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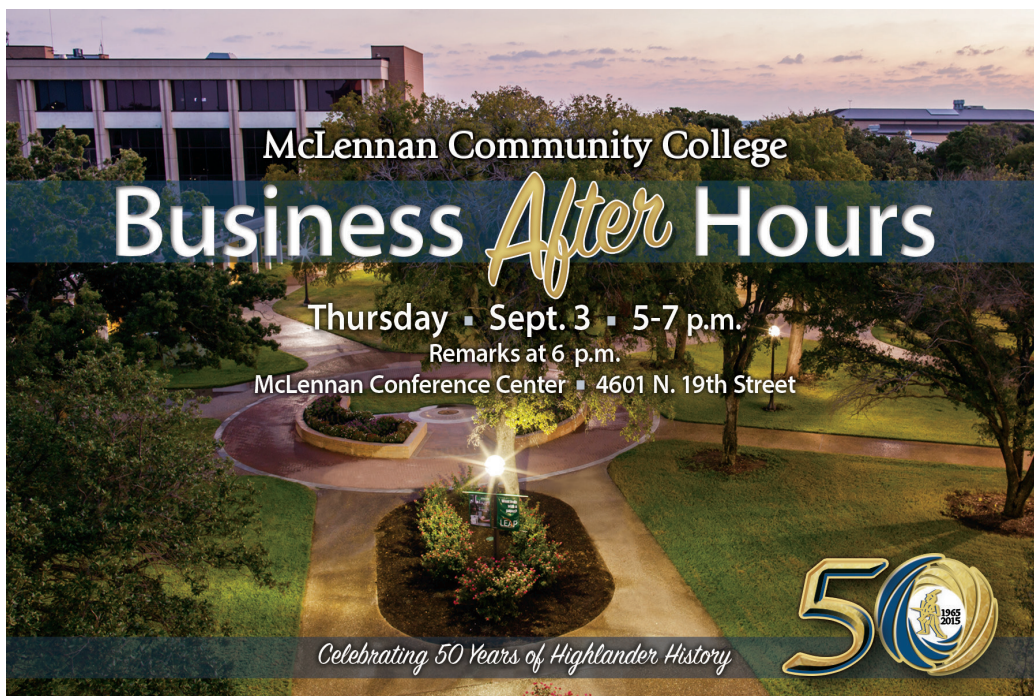
## HIGHLANDER QUARTERLY



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*Please remember the MCC Foundation in your annual giving, estate planning and memorials.*

APRIL-JUNE 2015

## CELEBRATE MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Beginning in September, McLennan Community College will celebrate 50 years of serving McLennan County residents with quality higher education and career advancement training. The College's 50th Anniversary Committee and divisions and the McLennan Community College Foundation have worked very hard to make this a very special year, filled with quality events and unique opportunities for students and staff.

The anniversary celebrations will begin with the dedication of 50th Anniversary Sponsor plaques and a Greater Waco Chamber Business After Hours reception on Thursday, Sept. 3. The dedication will be held at 4 p.m. at the Highlander Legacy Plaza followed by the reception from 5-7 p.m. at McLennan's Conference Center.

For up-to-date information on the 50th Anniversary activities, please visit the McLennan 50th Anniversary webpage at [www.mclennan.edu/50th](http://www.mclennan.edu/50th).

*The Highland Herald Archives (McLennan's former newspaper) are the perfect way to remember McLennan Community College's activities and achievements since its inception. Access the archives by clicking [here!](#)*

**McLennan**  
Distinguished Lecture Series  
presents

**JOHN MAXWELL** "Developing the Leader Within You"

**Tuesday • Oct. 13 • 7 p.m.**  
**The Highlands at McLennan Community College**  
**Free Admission | Tickets Required**

As part of McLennan's 50th anniversary, the college is proud to host a lecture by the country's foremost authority on leadership, John C. Maxwell. Author of numerous best-selling books, Maxwell is a renowned leadership coach, speaker and pastor.

Arrangements for the appearance of Dr. John Maxwell made through Greater Talent Network, Inc. New York, NY.

For Tickets & Info:  
[www.mclennan.edu/john-maxwell](http://www.mclennan.edu/john-maxwell)

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*Click the image above to be directed to the Distinguished Lecture Series webpage.*

## FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

The 2016-17 McLennan Community College Foundation scholarship application will be available online beginning **October 1, 2015**. For more information on the scholarship process, please contact Shelley Cotten at [scotten@mclennan.edu](mailto:scotten@mclennan.edu) or 254-299-8818. The Foundation awarded 354 scholarships totaling \$411,335 (a record high) for the 2015-16 academic year. **The 2015 Scholarship, Donor and Alumni Recognition Ceremony will be held Sept. 17 at McLennan's Conference Center.**

Want to be a part of this amazing opportunity to help deserving students?

Ways to give include:

- payroll deduction (current McLennan employees);
- one-time and recurring gifts;
- honor a loved one or co-worker with a gift to the Foundation in his/her name.

If you would like information on deferred gifts through retirement funds, wills, life insurance, trusts, charitable gift annuities or gifts of stock or real estate, please contact Harry Harelik at [hharelik@mclennan.edu](mailto:hharelik@mclennan.edu) or 254-299-8606.

## EMERGENCY GRANTS AT MCLENNAN

Everyone has had a bad day, right? A day when you wake up and walk out to find your car will not start, or your child has broken a limb and needs emergency medical treatment. These unexpected situations happen to everyone, but what happens when these emergencies could prevent a student from continuing his/her education?

Through the generosity of donors who recognize that unanticipated expenses can affect the ability of students to pursue their educational goals, the McLennan Community College Foundation is honored to provide emergency grants to students. The McLennan Community College Emergency Grant Fund is available to current McLennan students who have successfully completed at least one semester within the current calendar year and have a minimum GPA of 2.0. The student must complete an application, which is available online and at the McLennan Community College Foundation office, and meet all requirements listed in the instructions.

**Q: What qualifies as an "emergency"?**

A: Unexpected circumstances, such as loss of job, car repairs or unforeseen medical expenses.

**Q: What does not qualify as an "emergency"?**

A: Tuition, fees, books and normal living expenses.

The maximum amount of an emergency grant is \$250 and a student may only receive funds one time within a 12 month period.

For more information, or to donate to the Emergency Grant Fund, please contact Shelley Cotten at [scotten@mclennan.edu](mailto:scotten@mclennan.edu) or 254-299-8818.

*Every gift matters, no matter how big or small.  
All donations, unless designated otherwise, go directly to fund scholarships.*

### Professional Development Grants

Professional development grants awarded for April 1-June 30, 2015 totaled \$7,141.35.

Funding is provided through the Foundation's special \$1.5 million dollar Professional Development Fund, formed with a U.S. Department of Education Title III grant, along with matching donor-provided funds.

Congratulations to the following staff and faculty who received funding:

- Diane Boles - American Sign Language Teachers Association (ASLTA)
- Rene Bush - College Business Management Institute (CBMI)
- Lawrence Brooks - Project Management for Information Technology
- Donna Mendoza - Summer Forum
- Jessica Shelton - American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy National Conference
- Theresa Sparks - HAPS 29th Annual Conference
- Brad Turner - American Southwest Hydrological Case Study and Jurassic Eolian Climate Changes

### Foundation Board Members Attend Spring Commencement



Foundation Board members who attended the May 12 commencement ceremony were (pictured left to right) Chair Nelwyn Reagan, Winfred Watkins, Fay Gutierrez, Judge Rex Davis, Dr. Hazel Rowe, Annette Lindsey and Harry Harelík.

**Save the Date**  
Friday, October 2, 2015  
Cottonwood Creek Golf Course

Special tournament celebrating McLennan's 50 years of quality education!  
Contact the McLennan Community College Foundation today at **299-8604** or **jbland@mclennan.edu**.

**Accepting sponsorships through Sept. 16, 2015**

### LAST CALL FOR GOLF CLASSIC SPONSORS

The deadline for sponsorships for the McLennan Community College Foundation's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic is **\*September 16th**. The golf tournament will be held on Oct. 2 at the beautiful Cottonwood Creek Golf Course. This will be the only Foundation fundraiser for academic year 2015-16, as the annual gala will be a special 50th Anniversary Gala for the college.

Sponsorship levels available are:

- \$5,050 Platinum Sponsor
- \$2,550 Gold Plus Sponsor
- \$1,050 Gold Sponsor
- \$750 Silver Sponsor
- \$550 Optional Silver Sponsor
- \$350 Bronze Sponsor
- \$250 Hole Sponsor

The Foundation is also actively seeking gift donations for the raffle and silent auction. Sponsor forms and information can be found at [www.mclennan.edu/foundation/tournament](http://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/tournament), or you may contact Jana Bland ([jbland@mclennan.edu](mailto:jbland@mclennan.edu) or 254-299-8481) for more information on sponsorships and donations.

*\*The deadline for sponsors for recognition in the 2015 Golf Brochure is Aug. 14. Sponsorships received after Aug. 14 will be recognized in all other publications and on the course.*



## Arts Notes



McLennan Community College's  
**50th Anniversary  
Steinway Series Concert**

### Tartan Tenors

Featuring McLennan Alumni:  
Justin Kroll 2009 • Garry Leonberger 2007  
Edgar Sierra 2009

Performing crowd-pleasing favorites  
from the standard tenor repertoire.

**Sept. 10 • 7:30 p.m.**  
Doors close at 7:25 p.m.

**Free Admission**

McLennan's Ball Performing Arts Center  
More Information: 254-299-8283

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## 2015-16 STEINWAY SERIES CONCERT

The 2015-16 Steinway Series concert is a show you will not want to miss! McLennan alumni Justin Kroll (2009), Garry Leonberger (2007) and Edgar Sierra (2009) are returning as the "Tartan Tenors" to the Ball Performing Arts Center (BPAC) on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. Doors will close at 7:25 p.m.

On Oct. 10, Dr. Donald Balmos and Gail G. Wade will perform two special Presidents' Concerts, at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The inaugural McLennan Hall of Fame honorees will be announced during these two concerts. Visit [www.mclennan.edu/50th/events](http://www.mclennan.edu/50th/events) for more information.

The spring Steinway Concert will take place on May 5, 2016 at Baylor University's Waco Hall and will feature Steinway Artists Anderson & Roe Piano Duo with the Waco Symphony Orchestra as a part of the McLennan Community College 50th Anniversary Gala. Tickets for the concert alone will be available Nov. 1 at the Baylor Ticket Office ([www.baylor.edu/tickets](http://www.baylor.edu/tickets) or 254-710-3210). The MCC Foundation will exclusively sell gala tickets which include a 6 p.m. dinner through the Baylor Club and the concert performance. A limited number of gala tickets, which include the dinner and concert performance, will be available through the McLennan Community College Foundation. Contact Jana Bland ([jbland@mclennan.edu](mailto:jbland@mclennan.edu) or 254-299-8481) for more information.

## HELP MCLENNAN'S CHOIR TRAVEL ABROAD

The McLennan choral department will take choir members to Europe in 2016 — for the first time in the program's history! Very few community college choirs in the United States have the opportunity to participate in a European tour. The Foundation set a goal to raise \$100,000 towards the cost of airfare, hotel and meal expenses for the students as they travel to Vienna, Prague and Budapest. Each student attending the trip will be required to pay a minimum of \$1,000 towards their travel costs. Many of these students have never boarded a plane or traveled outside of Texas. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for these students to experience other cultures and the living history that Europe has to offer. The Foundation has currently raised over 25% of the goal. *If you are interested in becoming a MCC "Choir Angel," contact Harry Harelik ([hharelik@mclennan.edu](mailto:hharelik@mclennan.edu) or 254-299-8606) to discuss donating to such a worthy cause! See Page 8 for an update on MCC "Choir Angel" donors.*

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*Alumni Spotlight:  
Sheila Sjolseth*

### MCLENNAN ALUMNA FEATURED IN NATIONAL MAGAZINE



McLennan alumna Sheila Sjolseth was featured in the April edition of *American Profile*, a national publication that reaches 26 million readers, for her work promoting kindness and service to children. Sjolseth and her family (pictured left) founded Pennies of Time, a site dedicated to teaching kids to be kind and serve others, in 2012.

Pennies of Time is a resource for parents and volunteers to integrate more service projects into daily life and acts of kindness designed to teach kids to be kind, empathetic and to recognize and respond to community needs.

Sjolseth graduated from Midway High School and began her higher education at McLennan Community College. After McLennan, she continued her education at The University of Texas at Austin and then obtained her Ed.M. at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She has taught in a variety of settings from a classroom in small town Texas to a psychiatric unit

in Chicago to the U.S. Department of Education. As an educator and professional with 20 years of experience in working with children and parents, she truly believes that teaching kids to be kind results in a happier family.

“I have had the chance to meet and work alongside professionals and experts across the world. Looking back, I can strongly say that some of the most effective mentors and teachers I’ve had are from my time at MCC. The professors care about their students. They certainly took the time to help a girl from small town Texas decide her path in life and the steps to get there,” said Sjolseth.

“In particular, the Tartan Honors Program exposed me to schools of thought and areas of study that I hadn’t considered. It was the perfect compliment to taking general education classes before transferring to UT.”

*For the past 50 years, McLennan Community College alumni have graduated from our beautiful campus and gone on to pursue their passions and make a difference in Waco, the United States and abroad.*

*The “Alumni Spotlight” highlights one McLennan alum and his/her achievements since graduation. Do you know of an alum who should be featured? E-mail alumni testimonials and pictures to [jbland@mclennan.edu](mailto:jbland@mclennan.edu) to be used in future newsletters and Foundation promotions.*

## A NEW SIDE TO ESTATE PLANNING

*By Harry I. Harelik, Executive Director, McLennan Community College Foundation*

Most individuals old enough to be concerned about estate planning consider this type of planning as being centered on income and estate tax planning, retirement and disability considerations and long term care in the event of physical and/or mental demise. However, in today's electronic, fast-paced world, a number of other considerations should be included when attempting to completely plan for end-of-life issues. The need to consider many facets is made necessary by the need to compartmentalize tasks because of tight schedules and the modernization of family definitions and social changes. Most of us can't take care of all the details necessary to safeguard families and estates, and we must call for help to get it all done. Longer lives don't necessarily mean longer quality lives and this reality has dramatically affected what we must do to be "ready" for both the *end-of-quality of life* AND the *end-of-life*. Should something happen to the "breadwinner" (the definition of which has also changed!), below are a number of considerations which, for the benefit of surviving spouses and children, go far beyond the normal listing of assets and liabilities or phone numbers of professional advisors:

- **Disability and Long Term Care:** Location of policies, contact phone numbers, account numbers and details on premium payments.
- **Online investment, retirement and bank accounts:** Location of monthly/quarterly/annual statements, online access information (IDs and passwords) and contact phone numbers.
- **Social Media Activity:** Types of accounts (E-mail access, Facebook, Linked-In, Pinterest, Twitter, IPads, cell phones, etc.), including pre-arranged authorization to eliminate accounts, access history, update information, etc. Nothing is more upsetting than receiving automatic birthday announcements for someone who has passed away.
- **Location of Important Papers (with names and contact information of advisors):** Wills, prenuptial agreements, trust documents, powers of attorney, directives to physicians (living wills), retirement plans, deeds, titles, past income tax and gift tax returns, marriage licenses, birth certificates, death certificates of parents, social security documents, annuity documents and insurance information (life and health).
- **Beneficiaries of life insurance, particularly in second marriages and explanation thereof:** Wills, trusts, insurance policies and retirement plan beneficiaries should have been updated to assure proper flow of estate holdings to heirs.
- **Independence and needs of spouse and/or children of current or former marriages (as well as grandchildren):** Careful updating and consideration of what the needs of a surviving spouse or children might be are important, particularly where a surviving spouse may be impaired physically or mentally or where the independence of surviving children is in question (whether too young to handle financial matters or adult children with special needs).
- **Ability or location of spouse or children to administer an estate:** Wills should be updated regularly to take into consideration the location of potential executors and the ability of executors to fulfill the requirements of properly administering an estate.
- **Explanation of contents of will provisions:** While a will may be clear on how an estate is to be divided, heirs are often upset and at odds when no REASON is given by the decedent on why a given estate distribution is to be made. Explaining such provision in a document or letter, separate from the will, could avoid unexpected family division.
- **Identifying special bequests outside of the will:** How often have we read of families in legal battles over "household goods," which were not enumerated in the will? Household goods may include family heirlooms, photos, antiques, jewelry, furniture, paintings, coin or other collections, automobiles, guns, letters, books, clothing, etc. In particular, items of great worth and/or sentimental value should be clearly identified for distribution and by the beneficiary to avoid infighting among survivors.
- **Appointment of decision makers in living wills and nursing decisions:** Every person has the right (and obligation) to determine when a nursing home decision should be made or when life saving efforts should cease. Medical directives and living wills are critical parts of the estate planning process and should be included in the will writing process. Knowing a person's wishes makes decision making much easier for those entrusted with making the decisions.

The most important rule: Pay meticulous attention to the details when planning for all end-of-quality of life and end-of-life issues, and be sure heirs and those granted powers of attorney and executor positions know why you are making the decisions you are making.

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