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SCHOLARSHIP RECORD

As a direct result of the generous support of our community and the excellence of our students, the McLennan Community College Foundation is honored to announce that this academic year saw a new record of scholarship dollars invested into students pursuing excellent, affordable, and local education. Your partnership makes all the difference.

ALUMNI AWARDS

Luis Jauregui (center), was recognized as this year's Distinguished Alumnus by the Highlander Alumni and Friends Association. His work as a custom home builder has earned him numerous awards from across the nation, and we are proud of the distinction he brings to our College. He was joined by wife, Susan (left), and daughter, Elizabeth (right).

CAMERON UPDATE

Excitement mounts as we near the completion of Phase I in the Cameron Hall project. The community has demonstrated passionate support of this revitalization, and we are thrilled to share our progress. Naming options are still available for major donors in both Phase I and Phase II. Contact us today to join this once-in-a-lifetime project.

STARR MEMORIAL 2024

Friendship with the late Judge Ken Starr was a distinct privilege for McLennan Community College. His passion for education improved countless student lives. As such, it was a privilege to host eminent Federal Judges Don Willett and Brantley Starr on campus for this year's Starr Memorial Lecture.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: SABRINA MOORE



The McLennan Community College Foundation is proud to share some exciting news about one of our esteemed Board Members, Sabrina Moore. Recently honored as <u>one of Waco's Under 40</u>, Sabrina continues to inspire with her commitment to excellence and her dedication to making a difference in our community. The Wacoan magazine also featured her a "Woman of Interest" in a thoughtful article that showcases her journey, achievements, and vision for Waco's future.

With a background in finance, Sabrina has brought a wealth of knowledge and passion to our organization. Her innovative thinking and collaborative spirit have been instrumental in driving our mission forward. Whether it's lending her strategic insights in board meetings or championing causes close to her heart, Sabrina embodies the leadership qualities recognized and celebrate not only at MCC, but also throughout the community.

Her recent Wacoan article showcases her thoughts on leadership, passion for MCC, favorite things about Waco, and what motivates her to keep

pushing boundaries. Her story is an inspiring testament to what's possible when you combine hard work, vision, and a love for community. After dropping out of high school, Sabrina's journey led her to MCC, where she invested in the foundation of her mathematics education. Her mother had earlier set an example as she earned her education at MCC. Sabrina, now a successful financial advisor at Disciplined Investors, LLC and leader in the community, is proud to be one of three generations of women to have achieved academic success in partnership with MCC.

We are incredibly proud to have Sabrina as part of our board, and we look forward to seeing the continued impact she will make in Waco and beyond. Her expertise in mathematics and finance helps to ensure that the MCC Foundation's endowment continues to grow and serve an increasing number of students. Additionally, her experience overcoming challenges and achieving her dreams uniquely positions her to be a wonderful advocate for our students.

To read the full Wacoan article about Sabrina Moore, click here.

DRIVING CHANGE OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL GOLF CLASSIC

On October 4th, the MCC Foundation hosted our 38th Annual Golf Classic, and what a day it was! Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our volunteer golf committee and the expert leadership of Neyra Bazaldua, Associate Director of Special Events and Alumni Relations, this year's tournament was one for the books. With overwhelming support from community leaders and generous College supporters, we raised an impressive **\$122,706 in total revenue**! After covering expenses and including in-kind contributions, we achieved **a net profit of \$81,280**—an incredible boost for student scholarships.

These funds directly support our mission of keeping high-quality education accessible and affordable for local families. Each dollar raised through this event helps us provide critical financial resources to students, empowering them to pursue their academic goals without the burden of excessive financial strain. This academic year, the McLennan Community College Foundation was able to award a record number of scholarship dollars and invest in more than 700 local students.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce that **next year's Golf Classic will be held on October 3, 2025, at Cottonwood Creek Golf Course**. Sponsorships and team sign-ups are available now, and space is already filling up quickly. We encourage everyone to register early and join us for another fun-filled day on the course while supporting a cause that changes lives!

With deep gratitude we would like to acknowledge the volunteers who helped make this year's Golf Classic an unprecedented success.

Golf Committee:

Andy Harwell, Mosie Holley, Mary Perez, and Community Advisors & Staff: Vince Clark, Candice Kelm, Kaity Kent, Missy Kittner, Mario Leal, Chris Qualls, Brian Renegar, Jodi Tindell, Shawn Trochim, and Steve Wenzel.

Physical Plant Staff:

Zack Vanek, Chase Weinberger, Noah Weinberger, Joshua Estrada, Robert Fajardo, Larry Johnson

McLennan Community College Volunteers:

Dr. Brandon Hill, Mikken Canham, Heather Cornelius, Sheridan Robinson, Kathy McLendon, Colin Porter, Meredith Brown, Jennifer Norman, Jennifer Marshall-Higgins, Donna Wiley, Jodi Harper, Debbie Wright, April Robinson, Gale Kissinger, Randal Snider, Tyler Johnson, Chris Berry, Peter Stark, Kevin Gill, Jamaal Greene, Ashlee Keyes, Emma Howard, Jessica Smith

Student Volunteers:

9 members of the MCC Women's Golf Team, 6 members of the MCC Men's Golf Team, and 20 members of the MCC Dance Team.































EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE A LANDMARK YEAR FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

It has been an incredible year for the Foundation, and we are proud to share one of our biggest accomplishments: **awarding a record-setting \$775,895.75 in scholarships to local students**, helping them achieve their dream of educational excellence. This milestone would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts and the generous support of community partners like you. Your contributions are making a life-changing difference for students who aspire to build a brighter future.

We extend a special thanks to our Associate Director of Scholarships and Operations, Patrick Koon, and our Scholarships sub-committee. Their tireless work ensures that scholarship dollars are distributed to as many deserving students as possible. Whether coordinating with donors or guiding students through the application process, these folks play a vital role in making opportunities into reality.

McLennan Community College scholarships provide crucial financial support for students pursuing a variety of degrees and career paths. These scholarships help reduce the financial burden on local families, enabling more students to focus on their studies and succeed. As costs continue to rise on even the most basic necessities, scholarship dollars are more important than ever in ensuring that MCC remains an accessible and affordable option for higher education in our community.

With a single application, students can be considered for hundreds of scholarships. Our stateof-the-art software matches applicants with the scholarships that best fit their qualifications and needs. Establishing a scholarship endowment requires a minimum of \$20,000, which can be funded over several years or immediately. If you would like to create a lasting legacy in honor of a loved one or your business, we invite you to contact the foundation today at foundation@mclennan.edu to explore how you can

make a meaningful impact on the future of our community. We also accept charitable distributions from retirement accounts, direct stock transfers, and estate gifts.





Please join us for the

23rd Annual Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala

McLennan Theatre Performance of

GUYS AND DOLLS

Hosted by the

McLennan Community College Foundation

Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025 6 p.m.

Ball Performing Arts Center at MCC

Please join us for this wonderful event benefiting MCC student scholarships!

For more information, contact the MCC Foundation at 254.299.8604 or visit www.mclennan.edu/foundation.



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> 2024-2025 Hearts in the Arts Chairs

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HIGHLANDER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

SCHOLAR BRUNCH & DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

The McLennan Community College Foundation's Highlander Alumni & Friends Association recently hosted our Scholar Brunch. Considered by many to be one of the best days at MCC, our Scholar Brunch event sees scholarship donors and recipients sitting together for the joy of a good meal and great company. Many of our financial partners endow scholarships to commemorate remarkable loved ones. It can be deeply moving to see a legacy continue through the education of future generations.

Another component of this event is our privilege to honor two distinguished alumni for their exceptional achievements. Our Distinguished Alumni award is given to a college alum who has gone on to bring distinction to themselves and the college. Our Distinguished Leader award recognizes a recent MCC graduate who demonstrated excellence in their time as a student.

Luis Jauregui received the 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award. After moving from Mexico City to Waco to improve his English, Jauregui began his studies at MCC. He later transferred to Pan American University and then to Texas A&M University, where he earned degrees in Environmental Design and a Master's in Architecture. Jauregui founded Jauregui Architecture, Interiors, and Construction, which has grown into a multi-million-dollar company. He is a long-standing member of the American Institute of Architects and has held leadership roles, including serving as the 2017 President of Austin AIA.

Antonianett Garcia was honored with the 2024 Distinguished Leader Award. A Waco native and mother of six, Garcia began her educational journey at Christian Women's Job Corps during the pandemic, earning her GED in November 2020. She enrolled in MCC's Social Work



program in Fall 2021, maintaining a 4.0 GPA and graduating with highest honors in May 2024. Active in student organizations and a recipient of multiple scholarships, Garcia continued her education at Baylor University, aiming to work with incarcerated adolescents to support their rehabilitation and successful transition into adulthood. Antonianett was not able to join us in-person for the event because she is continuing her education at Baylor University, and had an important exam. However, she did share<u>this</u> video with the MCC Foundation and donors to share her journey and express her deep gratitude.

These awards highlight the significant impact MCC alumni have in their professions and communities, showcasing the college's commitment to fostering excellence and leadership. To discuss other distinguished alumni, or to become involved with the Highlander Alumni and Friends Association, please email Neyra Bazaldua, Associate Director of Special Events and Alumni Relations, at nbazaldua@mclennan.edu.

SCHOLAR BRUNCH







ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Jim Mikel

McLennan alumnus, Jim_Mikel, is one of only three robot choreographers in the world. His work has been showcased with Boston Dynamic's agile mobile robot, Spot. Mikel, a 1983 graduate of Connally High School and proud MCC Highlander, specializes in choreographing intricate dance routines for the robo-dog, and travels across the country inspiring students with STEM education.

Mikel's path to robotic choreography began after working with the Wounded Warriors project, where he witnessed firsthand the way robotics and prosthetics could help veterans. He explored robotics further, eventually developing performances blending technology, music, and art. He uses his talents to support various education initiatives including an apprenticeship program with the Department of Labor, providing students with opportunities to earn certifications in robotics, cobots, and drone operations.

Mr. Mikel is returning to the Waco area after years away. He is excited about getting involved in local STEM efforts, influencing robotics conversations, and contributing to Waco's growing technology sector.



AN UPDATE ON CAMERON HALL

We are sincerely grateful to the many generous community partners who have helped the College and Foundation restore life to the historic and beautiful Cameron Hall. Construction continues on the first phase of the project, which includes a small office space and a unique, flexible events space with an exquisite view from high above the Bosque river. Phase I is expected to reach completion by April of 2025, at which point we will shift focus to the historic courtyard area and the addition of an executive conference room/meeting space.

Approximately \$2.2 million dollars are needed to fully restore this gem to the usage of the College and community. Naming options are available to major donors, and all donors will be recognized. To solidify your legacy and your place in the future of Waco's history, contribute today by <u>clicking here</u>, or email Chris Qualls, Director of Donor Giving, at <u>cqualls@mclennan.edu</u> to discuss naming options.





Honorary Hearts in the Arts Chairs, Alethea and Piers Bateman



HEARTS IN THE ARTS GALA **GUYS AND DOLLS**

February 27th brings our 23rd annual Hearts in the Arts Gala at our beautiful Ball Performing Arts Center. Students, faculty, and community members will bring to life a timeless classic with their dazzling performance of "Guys and Dolls".

It is a safe bet that this show-stopping evening will have you humming along to unforgettable tunes like "Luck Be a Lady" and "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat,"—all while supporting an ace of a cause. The evening begins at 6:00 PM with cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Curtains rise at 7:30 PM. And to sweeten the deal, we will serve desserts during intermission.

Tickets include drinks, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a theatrical experience to remember. **Priority seating is reserved for sponsoring partners.** All proceeds benefit student scholarships, the Visual and Performing Arts department, and special student projects. Your support ensures that our students have the resources they need to achieve their dreams.

Go all in on this glamorous night of music, merriment, and making a difference! **To secure your seat and support rising stars, please reserve your spot by February 20th.** You may call our offices at (254) 299-8604 or email Judy Fleming at <u>ifleming@</u> <u>mclennan.edu</u>, or secure your spot online, <u>here</u>. We are grateful that you bet on our students, and we hope you choose to join us for an unforgettable night.





Scholarships for the 2025-2026 academic year are available for application now. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, last academic year set a new record for the largest amount of scholarship dollars awarded in a single academic year. The MCC Foundation was able to award more than \$775,000 to students pursuing their goals. With your help, we believe that the next academic year will bring us to new heights!

With one application, MCC students are able to apply for hundreds of scholarships through the MCC Foundation. Applicants are matched to scholarship opportunities that best fit their unique qualifications and needs.

To start a scholarship in your name or on behalf of a loved one, please reach out to the MCC Foundation today to discuss options!



McLennan Community College Foundation **NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Join us in welcoming five 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.



RODNEY CLARK

Mr. Clark has years of experience in both banking and insurance. He specializes in customer relations and identifying coverage needs for his clients. Mr. Clark earned his BBA in Finance from the University of North Texas and maintains Series 6 and 63 securities licenses. He is a leader in our community, involved with numerous causes like local education and the Waco Mammoth Foundation.

DR. EDDIE MORRISON

Dr. Morrison attended SMU before Medical School at UT Southwestern in Dallas. He trained at Parkland Hospital and the Dallas VA in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, and faithfully served patients in Waco for 38 years before retiring. He now spends his time as a Scoutmaster, Sunday school teacher, fly fisherman, and traveler.





MISTI MOSTILLER

Mrs. Mostiller is the Executive Vice President and Chief Consumer Banking Officer for Extraco Banks. She has more than 20 years of experience in training, management, hiring, and employee development. She is a native Wacoan who earned her BBA and MBA from Baylor University.

BETSY REEDER

Mrs. Reeder is a dedicated philanthropist and community leader with a long history of service and impact in our community. As an incoming board member, she brings a wealth of experience, having served previous terms on the MCC Foundation Board. During her tenure, she contributed to advancing our mission through strategic leadership and advocacy.





DR. LAURA WICHMAN

Dr. Wichman graduated from MCC with three certificates and one Associate's of Art degree before earning a Bachelor's of Applied Science and Master's of Science in Management in Leadership from Tarleton University. She earned her Doctorate from Texas A&M -- Commerce in Higher Education and has worked for MCC for 16 years. She is currently the Vice President of Strategic Planning and Enrollment.

Each of these five individuals brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and passion. Their service to the McLennan Community College Foundation's Board will undoubtedly continue a decades-long tradition of excellence in leadership. In addition to welcoming our new members, we would like to publicly thank those members of the board who have diligently served the fullness of their terms. We are grateful to Judge Vik Deivanayagam, Dr. Sandra Goss, Trammell Kelly, Glenda Strum, and Shawn Trochim for years of wise counsel.

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

José M. Hernández April 10, 2025

Join us on April 10th for another Distinguished Lecture Series (DLS) event hosted by the McLennan Community College Foundation. Former NASA Astronaut, José M. Hernández will visit campus for a VIP reception, student event, and a moderated conversation, open to the community. Seating is limited, so don't wait!



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2024 KEN STARR MEMORIAL LECTURE

The world lost a passionate advocate for religious liberty when Judge Ken Starr passed away in September 2022. In honor of his legacy, McLennan Community College was privileged to host The Ken Starr Memorial Lecture on September 22, 2024. The event featured an engaging conversation with distinguished federal judges Don Willett and Brantley Starr, who shared their experiences in law, public service, and leadership.

Judge Don R. Willett, a Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals judge since 2018, has a storied career that includes service on the Texas Supreme Court and in various high-level legal roles. A dedicated public servant known for his wit and broad influence, Judge Willett has also contributed significantly to academia and public discourse. His counsel has helped influence and shape the the state and the nation.

Judge Brantley Starr, a U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Texas since 2019, brings a wealth of experience from his work with the Texas Attorney General's office and his role as a legal scholar and community leader. After graduating from Abilene Christian University and UT Law school, Starr served as clerk to Willett at the Supreme Court of Texas. He went on to work with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman, and as Assitant Attorney General, Assistant Solicitor General, and Deputy Attorney General for Legal Counsel.

We sincerely thank the Starr family, donors, and sponsors for supporting this remarkable event, which provided students and the community with a unique opportunity to learn from two eminent legal minds. Events like these remind future generations that with perseverance and dedication, there is no limit to their dreams.



GIFTS TO THE FOUNDATION IN HONOR & IN MEMORY

June 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

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In Honor of Dr. Michael White Dr. and Mrs. Dan Paniagua

In Memory of Markeith Sharone Blackshear Dr. Alexandra Shiu



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In Memory of Ruel L. Dixon, Sr. Read S. Schrotel David Bellman

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In Memory of Clyde Koehne Dr. and Mrs. Dan Paniagua

In Memory of Grandma Lynch

Dr. Alexandra Shiu

In Memory of Patricia (Patti) Ann Mitchell April Robinson

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In Memory of Elaine Ortega

Tom and Kathryn Proctor

In Memory of C. Ray Perry

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In Memory of Edward (Eddie) Rolan, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Luce

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The McLennan Community College Foundation Announces

BROCKENBROUGH

as our new investment management partner

After years of successful endowment management with Vanguard, the MCC Foundation's Finance Subcommittee has elected to transition our assets to a more active management approach. We are pleased to announce that Brockenbrough, Inc. will now oversee our investments.

With our endowment at a record high of approximately \$36 million--thanks to favorable market conditions and the incredible generosity of our community partners--we see an opportunity to implement more advanced investment strategies. Brockenbrough's experienced team of professionals is well-equipped to guide our finances to new levels of success, ensuring we can serve more students through scholarships and help keep local, excellent education within reach for families pursuing their dreams. We look forward to this partnership and the continued growth it will deliver to our mission.

2024 MCC Foundation BOARD OF DIRECTORS



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Dr. Johnette McKown (Secretary) Deidra Emerson, Debbie Sartain, Mosie Holley (Treasurer), Len Brown, Sabrina Moore, Glenda Strum, and Shawn Trochim.

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Andy Harwell, Johnny Giotes, Wes Livesay, Dr. Donald K. Lewis, Paul McClinton, John Bible, Mary Perez (Vice Chair), Judge Vik Deivanayagam, Earl Stinnett, Jonathan Hill, Trammell Kelly, and Dana Hassell (Chairs)

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