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Hearts in the Arts New Board Members

MEMORIAL LECTURER

Celebrated author, philosopher, and social critic, Dr. Os Guinness, visited MCC on September 13, 2023 to memorialize the passing of his friend, Judge Ken Starr. Alice and the late Judge Starr have been passionate supporters of local education, and have contributed generously to the future of students at McLennan Community College.

SCHOLAR LUNCHEON

For many alumni, donors, and students, our annual scholar, donor, and alumni luncheon is the most wonderful day of the year. It provides a unique opportunity for scholarship recipients to dine alongside the friends and families that help support their education. This year, we had more than 70 students and over 100 donors join us for the occasioin.

WELCOMING WES

The McLennan Community College Foundation is proud to annouce a new Executive Director has joined our team. If you were able to join us on November 8th then you may have already had the privilege of meeting our outstanding leader. We have included in this issue of Highlander Quarterly a brief bio for those who have not yet become acquainted.

THANKSGIVING DRIVE

It is no secret that some students struggle financially. Holidays can exacerbate challenges for students and families striving to afford education, celebrations, and the normal costs of living. That is why we provide Thanksgiving meals to student families in need. Join us as we make this season bright.



It is no secret that many McLennan Community College students and their families struggle financially. Students pursuing their dreams through higher education often make sacrifices to earn their degree. Years ago, our campus began offering a food pantry to students, faculty, and staff who might be experiencing food insecurities. Paulanne's Pantry has since served thousands of students and their families with delicious, nutritious groceries during times of need.

Annually, the McLennan Community College Foundation with the Campus Resources Education Web (CREW) distribute Thanksgiving meals to students and their families. This year, thanks to your generous support, we will provide 250 meals to help families enjoy the holiday. Through a partnership with HEB, we were able to purchase the groceries at the discounted price of \$35 each. We are grateful to our partners on campus and in the community, who strive to assist students in improving their lives. If you were not able to contribute but want to offer your support, you can still do so through this link.

37th ANNUAL MCC GOLF CLASSIC

We at the McLennan Community College Foundation have the privilege to conduct several events throughout the year, but one of our favorites is the Golf Classic. For 37 years the golf tournament has seamlessly blended passion for athletics with a steadfast commitment to making a positive impact in our community. Hundreds of business leaders, alumni, students, and supporters descend upon Cottonwood Creek Golf Course. They join us for one of the most fun four-man-scrambles in town, but their efforts transcend the fairways. On this day, a putt can create ripples of positive change throughout the lives of future generations.

We are grateful to our many sponsors who helped make this event a smashing hit. Thanks to you, we were able to raise \$101,605 for student scholarships. A portion of these funds are dedicated to continuing to grow our outstanding athletic programs, and the remainder funds general scholarships. We strive to keep quality higher education affordable and within reach for the next generation of local leaders and we thank you for joining us in this work.

If you or your organization were not able to participate in this year's Annual MCC Golf Classic, get in early for next year. We plan to be at Cottonwood Creek Golf Course again on Friday, October 4th and we'd love to see you there!



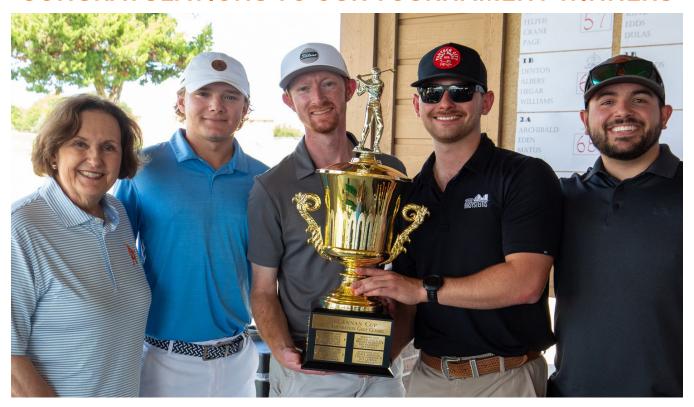








CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOURNAMENT WINNERS



Above: Morning Tee Time Winners (L-R) Dr. Johnette McKown, Brian Porter, Patrick Baires, Shane Brennan, and Chris Kazanas.

Below: Afternoon Tee Time Winners (L-R) Dr. Johnette McKown, Jason Lavender, Kevin Dobbs, Clint Savage, and Travis Kemp



37th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC CONTINUED

Volunteers and Campus Supporters: Dr. Johnette McKown, Dr. Fred Hills, Jennifer Norman, Clif-Ann Paris, & the MCC Marketing & Communications office; Dianne Feyerherm, Cynthia Niles, Brian Renegar, Bryan Mohan, Robert Fajardo, Sam Weinberger, Chase Weinberger and the MCC Physical Plant staff; Meredith Brown, Scott Geiger, Jodi Harper, Gale Kissinger, Missy Kittner, Al Pollard, April Robinson, Steve Wenzel, Donna Wiley, Debbie Wright, and Angelique Erfurt.

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Student Volunteers: Men's Golf Team, Women's Golf Team, the MCC Dance Company

Community Volunteers: Kim Patterson

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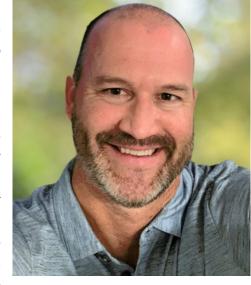




McLennan Community College Foundation **WELCOMES WES LIVESAY**



Mr. Wes Livesay brings 20 years of fundraising experience from Baylor Scott & White Health, Baylor University and Texas Christian University. More recently, he worked at Communities Foundation of Texas and served as the Director of Charitable Gift and Estate Planning. Prior to that, Wes served as Senior Director of Planned Giving at UT Health in San Antonio, where he led the planning giving department and also managed both the Laureate Society (donors who had UT Health SA in their estate) and the PGAC (Planned Giving Advisory Council)--a group of San Antonio estate attorneys and CPA's. Wes has served as the Executive Director of the Austin Boys and Girls Clubs Foundation, where he partnered with the Board of Directors and Planned Giving Committee to elevate their endowment and estate gifts to record levels.



He has served as the lead for a multi-year capital campaign to bring state-of-the-art health care to the Texas Hill Country residents through his position at Baylor Scott & White in Marble Falls. He also

helped raise funds to build a cancer center in Waco while at Baylor Scott & White-Hillcrest and secured the naming gift for the Baylor Scott & White McClinton Cancer Center.

Wes brings exceptional experience in working with planned, major and principal gift donors, planned giving advisory councils and a vast background in marketing, sales and merchandising. He has worked extensively to partner and collaborate with community Board leaders, institution Presidents and CEOs, and physicians.

Wes holds a BBA in Marketing and MS in Management from Baylor University. When not working, Wes enjoys lake time and waterskiing, traveling, and college athletics. He is excited to leverage his institutional advancement experience as the new Executive Director of the McLennan Community College Foundation.



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Hearts

We are proud to bring you another season of musical and theatrical delights on the McLennan stages! Our student performers, drawn from around the state, come to McLennan for rigorous instruction, meaningful practice, and top-notch performances. Their experience here develops their talents beyond the stage as they grow as individuals, performers, and students. Not a week goes by that we don't hear about a former arts student who is achieving big things in their career! Your support will ensure the next generation of creatives can achieve success.

Please consider becoming a member of the MCC Foundation's Hearts in the Arts (HIA) affinity group that supports all the visual and performing arts at McLennan. As a 2023-2024 Hearts in the Arts member, you will enjoy a full selection of arts opportunities and tickets to all theatre, opera, and Steinway performances! Depending on your level of sponsorship, your HIA membership may also include top billing as a presenting sponsor of the February 22, 2024 Hearts in the Arts Gala, featuring the magical fairy-tale musical, *Into the Woods*!

Hearts in the Arts provides scholarships, arts equipment, master classes, and emergency grants to students through the MCC Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that depends on community support to enrich the academic and cultural life of Central Texas. Thank you for fulfilling that mission through your support of the arts at McLennan in 2023-2024. We'll see you at the show!

Drs. Dianne and J. Clay Sawyer
2023-2024 Hearts in the Arts Honorary Chairs

Chris Qualls, LMSW MCC Foundation

Yes! I want to join Hearts in the Arts at MCC!

Please select your membership level on the back of this card.

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Judge Ken Starr Memorial Lecturer DR. OS GUINNESS

The old oak trees on McLennan Community College campus stand tall. Despite gnarled branches, the leaves dance and sing in the breeze. Some trees bear weathered bark while other showcase mossy trunks. They add a timeless

charm to the academic landscape, and the sprawling canopies provide both shade and a sense of venerable wisdom.

The beauty of our campus drew Alice and Judge Ken Starr in. The pair regularly strolled through the dappled light across campus. Judge Starr loved the fountain, where he and Mrs. Starr would sit and enjoy coffee, conversation, and the laughter that accompanies them both. But more than the beauty of campus, Judge Starr was drawn to MCC because of his unwavering belief in the next generation.

Before his passing, Judge Starr funded the Alice Starr Plaza which aptly sits in the heart of campus. After his passing in September of 2022, MCC President, Dr. Johnette McKown, commemorated a bench in honor of Judge Starr. The bench sits under the shade of a sprawling oak, near the fountain, and with an unobstructed view of the Alice Starr Plaza.

The bench remains as a daily and lasting reminder of the work, life, and passion of Judge Starr, but Highlanders were treated to a very special memorial this year. On September 13, 2023—the one year anniversary of Judge Starr's passingthe college hosted a special guest speaker for our Ken Starr Memorial Lecture. Dr. Os Guinness, a celebrated author, philosopher, and social critic, spent the day on campus, honoring the memory of his personal friend.

In the morning, Dr. Guinness spoke to students who packed the lecture hall. His topic came from The Quest, one of his 30+ published works, and focused on



helping young people think critically about who they want to be in the world. He attended a dedication for the Judge Ken Starr bench with Dr. McKown and Mrs. Starr, alongside the Starr family and many students. In the evening, Dr. Guinness gave a rousing presentation to hundreds of community members.

Dr. Guinness, like Judge Starr, stands out among leaders.



The two men had witnessed much and learned even more from their experiences, and both were equally excited about passing their wisdom along to the next generation. Dr. Guinness, a graduate of Oxford, praised the beauty of McLennan Community College lavishly, but went on to say that he was even more impressed with the students, faculty, and staff. "I have heard that MCC is like the Oxford of community colleges," said Dr. Guinness, "but I actually think it is better than Oxford. Because I can see how much people care about students-about success. And you don't get that at Oxford."

McLennan Community College is grateful for friends like Alice and Judge Ken Starr. We were honored to memorialize this man and his impressive life of service to others. And we are privileged to have played host to Dr. Guinness. These individuals, and many more, leave indelible impressions upon future generations. For what more than that could we ask? http://bit.lv/MCCFND21

SCHOLARSHIP **UPDATE**



McLennan Community College Foundation is proud to announce that we have awarded \$712,749.59 in student scholarships for the 2023-2024 academic year. This is a new record high in our 33-year history. Over that time, we have awarded approximately \$8 million in scholarships to more than 7,700 students. Thanks to partners like you, we keep excellent higher education within reach for students who might not otherwise pursue their dreams. As a contributor, you help keep quality education local, affordable, and within reach for students and change the trajectory of lives and generations.

To establish a new scholarship in honor or memory of a loved one, or to contribute to an already existing scholarship, please consider giving online at https://bit.ly/MCCFND21. If you prefer, you may send a check made out to MCC Foundation to our office. Additionally, we accept estate gifts, IRA contributions, and a myriad of other gift types. Call today and we will work with you to accommodate your giving style.

Scholarship Applications open Dec. 1



McLennan Community College Foundation NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Join us in welcoming four community leaders to the Foundation Board of Directors. Our outstanding Board is comprised entirely of volunteers who are passionate about seeing local students thrive in class and beyond.

JOHNNY G. GIOTES



Born and raised in Waco, where he earned a BBA in Accounting and Juris Doctorate from Baylor University. He is a graduate of the National Trust Graduate School. After Baylor Law School, he practiced law and accounting in Houston before returning to Waco to serve as Trust Council and later as a Wealth and Trust Advisor for Wells Fargo and later Extraco Banks, where he retired as Senior Vice President, Wealth and Trusty Advisor. Over the past 44 years, he has served in various trust and fiduciary capacities, including trusts, estates, retirement plans and benefits communications. He is a Certified Retirement Services Professional, member of the Heart of Texas

Estate Planning Council, and member of the McLennan, Texas and American Bar Associations. He recently served as a board member of the Community Cancer Association and currently serves on the council of his church. He enjoys attending local sporting events and travel.

SABRINA MOORE

Sabrina is a Waco native and a proud MCC Alumna. With her daughter taking dual credit classes through Midway High School, she also proudly claims three consecutive generations of MCC students in her family, beginning with her mother-who obtained an Associate degree and RN license as a Highlander in 1995. After completing most of her undergraduate work at MCC, Sabrina earned her BS from Tarleton State University in 2008, majoring Mathematics. She joined Disciplined Investors in 2015, and manages the Company Retirement and 401(k) Plan Division, with numerous retirement plans in Waco and throughout Texas. She is a member of Waco Rotary, Young Men's Service League, and serves on the City of Woodway Parks and Recreation Board. She is a graduate of the 32nd class of Leadership Waco, and 3rd class of Leadership Plenty. She



has served in various roles for the Waco YMCA, Greater Waco Chamber Alliance, and the Waco Symphony. Outside of work, you can find her keeping up with her daughter, Julia, sons, Jonathan and Timothy, and their many sports and extracurricular activities. Together they enjoy the outdoors, traveling, volunteering, and being active in Church.

JOHN BIBLE

John is a native Wacoan who graduated from University High School in 1995. He is a product of both McLennan Community College and Baylor University, where he studied finance. John spent more than 15 years in the financial industry as an Investment Advisor and holds dual-licenses as an Investment Advisor and Broker. In 2018, John started his own investment agency called Bible & Sovereign Partners Financial Services, and is currently the CEO. Though he also serves as the CEO and President of the Cen-Tex African American Chamber of Commerce in Waco, he is also a certified to teach. For three years, he taught social studies, spelling, and English in Chilton ISD, where he also coached Junior High Girls' volleyball, basketball, and track. He is very active in his Church and served as the Treasurer of the Board for the NAACP.



CLINT LEWIS



Clint grew up in the Waco area and graduated from China Spring High School in 1968. He was the 1969-1970 Student Body President at McLennan Community College while earning his Associate of Arts degree. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Juris Doctor from Baylor University. In addition to running his own law firm for more than 43 years--The Lewis Law Firm in Beaumont, TX--Clint is a long-term member of several Boards, including The 100 Club of Southeast Texas, The Young Men's Business League of Beaumont, and served as a member of the MCC Foundation's Board between 1990 and 1999. He is proud that he has endowed two scholarships in the name of his parents and grandparents: the A.C. & Ethel Mae Honea Scholarship and the Mr. & Mrs. William M. Lewis Jr. Scholarship, both created to assist students graduating from China Spring High School and planning to attend MCC.

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