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# MCLENNAN HIGHLANDER QUARTERLY

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# FIRST (AND NEXT) GENERATIONS OF SUCCESS

When twins Ashley and Candace Bolden arrived at MCC in late May 2007 as newly minted high school graduates, they were a little puzzled by why they were back in the classroom for summer preparatory courses so soon after experiencing the exhilarating freedom of commencement. But as recipients of the MCC First Generation scholarship that provides a \$1,000 per semester award, they knew they were extraordinarily lucky ... so summer school was just fine with them.

"I just remember the look on our parents' faces when we told them we had received the First Generation scholarship," Ashley says today. "It was just a mix of pride, relief and joy—I'll never forget that. With two of us to put through at the same time, college was going to be a hardship for our parents. But thanks to this scholarship, we

were able to achieve what they never had the opportunity to do, and that is going to college. We are so lucky."

Working in a cohort and taking summer preparatory classes are two components of the First Generation College Student Initiative. So, barely a week after their graduation from Midway High School, the girls arrived at MCC to meet their new First Gen college peers and mentor, Ameenah Snow.

"We didn't know any of the kids in the cohort," Candace says. "We came from all over—different high schools, different back-

grounds—and we all had stories. I had a brand-new baby ... that was my thing. But everyone just was so great about it."

"As we look back, we really enjoyed being in the cohort. We are all still connected on Facebook and it's cool to see everyone succeeding," she says.

That success is music to the ears of MCC Foundation Executive Director Harry Harelik, who worked with the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Foundation to fund the First Generation College Student Initiative in 2005. That initial \$100,000 grant enabled the college to launch the groundbreak-

MCC graduates Ashley and Candace Bolden say they owe their success to the First Generation program at MCC.

program."

--Ashley Bolden

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Ashley and Candace, right, enjoyed campus life with fellow First Gen cohort members Nathan McAlister, Jeremiah Jonse and Nikki Jupe.



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#### GENERATIONS OF SUCCESS, continued

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ing program geared for students who are the first in their families to attend college. Since that time, the program has benefitted from other grants, and, in 2011, it was endowed with a \$1 million gift from the Rapoport Foundation that ensures its permanence. The program was renamed the Bernard and Audre Rapoport McLennan Community College First Generation Program.

"College can be a struggle, particularly for students whose families don't have experience navigating the complexities of admissions and financial aid," Harelik says. "And learning how to deal with academic pressures can be very intimidating. So we designed the First Generation program to provide support by putting students in cohorts, providing summer prep classes, and dedicating an advisor to guide and encourage them."

"Having Ameenah supporting us was so important," Ashley says. "She helps us to this day—in fact, she recently helped me get my new job. When we were at MCC, she kept tabs on us and made sure we were all succeeding. She helped us find campus jobs and other opportunities ... the list goes on." The program is now headed by Crystal Anthony, while Snow still works at MCC in Student Development.

Today, six years after that somewhat reluctant arrival in 2007, the Bolden sisters have both achieved their goals, and more. In February, Ashley began her dream job of working as a Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant for Midway ISD.

"It's a little weird working with my former teachers, because sometimes they still treat me like a student," she says with a laugh. "But they're getting used to it."

Candace was recently promoted to Department Assistant for Region 12 Education Service Center, a job that works well for her as a single mom of that famous baby who will soon enter first grade. Candace earned both AA and AAS degrees at MCC, then earned a full scholarship to Baylor throught the Waco Foundation's MAC Grant

University Center at MCC.

"My goal was always medical school," says this former top10 percent Midway graduate. "But right now my life is great and

program. She plans to finish her bachelor's degree through the

I'm happy. I will finish my bachelor's when it's right for me and my

daughter."

In the meantime, Candace marvels at the journey she and her sister have taken thanks to the First Generation program.

"My daughter saw me graduate from high school, was with me when I started the First Generation program, and saw me graduate with two degrees from MCC," she says. "She is so proud of me and asks me if someday she can go to college, too. That's just so awesome."

Candace can be reached at cbolden@esc12.net and Ashley can be reached at ashley.bolden@midwayisd.org.



Audre and Bernard Rapoport funded the First Generation College Student Initiative with its initial \$100,000 grant and later endowed the program with a \$1 million gift.





With 24 members, the 2007 class of the First Gen program was one of the largest cohorts in program history. First Gen students say being in a cohort contributes to their success.



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## FOUNDATION Board SPOTLIGHT



Longtime MCC supporter Murray Watson, center, presents his 7th \$25,000 gift to the MCC Foundation for a new Presidential Scholarship fund. Pictured with Watson are MCC President Johnette McKown, left, and MCC Foundation Executive Director Harry Harelik, right.

We are pleased to spotlight Murray Watson, MCC Foundation board member and MCC supporter extraordinaire.

Murray was born in Waco in 1932 and is a graduate of Mart High School and Baylor University as well as Baylor Law School. He met his wife, Greta, at Baylor and they have been married for 54 years and have two children and two wonderful grandchildren. At the age of 24 he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1955 and served there eight years before being elected to the Texas Senate where he served for 10 years. While in the legislature, he authored, co-authored and sponsored many bills, including those concerning municipal annexation, a state water plan, the Hinson-Hazelwood loan program, creation of Texas State Technical Institute (now Texas State

Technical College) and creation of the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Texas Commission of the Deaf and Hearing Impaired and Texas Commission of the Blind, Creation of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame, funding for McLennan Community College and funding to promote growth of Central Texas College in Killeen.

Following the legislature, Murray began the full-time practice of law in his already established law firm, often representing many school districts. He has been a cofounder of a life insurance company, the Center for Occupational Research and Development (CORD), co-owner of a local radio station, founder of Brazos Higher Education Service Corporation and many related entities, all the while being active in his family's Mart feed store as well as his cattle and ranching

operation in Mart.

Murray has been incredibly active in a number of nonprofit organizations throughout his career, including the TSTC Foundation, Baylor University, Historic Waco, Karem Shrine Temple, Eastern Star, Texas Scottish Rite Children's Hospital (currently a board member there), Baylor Law Alumni, Rotary Club of Waco, Mart Lion's Club, and Historic Waco Foundation. He was honored in 1999 by TSTC for his outstanding service and support when TSTC named their Student Rec Center for Murray Watson. He and his wife Greta made a major gift to TSTC for their culinary arts program and the new culinary arts center is now called the Greta Watson Culinary Arts Building following its dedication in November 2012.

Murray in particular has been a strong advocate of education and this is evidenced by his words in a 1971 interview with Baylor's Oral History Department: "One of the long suits that I have always had has been the role of education at the state level and the aid to education at the national level...grants and aids coming to colleges and universities, private and public."

Murray and Greta and their Brazos Higher Education Service Corporation have just made their 7th \$25,000 gift to the MCC Foundation for a new Presidential Scholarship Fund. We are forever grateful to Murray Watson, his family and Brazos Higher Education Service Corporation for their consistent and strong dedication and commitment to MCC and MCC students.

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#### HEALTH PROFESSIONS NEWS

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Resident Physician Dr. Mary Ann Weaver, left, Medical Student Jim Strycker, center, and ADN student Brittany Fedler and VN student Shirley Estes work on an infant.

The "Big Sim," an interdisciplinary training exercise partnering Family Health Center residents and faculty with MCC nursing students and faculty was June 18 in the MCC Health Professions Simulation Lab.

During the simulations, resident physicians worked side by side with MCC registered nursing (RN) and vocational nursing (VN) students to simulate treating trauma patients from the ambulance delivery bay to the emergency room setting. Complex simulations such as the Big Sim teach the type of collaboration and teamwork both doctors and nurses will experience in a real hospital.

"From everyone I've spoken with, this was a big success," said Dr. Jackson Griggs of the Waco Family Medicine Residency Program. "I'm so glad to see this kind of multi-discipline simulation come together."



Susan Arzola, ADN student, Resident Physician Dr. Mike DeLota, and Cory Nobles, VN student, practice intubation.



### Simulation Lab Helps Recruit

MCC Vocational Nursing Instructor Liz Painter, left, demonstrates a computerized simulation patient to Dr. Bratislav Velimirovic, a neurosurgeon from Chicago interviewing for a position at Providence Healthcare Network. On May 10, hospital recruiters showed the visiting doctor highlights of the Waco area, including the MCC Health Professions Simulation Lab and Virtual Human Dissector.

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#### SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

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### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS MADE FOR 2013-2014

#### Results of 2013-2014 Scholarship Awards

To date, more than 325 students have been offered scholarships totaling over \$225,000 for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year, with a number of departmental scholarships still awaiting final award determinations. These totals do not include Presidential scholarship awards, nor do they include institutional funding of McLennan Scholars and Honors College Scholars programs.

#### Tuesday, September 10: Recognition Ceremony

Honoring 2013-2014 Scholars and Presenting Major Donor and Alumni Awards

The MCC Foundation's annual recognition of scholarship students, major donors and alumni award recipients of the Foundation's Highlander Alumni Association will be Sept. 10 at the MCC Conference Center. Glenn Robinson, CEO of Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, will be this year's Distinguished Speaker. The evening will feature music by an MCC faculty quartet and will be followed by a dessert reception. The event is free and open to the public.

#### 2014-15 Scholarship Competition begins Oct. 1

Competition for scholarships for the 2014-2015 school year begins Oct. 1 and will continue to mid-January, 2014. The scholarship committee will begin meeting in February and will conclude most award decision making by May 1. The scholarship application and instructions are only available online. Applicants must be full-time MCC students (generally 12 hours/9 hours for health careers) and have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale. Some scholarships require a 3.0. Scholarship application rating is based on merit and need, and awards will be for the fall 2014 and/or spring 2015 semesters. For questions or more information, please contact Lance Summey, Associate Director, Operations: 299-8818 or lsummey@mclennan.edu.



The MCC Foundation is proud to work with Mary and Roland Duty of Poppa Rollo's Pizza and the family of Fritz Kriegel on FritzFest 2013, a fundraiser for the Fritz Kriegel **Endowed Scholarship** in Commercial Music at the MCC Foundation. Fritz was a longtime, beloved employee at Poppa Rollos who died in 2011. Tickets for the event are \$25 and may be reserved through the restaurant.

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Sandra Victorino, the former "Lettuce Picker" (migrant farm worker) who achieved success at MCC and has gone on to earn a master's degree and work in counseling in Rhode Island, enjoys a reunion with mentor Henry Apperson and his wife Darlene at Harold Waite's on June 7. Victorino was featured in the Winter 2013 issue of *Highlander Quarterly*.



Whitney Latrice Coulter, pictured here in the Plaza Theatre Company's production of "Ragtime," just completed, to outstanding reviews, a run as one of the four leads in the Jubilee Theatre production of "Knock Me A Kiss." Coulter played the daughter of distinguished African-American Civil Rights figure W.E.B. DuBois. She was an MCC Theatre scholarship recipient and recently graduated from the Sam Houston State University Theatre program.



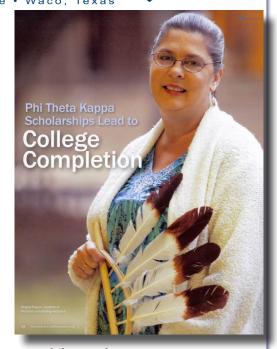
MCC graduate (2002) and now Adjunct History Instructor **Angela Ragan** was recently featured in the 2013 Edition of *Visionary*, the annual publication of the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation.

Ragan entered MCC in January of 2000 and graduated with honors in 2002. She transferred to the University of Texas at Arlington, graduating Summa Cum Laude, and then enrolled in the masters' program at Western Carolina University. She is now completing her dissertation for her PhD in American Studies at Emory University. The article reads:

A 2001 Leaders of Promise Scholarship from Phi Theta Kappa started her on her way, Ragan says, helping pay for community college and also giving her the confidence to seek higher educational goals.

As a nontraditional student balancing school, work and her family, which included her husband and teenage children, Ragan credits the support of her Phi Theta Kappa chapter for helping her succeed academically.

"When I joined Phi Theta Kappa, I found a family, a community friends interested in learning, serving and encouraging me. Before Phi Theta Kappa, I had pretty much been on my own as a student, and suddenly I was part of an energetic group who helped each other and the college and community." Ragan later served as chapter president.



While a student at MCC, Ragan applied for and received a \$5,000 Guistwhite Scholarship for baccalaureate studies, and she was one of 20 community college students chosen from a field of 1,400 nominees for the prestigious 2002 Community College All-Academic Team. For that, she received a \$2,500 scholarship and was recognized by the American Association of Community Colleges and in USA Today.

"Those of us who remember Angela as an outstanding student at MCC and now a colleague in our History Department, Angela was (and is) a "star" at MCC," said Gilbert Montemayor, Chair of the Social and Behavioral Science Division.



#### **ALUMNI NEWS**

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### 6TH ANNUAL ALUMNI & FRIENDS REUNION PICNIC!

The largest crowd yet gathered for the 6th Annual MCC Highlander Alumni Association Alumni & Friends Reunion Picnic June 13 at the MCC Bosque River Stage! Along with the usual picnic food and fun, the event was capped off with a fabulous *River Sounds* concert by Waco musical legends *The Morticians*. Alumni and Friends who attended also received free Highlander Alumni Association t-shirts, along with plenty of opportunities to reminisce. This annual event is free to members of the Highlander Alumni Association. For a no-cost membership, visit http://alumni.mclennan.edu.





GIVING NEWS by: Harry I. Harelik, Executive Director, MCC Foundation

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## Wills Guide: Common Questions About Preparing Your Will

### 1. What happens if you don't have a will when you pass away in Texas?

This answer is complicated and depends on the character of the property, the Marital status of the decedent and the existence of children. Suffice it to say that unless one wants the State of Texas to determine how one's estate will be distributed, writing a will, admissible and acceptable under law is important.

#### 2. Must one use an attorney to write a will?

Attorneys are essential in writing wills which are more complicated and involve estates with potential estate tax implications. But attorneys are not required. What is required is that the Will be either an attested will (in writing, signed by the testator and two credible witnesses over the age of 14) or a holographic will (in testator's own handwriting but witnesses aren't required.). Ideally the attested will also has a self proving affidavit which is signed by the testator and the two witnesses who signed the will. It affirms the will was properly signed by the testator in the presence of the witnesses and that they heard him say that the will was his last will and testament. The benefit of the self-proving affidavit is that it eliminates the need for witnesses to appear in a probate proceeding to testify about the validity of the will, saving time and expense.

#### 3. Must a will be probated?

Many items in an estate (life insurance, retirement plans, property such as bank accounts held as joint tenants with right of survivorship, trusts with beneficiary designations, pass "outside of probate" and therefore probate is not necessary for these items to pass to beneficiaries. But any property, such as real estate, (for instance, a home) which is evidenced by title cannot be passed to beneficiaries until a will has been probated.

### 4. How might I leave part of my estate to a nonprofit beneficiary?

Generally a written will, with a named executor, is the only way to guarantee that a charity will a decedent's charitable bequest, but the bequest must be in writing in the will or in a later addition (called a codicil). Like a legitimate debt, charitable bequests are distributed before beneficiaries receive their part of the estate.

### 5. Is a will the only way in which to leave a bequest to charity?

While using a will to make a charitable bequest at death is the most common way to "leave a legacy" to an important charity in one's life, one can also leave meaningful amounts to a charity by: naming a charity as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, retirement plan, or beneficiary of a donor advised fund in a community foundation. One can also purchase a charitable gift annuity (where one reserves



income for life, with balance, if any, going to the charity upon one's death) or set up a charitable remainder trust where the donor reserves income from the trust for life with remainder going to the charity at the donor's death. Of course, these more complicated vehicles generally require the counsel of tax and legal professionals to be sure plans are documented and satisfy the donor's intentions.

### 6. What other considerations must one remember when writing a will and doing estate planning?

- Power of attorney (in case of mental incapacity)
- Living will (medical directive regarding artificial life support, etc.)
- Long term care insurance
- Assisted care facilities
- Disability insurance
- Explaining the will directives to beneficiaries (particularly in cases where one child may inherit a disproportionate part of the estate in relation to another child. Example: One child may be special needs or be divorced with dependent children, while another is wealthy.)
- Passwords to important online resources, programs, information, etc.
- List of professional advisors for survivors (accountant, attorney, banker, financial advisor.)
- List of assets and liabilities (as up to date as possible ... possibly updated each year prior to death.)

NOT intended as legal advice. Please contact professional advisors with respect to will writing and probate procedures in Texas.



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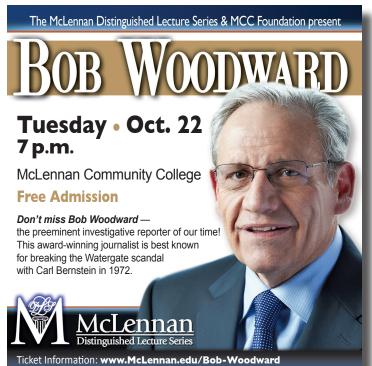
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