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HIGHLANDER QUARTERLY

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APRIL - JUNE 2014

CELEBRATING OUR ALUMNI & FRIENDS: THE 7TH ANNUAL HIGHLANDER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ALUMNI & FRIENDS REUNION PICNIC



Surrounded by Alumni & Friends!

More than 105 guests joined the MCC Foundation staff for the 7th Annual Alumni & Friends Reunion Picnic on June 5 at the Bosque River Stage on campus. Though the beginning of the week brought to the region some much needed rainfall, the skies were clear for the Thursday picnic and concert. Guests enjoyed a hamburger picnic before moving to the amphitheater to listen to Grammy nominated MCC alumna Ruthie Foster. We would like to thank the staff of the Bosque River Stage and everyone who came out to the picnic for making this night a huge success!

Tell your friends! The MCC Foundation's Highlander Alumni & Friends Association is free and open to not only alumni, but also faculty, staff, and community friends of the College. Check out alumni.mclennan.edu to join.





SHELLEY COTTEN JOINS FOUNDATION STAFF

Shelley Cotten has joined the staff as Coordinator of Scholarships and Operations. She came to the Foundation from the President's Office and has been with McLennan since May 2013. Shelley, originally from Lubbock, moved to Waco from Canada with her husband, James. They will celebrate the birth of their first grandchild in August.

Shelley will be facilitating the scholarship process, which will include working closely with our new vendor to ensure a smooth transition from the current software program, streamlining the processing, reporting, and managing of the new system. She will be working with students throughout the application process and beyond, as well as managing the emergency grant applications. She will also be chairing the scholarship committee and be integral in facilitating the annual scholarship recognition award banquet.

In preparation for working with the auditors for the annual review of the Foundation records, Shelley will maintain and reconcile all bank and investment files, and keep them up to date and balanced. In addition, she will maintain monthly accounting records and work closely with the college's Financial Aid and Business offices to ensure all operating processes run smoothly and efficiently.

New SUPPORT THE MCC FOUNDATION WHEN SHOPPING AMAZON!

There are several ways to give to the McLennan Community College Foundation — and we have just added a very unique way of contributing to the Foundation while doing your fall (and dare we say it — holiday) shopping!

Support the McLennan Community College Foundation when you shop Amazon online using AmazonSmile. Register for free at smile.amazon.com and then select McLennan Community College Foundation as your charity of choice when shopping. For your qualifying purchases, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the Foundation! Register at smile.amazon.com before your next shopping excursion!

FOUNDATION AWARDS 334 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2014-2015

Beginning July 1, the McLennan Community College Foundation will utilize a new software system to manage scholarship applications. As of July 1, 2014, any scholarship information submitted previously will be deleted. Our new software program will be implemented for the next scholarship competition, which will begin October 1, 2014.

This calendar year, the Foundation has awarded 334 scholarships, totaling nearly \$272,300. All scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year have now been awarded.

The new scholarship competition will be October 1, 2014, through January 15, 2015, for the 2015-2016 academic year.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES 2015-2016 Academic Year:

- Application will become available online on October 1, 2014.
- Application and Letters of Reference are due January 15, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.
- Transcripts are due to Highlander Central in the Enrollment Services Center no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 15, 2015. (Current students and new students who have previously turned in transcripts to Highlander Central are exempt from this step.)
- 2015-2016 award notifications will be mailed April 1 (earlier where possible) through June 30, 2015.

If you have scholarship questions, please contact Shelley Cotten: 254.299.8818 or scotten@mclellan.edu.

2014 ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC - OCTOBER 3, 2014



Save the Date

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2014
COTTONWOOD CREEK GOLF COURSE

**Accepting sponsorships and
team registration through Sept. 15.**

Contact the McLennan Community College Foundation
at **299-8604** or **jbland@mclennan.edu**.
Proceeds benefit student scholarships at McLennan.

Save the Date - 14th Annual Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala

The 14th Annual Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala will be held Thursday, February 19, 2015. Mark your calendars! This year's Gala will feature McLennan Theatre's production of "George M!" – featuring the early life and music of George M. Cohan.

This spectacular production features compositions such as "Over There," "Grand 'Ol Flag," and "Give My Regards to Broadway." Dinner preceding the performance will be at the magnificent new home of Clifton and Betsy Robinson.

More information regarding this very special evening will be released in the September e-newsletter. If you are interested in sponsoring the gala evening, please contact Jana Bland (jbland@mclennan.edu) or Harry Harelik (hharelik@mclennan.edu).

Annual Scholarship, Alumni & Donor Recognition Ceremony

Each year the Foundation honors our generous donors, the students who have been awarded scholarships, and special alums at a reception and ceremony. This year, our Annual Scholarship, Alumni & Donor Recognition Ceremony will recognize outstanding alums, over 300 students, and the many donors that have invested in their higher education.

The ceremony will take place September 9 at the MCC Conference Center at 7 p.m., and Judge Scott Felton of McLennan County will be our distinguished speaker.



ALUM ELECTED TO LEAD TEXAS YOUNG LAWYER'S ASSOCIATION



C. Barrett Thomas, Assistant District Attorney for the 32nd Judicial District Attorney's Office, was elected President-Elect of the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA). Thomas (pictured left with his family), began his law enforcement career in his hometown of Waco, Texas, where he graduated from McLennan Community College's Law Enforcement Academy. He left police work to pursue a career as a prosecutor. Thomas is a 2001 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University (B.B.S.), a 2004 graduate of Tarleton State University (M.C.J.), and earned a law degree in 2008 from Texas Tech University School of Law (J.D.).

Thomas assumed the role of President-Elect of TYLA in June of 2014 and as President in June 2015. Thomas has served on TYLA's Board of Directors since 2011, including this year as the Treasurer on the Executive Committee. He is the immediate past-President of the Abilene Young Lawyer's Association.

The McLennan Community College Foundation is proud of all McLennan alumni! Know someone who should be featured in the Alumni Spotlight? E-mail Jana Bland at jbland@mcclennan.edu. The McLennan Community College Foundation's Highlander Alumni & Friends Association membership is free for former students, current and former faculty and staff, and any community supporters! Visit alumni.mclennan.edu to join today!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The McLennan Community College Foundation each year provides dozens of professional development grants for staff and faculty to travel and register for conferences, workshops and presentations across the country, including some international travel.

Almost **\$12,688** in professional development grants were awarded by the McLennan Professional Development committee between April 1 and June 30, 2014, and we congratulate the following staff and faculty who received MCC Foundation funding:

- Alicia Arroyo - CBMI College Business Management Institute
- Drew Canham - Title IX Compliance Institute
- David Davenport - 55th New Zealand Association of Economists Annual Conference
- Sondra Dubowsky - 2014 Summer Fellows Forum
- Leslie Garrison - NCMPR Summer Institute
- Shane Howard - NCMPR Summer Institute
- Brian Konzelman - 137th Annual Audio Engineering Convention
- Alisa Petree - Bio-Link Summer Fellow Forum 2014
- Alex Shiu - Leadership Waco

RAPOPORT FIRST GENERATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM ALUMNI CONTINUE ACHIEVING



We are pleased to report that the Bernard and Audre Rapoport McLennan Community College First Generation Scholars Program is entering its 8th year! Thus far 119 First Generation students have entered the program.

The success of the program centers not only on the increased percentage of First Generation Scholars who remain in college and graduate (compared to non-First Gen scholarship students), but also on the percentage of First Generation graduates who remain in the Waco area after graduation.

One of the earliest McLennan Community College First Generation alums is Denise Rodriquez, who now works for the city of Waco as the Director of Service Development for Waco Transit, who says:

“I am very blessed to have been granted the First Generation Scholarship. I dreamed about going to college, but I did not know how or if I could even afford it. I am grateful for the opportunities I was offered by being part of the First Generation program. Mentors, counselors, teachers and MCC staff who were part of this program were always eager to help and guide me throughout my college career. I owe my success to these wonderful people and program.”

Denise graduated with her BBA in Management and began her MBA program in the fall 2013 through Tarleton State University at McLennan.

Other First Gen graduates are found working in local banks, school districts, etc. Others have pursued and are pursuing four-year degrees at Baylor, The University of Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Tarleton, and other colleges.

Why Support McLennan Community College?

These students support our local economy by becoming part of our workforce, tax base, and civic involvement — a perfect example of how investing in local education of students enriches the entire community! And the large workforce employed by McLennan also contributes to the local economy in addition to the thousands of students who attend the College. Finally, tax deductible scholarship donations to the McLennan Community College Foundation can be helpful in lowering donors' income taxes!



WRITING A WILL TO LEAVE A LEGACY

Most people agree that having a properly written will is essential. However, statistics show that 55% of Americans die without a properly executed will. And of those who do have a will, rarely is a philanthropic testamentary (at death) gift made. Why is that?

With respect to writing the will, in some cases, the will IS written but just not appropriate for the state in which the decedent lives at the time of death. In other cases, the decedent has failed to let his executor, administrator, or heirs know where the will is located. And, of course, in some cases, the decedent just never made the time to get a will written. With respect to a philanthropic gift (bequest to a charity), many people, even those with a history of donating to charity during their lifetimes, fail to include a charitable bequest in their written will because: 1) they are afraid their heirs will need the full resources of the estate, large or small, 2) they think it is too complex to leave a bequest, or 3) they just don't think about it at the time the will is written.

It is important to write the will and to have it written properly, usually by a knowledgeable attorney, including witnesses and notaries as necessary. Efforts taken to properly execute the last will and testament can avoid post-death costly estate battles by heirs or potential heirs.

Charitable bequests are very simple to include in the will and can truly leave a legacy for future generations. The correct name of the charity is critical for inclusion in the will, of course. Sometimes dollar amounts are worrisome because one never knows if the size of the estate will be the same at the time of death as it was at the time of writing the will. However, to avoid that concern, one can merely allocate the lesser of a given amount or a percentage of the distributable estate (which is the estate after all expenses have been paid). This can be workable for both modest estates and very large estates. For instance, if an estate is worth \$50,000 after expenses, leaving 2% to charity will result in a charitable bequest of \$1,000, leaving \$49,000 for other heirs. If the estate is worth \$1 million, leaving 2% to charity results in a charitable bequest of \$20,000, leaving \$980,000 for other heirs. In either case, the charity receives much needed funding, the remaining heirs still receive reasonable inheritances, AND charitable gifts one has given during life are reinforced at death. Language to accomplish a charitable bequest, such as to the McLennan Community College Foundation, is easily written: "I give and bequeath the lesser of the sum of \$__ or __% of my distributable net estate, after payment of all expenses and before distribution to other heirs of my estate who are specifically included in my last will and testament, to the McLennan Community College Foundation (Tax ID #74-2550278) of Waco, Texas." If you have previously executed another agreement, such as a scholarship fund with the McLennan Community College Foundation, you may refer to the fund itself to specifically direct your charitable bequest to "your fund" in the Foundation.

The easy steps to will writing: 1) WRITE the will, preferably with an attorney, so that it is appropriate for the state in which you reside, 2) include a clear concise bequest to the charity (ies) of your choice, 3) provide thoughtfully for the heirs you wish to include in your will, and 4) be sure someone knows where the will is located for easy access at your death.



MCLENNAN HAS 8,500 REASONS TO GIVE

The McLennan Community College Foundation is committed to enriching the college by supporting its 8,500 students, 800 faculty and staff, and by improving facilities on our 200-acre campus.

Consider strengthening our community by giving to the
McLennan Community College Foundation.

Visit www.mclennan.edu/foundation to learn how you can support your local college.

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HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS TO THE FOUNDATION
APRIL 1, 2014 - JUNE 30, 2014

In Honor of Dr. Karen Albrecht for her service to
McLennan and to the Spotlight Students by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Honor of Phyllis Blackwood's Retirement by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik
Linda Hatchel

In Honor of Dr. Cheryl Bohde's Retirement by:
Linda Hatchel

In Honor of Joe Fortson's Retirement by:
Linda Reichenbach

In Honor of Cathy Hagan's Retirement by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Honor of Dr. Johnette McKown by:
Sharon Allen
Peter Blaskiewicz
Glynnis Gaines
Jessica Shelton
Staci Taylor

In Honor of Frances M. Olson by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Honor of Charlie Turner's "D Day" Display by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Honor of Dr. Farley Verner's McLennan County
Medical Society's Gold Headed Cane Award for 2014
by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Virginia M. Bostick by:
Louie and Sara Jo Englander
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Jimmie Dodd "J. D." Brooks by:
Donnie and Cathy Hagan
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Constance L. Clark by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Dorothy Cummings by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Naomi Mangum Hines by:
Frances Olson

In Memory of Ruby M. Hoffmeyer by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Walter D. Hunter, Jr. by:
Bill and Sandra Goss
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Debbie Ingram's Birthday by:
Joe and Joann Ingram and
Family

In Memory of John H. Murry by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Dale W. Parr by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Bernice Irene Beck Pitts by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

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In Memory of Lonnie Radke by:
Sue Allen
Dennis Clark
Donnie and Cathy Hagan
Harry and Beverly Harelik
Kathryn and Thomas Proctor
James and Frances Turner
Bob Young

In Memory of Robert A. Raup by:
Linda Reichenbach

In Memory of Lynn Scruggs by:
Donnie and Cathy Hagan

In Memory of David F. Smith Jr. by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Erline H. Steed by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Angie Catherine Tindell by:
Donnie and Cathy Hagan
Tom and Kathryn Proctor

In Memory of A. J. Uptmore by:
Drs. Stanley and Johnette
McKown
Don and Linda Stanford

In Memory of Leon Vines by:
Frank and Kim Patterson

In Memory of Nora Willey by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Lorri Zinkie by:
Kristin, Jared, Libby and Caitlin
Clements
John and Megan Goebel
Donnie and Cathy Hagan
Harry and Beverly Harelik
Lil' Doodlebugs Childcare
Center
Craig, Cannon and Ellie
Maultsby
Jerry and Pam Niles
Cotter and Lindsey Stringer

In Memory of Andy Zumwalt by:
Joe and Joann Ingram and
family