoff
Vice Chair: Bill Goss
Secretary: Dr. Johnette McKown
Treasurer: Ann Roznovsky

Other members include:
Mike Bidwell, Diane Castello,
Randy Cox, Ray Deaver, Rony Gray,
Fay Gutierrez, Harry Harelik, K. Paul
Holt, Annette Lindsey, Johnny Mankin,
John Montez, Barbara Patrick,
Nelwyn Reagan, Tom Salome,
Lisa Sheldon and Enid Wade.

The members of the MCC Board of Trustees and MCC Foundation board are community volunteers who selflessly invest their time and talents to guide McLennan Community College.

ALL-STEINWAY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

by: Harry Harelik



As the chart above indicates, the MCC Foundation's All-Steinway Campaign, with a total goal of \$911,000 to pay for 27 new Steinway pianos (one concert grand, five smaller grand pianos and 21 upright pianos) for the MCC campus, has raised just over \$600,000 since January 1, 2010. This goal includes \$300,000 for an endowed maintenance fund to maintain the pianos in perfect tune and condition. The list below indicates major donors (\$1,000 and over) to the campaign. We are delighted with our progress!

The new pianos have created a new culture in the music department at MCC, ranging from the newly remodeled practice rooms with security codes, to the students

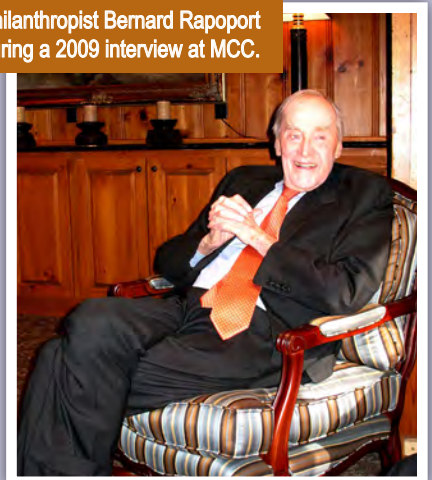
standing in line to practice, to the increases in music and piano majors applying for admission. The upgraded status of MCC to one of only three community colleges in the entire country (and only the 3rd two- OR four-year college in the state of Texas) to be an All-Steinway school is tremendously helpful to MCC's attractiveness to new students and new faculty alike. The campaign continues, and naming opportunities as well as installment payout of pledges are available.

If you haven't joined the MCC Foundation's All-Steinway campaign yet, there is still plenty of time! Please contact Harry Harelik at hharelik@mcclennan.edu.

Rapoport Gift, *continued*

Foundation has provided an additional \$300,000 in scholarship money for MCC first-generation students, as well as first-generation students who successfully completed their studies at MCC and then transferred to a state-supported four-year college in Texas.

Philanthropist Bernard Rapoport during a 2009 interview at MCC.



"B" (Rapoport) loves people who are first-generation anything," Rapoport Foundation board member Lyndon Olson, Jr. said at the press conference announcing the gift. "He loves to see people come from behind and do well."

"We are thrilled with the commitment shown by the Rapoport Foundation to higher education in McLennan County," said Harry Harelik, MCC Foundation executive director. "Our experience shows that first-generation students who have financial and academic support are demonstrably more successful at remaining in college and at completing class work satisfactorily than those who don't have this kind of support. Thanks to the generosity of the Rapoport Foundation board of trustees, many students who want to attend and succeed in college will be able to do so."

Dr. Lynn Abernathy	John Erwin Construction Co.	Ms. Becky Parker
Allergan Foundation	ExtraCo Banks	Mr. and Mrs. Don Parks
American Bank	Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fornoff	Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry
Hatch Bailey	Mr. Jon Fox	Drs. William and Ruth Pitts
Bank of America	Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gooch	Dr. Bill and Mrs. Katherine Pitts
Cooper Foundation	Mr. and Mrs. Heyward Green	Dr. and Mrs. Ross Reagan
Community Bank & Trust	Mr. and Mrs. Jim Haller	Mr. and Mrs. Al Roznovsky
/Lacy Family	Mr. Harry Harelik	Dr. and Mrs. Darrell Slette
Mr. Lane Collins	Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hooten	Ms. Lorraine Stansel
Cooper Foundation	Insurors of Texas & Investors	Mr. and Mrs. Willard Still
Mr. and Mrs. Randy Cox	Brokerage	Mrs. Elizabeth Uhl
Mr. and Mrs. Bland Cromwell	Ms. Missy Kittner	Ms. Beth Ullman
Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Dietz	MCC Foundation Hearts in Arts	Waco Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Echols	Drs. Stan and Johnette McKown	Wells Fargo Bank
Mr. Tommy Edds & Mrs. Lise Uhl	Mr. Rob Page	
Mr. Winifred Emmons	Mr. Bill Pakis	

HEARTS IN THE ARTS *Gala* 2011

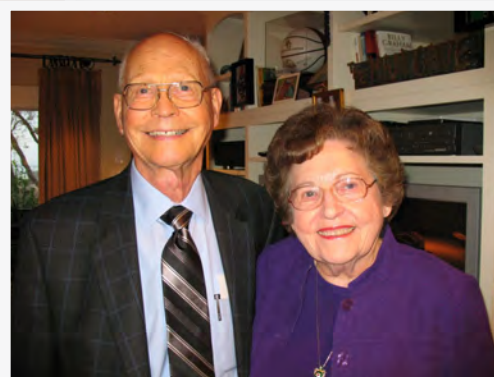
“PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE” SPELLED G-R-E-A-T FUN

The MCC Foundation’s 10th Annual Hearts in the Arts Gala was the place to “Bee” on the evening of Feb. 26th. A crowd of more than 200 gathered for a pairing of delicious food and delightful entertainment with the McLennan Theatre performance of “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.”

Guests began their evening with cocktails and dinner at the lovely Ridge-wood-area home of Hatch Bailey. Then, it was off to the Ball Performing Arts Center

for the night’s performance of this Tony Award-winning musical that was packed with humor and fun, particularly for the audience members who participated in the spell-off! The highlight of the night was the raffle drawing for a stunning 1.5 carat diamond ring that was won by longtime MCC supporter Ray Deaver.

Thanks go out to the hosts, sponsors, patrons, faculty and students who made the 10th Annual Hearts in the Arts Gala an experience to remember.



Thanks

TO OUR 2011 GALA SPONSORS:

Dinner Host:
Hatch Bailey

Noah Webster Sponsor
Waco Tribune-Herald*

Synonym Sponsors
H-E-B

Kindler’s Gem Jewelers*
Dr. Eddie and Ellie Morrison

Homonym Sponsors
Dr. Darrell and Donna Slette—WRS
Athletic Club

‘I Before E’ Sponsors

Ray and Ellen Deaver
Leslie and Virginia DuPuy
David and Dorothy Fornoff
Drs. William and Ruth Pitts
Harry Reed—Reed’s Flowers
Dr. Harvey and Jo Spark

* In-kind

Hearts in the Arts Patrons

Heyward & Marsha Green, Benefactor
Dr. Darrell & Donna Slette, Benefactor
Dr. & Mrs. Wilbur Ball, Double Patron
Mrs. Spencer Brown, Double Patron
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Fornoff, Double Patron
Drs. William & Ruth Pitts, Double Patron
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Ravenscroft, Double Patron
Drs. Clay & Dianne Sawyer, Double Patron
Mr. Peter Blaskiewicz, Single Patron
Carson Hoge, Supporting Member
Anne Jolliff, Supporting Member
Mr. & Mrs. David Neisch, Supporting Member

Presented by
TARGET RESTORATION



Save the Date

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011
COTTONWOOD CREEK GOLF COURSE

Now accepting sponsorships

Contact the MCC Foundation at **299-8606**
or **hharelik@mclennan.edu**.

Proceeds benefit student scholarships at MCC.

Watch for registration information in August.

MCC Foundation Golf Classic: A 25th anniversary celebration

Planning is underway now for the 25th annual golf tournament for McLennan Community College, organized by the McLennan Community College Foundation and presented again this year by Target Restoration.

Thousands of dollars have been raised over the years through this golf tournament to supplement MCC student needs that are not covered by institutional budgets. Tuition, books and many more needs are provided by tournament proceeds for students who otherwise would not have the resources to complete their college education.

This year, the tournament will be packed with special hole contests, upgraded silent auction prizes and memorable participant gifts. A special \$2,500 sponsor level has been created to celebrate this milestone of one of the area's oldest continually operating golf tournament fundraisers.

Mark your calendars now for this extra special event for the MCC Foundation. We hope you will join us as a sponsor and/or participant on October 7th!



HIGHLANDER LEGACY PLAZA OFFERS A PERMANENT TRIBUTE SPOT

MCC supporters seeking a permanent way to recognize friends, teachers, loved ones or colleagues still have the opportunity to purchase brick pavers in the Highlander Legacy Plaza on the MCC campus.

The MCC Foundation will be submitting a new order for pavers by June 1, so orders for this batch are now being accepted using this [form](#). Supporters may choose from regular (4" x 8") or large (9" x 9") pavers that will be permanently installed in the plaza.



The Highlander Legacy Plaza is a scenic student gathering spot adjacent to the Dennis F. Michaelis Academic Center (MAC building) on the MCC campus. The Highlander Legacy Plaza and a mall connect the classroom building with existing campus buildings such as the

Learning Technology Center and Student Center.

For more information about the Highlander Legacy Plaza or other naming opportunities on campus, contact the MCC Foundation at 299-8604 or e-mail hharelik@mcclennan.edu.

2011-2012 FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



One of the primary activities of the MCC Foundation is to raise money for and then oversee awarding of scholarships for the best and brightest McLennan County students.

Each year, an independent scholarship committee comprising up to 12 volunteers reviews all scholarship applicants, seeking those with high character, top academic ability and financial need. The goal is to award as many scholarships as possible by May 1 of each year.

This spring, the MCC scholarship committee reviewed 592 applications for MCC Foundation scholarships to be awarded during the 2011-2012 academic year. Applicants were graded based on financial need, academic merit and recommendations, and were matched with scholarships based on the criteria established by the donor.

As of mid-April, the Foundation has mailed out award packets to almost 200 scholarship recipients. The committee will continue to award up to 75 additional scholarships throughout the spring and summer as new funds arrive and as different committees make their nominations known. The 2012-2013 application will be available online after Oct. 1, 2011. For more information about the scholarship process, contact Lance Summey at lsummey@mcclennan.edu.

ALUMNI *Spotlight*



A Lifetime Connection to MCC

When Jodi Dickau chose to attend MCC in the late 1980s, she and her friends called it “Robinson on the Brazos” because so many of their high school classmates attended here.

Socially, she said, “You always had good friends around. I have met many great friends at MCC and am still friends with them today.”

Dickau, who recently was promoted to Vice President of Human Resources for Community Bank and Trust in Waco, began her higher education journey at MCC without a specific destination in mind.

“I originally thought I would go into education, but after having worked at a daycare I decided that was not for me. I wasn’t quite sure what direction I would go. So, I decided to pursue an Associate’s degree.”

While working part-time at CB&T as a teller, Dickau studied to be a legal secretary. She earned her Associ-

See Alumni, p. 2

Highlander

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

McLennan Community College • Waco, Texas



Upcoming Alumni Events

Highlander Alumni Association members receive discounted tickets (only \$10!) to the May 7th Junior Brown concert at the Bosque River Stage.

Just identify yourself as a member when you call the Box Office at 299-8200 for tickets (discount subject to membership verification.)



4th Annual Alumni Reunion Picnic

Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual MCC Highlander Alumni Association Reunion Picnic on **Thursday, June 2** at the MCC Bosque River Stage. This year’s picnic will feature fantastic picnic food and a rockin’ concert by Joe Silva and New Blue. Joe Silva is a native Wacoan and MCC Commercial Music grad who now performs in Nashville. Check him out at <http://www.myspace.com/joesilvanewblue>. Opening act will be Waco-area favorite Pride and Joy.



As always, the picnic and concert are free to Association members; family members are welcome with a small meal charge. Reservations information will be coming soon. See you there!

The Highlander Alumni Association is on Facebook! Click here to “Like”



ALUMNI *Spotlight*, continued

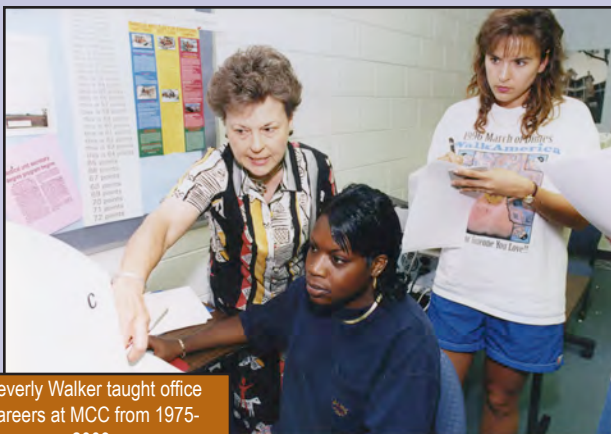
ate of Applied Science degree in 1990 and was soon offered a full-time teller position. Over the next decade, Dickau worked in several departments at the bank, and she took over the human resources function in 2000. It was a promotion that would again bring her back to MCC.

“Not having any experience in human resources when I first took over, I spent the first year taking lots of classes and attending various seminars,” Dickau said. “I returned to MCC to take the Supervisory Skills Series and have taken various other continuing education courses there throughout my career.”

Dickau says that she is very family oriented and is fortunate to have all her family in the Waco area.

“I have three nephews who I am privileged to get to spend a lot of time with. I am just like their ‘second mom,’ so you will always see me right there beside my sister cheering them on in whatever they are doing!”

When it comes to favorite memories from her years at MCC, Dickau immediately points to instructor Beverly Walker.



Beverly Walker taught office careers at MCC from 1975-2009.

“I always enjoyed taking classes that she taught because she could always relate what you were learning to real-life situations. So it was a great reinforcement to the study,” she says today.

In the 1980s, MCC’s marketing slogan was “Excellence Within Your Reach.” It was a slogan that apparently rang true for Jodi Dickau then--and still does today.

“MCC offers a great variety of courses and during these economic times, it is just smart to choose somewhere that is close to home.” Jodi can be reached at jdickau@cbtwaco.com.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI & YOUNG LEADER AWARDS COMPETITION OPENS FOR 2011

The Highlander Alumni Association is accepting nominations for its 2011 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Young Leader awards. Nomination forms for both awards are available at the Highlander Alumni Association web site at <http://alumni.mclennan.edu> under the “Distinguished Awards” tab.



The MCC Distinguished Alumni 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 2010 winner was Gary Willis.

The MCC Distinguished Young Leader Award is presented to a 2011 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. The 2010 winner was Michelle Schwier.

Honorees will be recognized at the MCC Foundation’s Scholarship Awards Ceremony Sept. 13 and will receive an award and a brick paver in the Highlander Legacy Plaza.

Deadline for nominations is July 15, 2011.

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 coordinator, at kpatterson@mclennan.edu.

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

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

HONORARIUMS *and* MEMORIALS
JANUARY 1, 2011-MARCH 31, 2011

honorariums

In Honor of Hatch Bailey, by:
Harry I. Harelik

In Honor of Dr. Donnie Balmos, by:
Lydia Bratcher

In Honor of Margaret Brown, by:
Dr. Patricia Wallace

In Honor of Virginia DuPuy, by:
Jim and Judy Haller
Kurt and Patricia Kaiser
Ross and Nelwyn Reagan

In Honor of Dr. Dennis F. Michaelis, by:
Steve and Sharron Cutbirth

In Honor of Jack Needler, by:
Mike and Sharon Allen

In Honor of Gail Wade, by:
Lydia Bratcher

In Memory of Frederick C. Albrecht, by:
Dr. Karen Albrecht

In Memory of Kari Lynn Baker, by:
Lt Col Ret James C. Dodson, Jr.
Sylvester and Valerie Jimenez
Chris and Nancy Lanham
Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Paniagua
Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Snell

In Memory of Fannie Dobbins, by:
Harry and Louise Powell III
Lynn and Beverly Roberts

In Memory of Joy Dyer, by:
Sharon Allen
The Associate Degree Nursing Faculty

In Memory of Doris Ford, by:
Nick and Fay Gutierrez
Harry I. Harelik
Lois and Dennis Myers
Jerry and Pam Niles
Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Patrick
William and Ruth Pitts
Harry and Louise Powell III
James and Mary Pratt
Ann Richardson
Lynn and Beverly Roberts
Lorraine Stansel

In Memory of Mildred Frazier, by:
C. Ray and Cynthia Perry

In Memory of Wanda Giotes, by:
C. Ray and Cynthia Perry

In Memory of Edwin Hoeffner, by:
Harry I. Harelik
Lorraine Stansel

memorials

In Memory of Billie Albrecht, by:
Larry and Phyllis Blackwood
Nick and Fay Gutierrez
Dr. and Mrs. William Haskett
David M. Hooten
H. Dale and Mary Hughes
Greg and Amy Patterson
William and Ruth Pitts
ames and Teresa Rambo
Lynn and Beverly Roberts

HONORARIUMS *and* MEMORIALS
JANUARY 1, 2011-MARCH 31, 2011

In Memory of Edna Hull, by:
Lorraine Stansel

In Memory of Paul Adrian Keene, by:
Harry I. Harelik

In Memory of Beverly Michaelis, by:
Joel and Cynthia Michaelis

In Memory of Jack Needler, by:
Sharon Allen

In Memory of Frank Nix, by:
Harry I. Harelik

In Memory of Betty H. Slade, by:
Harry I. Harelik

In Memory of David Soroka, by:
Lorraine Stansel

In Memory of Alex Veselka, by:
Hatch Bailey
Daniel and Jane Bounds
Harry I. Harelik
Drs. Stanley and Johnette McKown
Frank and Kim Patterson
James and Teresa Rambo

In Memory of Gary Willis, by:
Larry and Phyllis Blackwood
China Spring PTA
Donna Fouts
Nick and Fay Gutierrez
Higher One Inc
Sharon Kenan
William and Ruth Pitts
Harry and Louise Powell III
James and Teresa Rambo
Lynn and Beverly Roberts
David, Annette, Lindsey & Kelsey Scott



McLennan Highlander Quarterly is a publication of the McLennan Community College Foundation, a 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) charitable organization that supports McLennan Community College student scholarships and capital projects.

FOUNDATION STAFF:

Executive Director: Harry I. Harelik, MPA, CPA, CFRE
Communications & Alumni Relations: Kim Patterson, APR
Associate Director, Operations: Lance Summey, LMSW
Senior Executive Secretary, Foundation:
Rose DeLeon

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT STAFF:

Director, Resource Development: Nancy Neill
Senior Executive Secretary, Resource Development:
Cloddy Williams