



Afternoon 1st Place:
Tanner Nightingale, Matt Dill,
Connor Elliott, Terry Nightingale
and MCC President, Dr. McKown

36th Golf Classic Breaks Records!

We are grateful to our community for stepping up in a big way this fall to support our hometown college, McLennan Community College! On behalf of the board and staff of the MCC Foundation, as well as all students at MCC, we thank everyone who participated in our 36th Annual Golf Classic that raised significant funds for MCC scholarships!

We are delighted to report that our community helped us reach an all-time fundraising record, with sponsor and player revenue topping \$105,000 for the first time in the event's 36-year history! Thanks to everyone for helping make this so! Among the exciting highlights of the tournament were hole-in-one contests, including the chance to win a Buick Encore sponsored by **Richard Karr Motors**. The Luxury Leather Raffle also raised \$6,480, thanks to **Allen Samuels Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram**! Our deepest thanks go out to our volunteers who helped the tournament run smoothly, and to the businesses and individuals listed on p.3 that supported the tournament through sponsorships, participation, and donations of cash or prizes. We are especially grateful to our Diamond Sponsors for their generous support: **Hampton Inn, Fairfield Inn & Suites, and TownePlace Suites**! Plans are underway for the Foundation's 37th Annual Golf Classic on Friday, Oct. 6, 2023 at Cottonwood. We'll see you there!



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Tournament volunteers pictured left to right:
Kim Patterson, Patrick Koon,
Neyra Bazaldua, Mario Leal, Missy Kittner,
Scott Geiger (Highlander), Candice Kelm,
Jennifer Norman, Terry Lechler, Shawn
Trochim, and Gale Kissinger

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36th Annual MCC Foundation Golf Classic continued

Top (L-R): Morning 1st Place team, Stoney Wommack, Adam Rivera, Chris Holzshu, and Cameron Holzshu.



Above: MCC Foundation's Executive Director, Kim Patterson with Zach McFarland, a winner of our Tecovas raffle.

Below: MCC Assistant Dance Coach, Emma Howard, and Dance Director, Ashlee Keyes



THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND CAMPUS SUPPORTERS:

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MCC ATHLETICS:

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Men's Golf Team, Women's Golf Team, and the MCC Dance Company.

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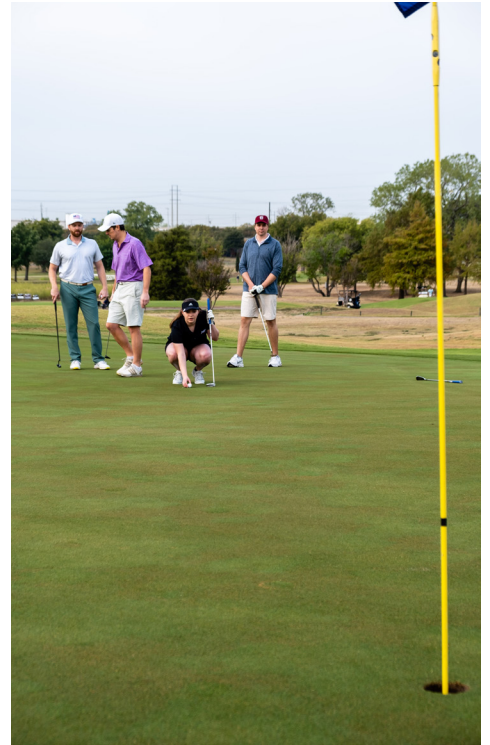
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We are so grateful for this tremendous community support! Proceeds from this tournament will fund scholarships and emergency grants for our hard-working MCC students. Call 254-299-8604 for more information about the McLennan Community College Foundation or to participate in next year's tournament on Oct. 6, 2023.

36th Annual MCC Foundation Golf Classic continued





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Pictured below: Sunrise at the MCC Golf tournament.



**Scholarship Applications
now being accepted**
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MCC Foundation Scholarship Application Opens

SPREAD THE WORD! The scholarship competition for 2023-2024 is under way. Deadline for application submission (including all required references and transcripts) is January 15, 2023. The application can be accessed [here](#). Thanks to the generosity of our donors we currently have 762 scholarship opportunities available to MCC students, totaling \$748,200. Please contact Patrick Koon at pkoon@mclennan.edu or (254) 299-8818 for additional information.

For the 2022-2023, the MCC Foundation awarded more than \$663,589 in scholarships! Apply today, or contact the MCC Foundation to discuss donating to one of our outstanding scholarship funds.

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Deadline for donations is Nov. 17.

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Donations will be accepted at the MCC Foundation and the Completion Center.

2022 Award Recipients: Distinguished Alumni & Leader



The McLennan Community College Foundation's Highlander Alumni & Friends Association recently presented two prestigious awards to alumni of McLennan Community College: the Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Leader awards.

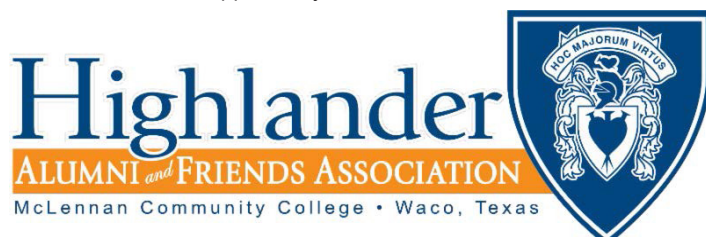
Killian Hutchison of Waco was awarded the 2022 Distinguished Leader Award. Killian came to McLennan Community College as a Presidential Scholar. She maintained a 4.0 GPA during her time at MCC in the nursing program, all while working a part-time job, serving on the Student Advisory Committee, and volunteering at several non-profits in the Waco community. Killian did all of this during the midst of a pandemic, and during the peak of that pandemic she volunteered to help vaccinate our community. Killian is an all-around incredible person, and is the epitome of McLennan's drive to build future leaders and heroes. Killian will continue to serve our community as a NICU nurse at Ascension Providence.

Mandy Loftin-Conner is the recipient of the 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award. Mandy is a graduate of China Spring High School and attended McLennan as a Theatre student from 1991-1993. She continued her education at Texas Tech University. Mandy has taught locally for 25 years; during that time, she has earned 13 trips to Regional UIL One Act Play meets and eight trips to the State competition. In addition to teaching and directing, Mandy is an established playwright. She has published the well-received play, *Lafayette No. 1*, which has been produced in 31 states, Canada and Australia. She has also published *AGO*, *Should Not Cause Harm*, *Unclaimed*, *Dirt*, *11* and *Rue*.

Most recently, Mandy partnered with Creative Waco to create a pair of life-sized Columbian Mammoth puppets that will be utilized by the Mayborn Museum and by the Waco Mammoth Site. Creative Waco's Executive Director, Fiona Bond, praised Mandy's creativity: "Mandy is deeply grounded in her personal faith and values. She embodies those values in her work and creative practice: inspiring others and giving those who feel unseen the opportunity to find their voice and shine."

Pictured above: Killian Hutchison receiving the "Distinguished Leader Award" from MCC's President, Dr. McKown.

Pictured below: Dr. McKown honoring Mandy Loftin-Conner with the Distinguished Alumni Award.



Scholar, Donor, and Alumni Appreciation Luncheon Roars Back



On what we call the “Happiest Day of the Year,” the McLennan Community College Foundation honored scholarship students and donors at the Scholar, Donor, and Alumni Appreciation Luncheon Sept. 14 at the MCC Conference Center. After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, we resumed this wonderful in-person event where donors and their scholars meet and share experiences. And, we returned with a bang: we are delighted to announce that the Foundation awarded a record-breaking \$663,589 in student scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year--the highest amount awarded to students in the Foundation’s 32-year history!

Also featured at the event was an interview with 2021 MCC Distinguished Alumnus Clint Lewis. Lewis was student body president when MCC moved from its temporary home at the James Connally Air Force Base to its beautiful new campus in 1969. After two years at MCC that he calls some of the best of his life, he completed his education at Baylor University and Baylor Law School and has enjoyed a successful career as a Beaumont attorney. Clint and his family have endowed two scholarships at the MCC Foundation, the A.C & Ethel Mae Honea Scholarship and the Mr. and Mrs. William M. Lewis Jr. Scholarship. We congratulate Clint and remain so grateful to the Lewis family for its support of our students!

Also recognized were 14 new scholarship funds established and 40 major donors representing almost \$3 million in support for the Foundation, marking the most successful year yet!

The Foundation’s scholarship application period for the 2023-2024 academic year opened Oct. 1 and is accepting applications through Jan. 15, 2023. A second application period will be May 1-15. Providing transformative opportunities through scholarships is the heart of what we do at the MCC Foundation, and we thank all our supporters for their commitment to this mission!

On behalf of the MCC Foundation board and staff, we thank each of our donors for contributing to student success at MCC. We look forward to hosting this event again next fall. Interested in establishing a scholarship fund for students at MCC? Contact MCC Foundation Executive Director Kim Patterson (kpatterson@mcclennan.edu or 254-299-8606) to discuss your donation, estate planning, or other opportunities.

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Pictured (from left to right): (L) Distinguished Alumnus, Clint Lewis, during his on-stage interview.

(R) Students who received scholarships holding a large check for \$663,589.

Below: Emily Villa, Dr. Linda Seward, and Isabela Morales-Favela.



Below: Martie and Vern Sauter with scholarship recipient, Emily Ardolf.







WELCOME TO THE TEAM: PATRICK & CHRIS



Patrick Koon - Coordinator, Operations & Scholarships

For the past three years, our new Coordinator, Operations & Scholarships has worked for MCC in Financial Aid. He started as a Financial Aid Specialist and served in the role for two years. Thereafter, he became the Assistant Director of Financial Aid, which included managing federal student loans, making financial aid presentations, awarding CARES/HEERF funding to students, and supervising student workers. Prior to McLennan Community College, Patrick attended Baylor University obtaining his BBA while interning at Edward Jones.

While he's not in the office, Patrick enjoys working on the family farm. He is married to his wife of three years, Tori. In 2020, they purchased a small farm in Waco and enjoy tending to the animals they own.

Patrick will be working on scholarships available through the MCC Foundation, managing operations, and the Emergency Grant program. He can be reached at pkoon@mclennan.edu or 254.299.8818.



Chris Qualls, LMSW Director, Donor Giving

The McLennan Community College Foundation is proud to announce that, for the first time in a long while, our team is growing! We have added the new role of "Director, Donor Giving", to help our team continue building relationships with partners, donors, and the community.

Chris Qualls is a Licensed Master Social Worker with more than a decade of experience in the nonprofit sector. In 2013, he earned his Bachelor of Arts from Louisiana Tech University, where he was a member of the Honors College and Captain of the Men's Club Soccer team, and graduated Magna Cum Laude with his master's degree from Baylor University in 2017. Largely responsible for nonprofit programs and sustainability, his work has taken him to developing nations all over the globe.

For the past four years, Chris has served as a programs manager and marketing director for a local community development nonprofit. He serves on several boards throughout the community and is passionate about community development, arts, and nature.

Chris is excited to join the MCC Foundation as we continue to promote quality higher education that enriches the academic, economic, and cultural life of our diverse community. He can be reached at cqualls@mclennan.edu or 254.299.8518.



Cameron Revitalization 2.0

Project takes new direction due to cost

by Kim Patterson, MS, APR; MCC Foundation Executive Director

This is a story of great dreams and unforgiving realities. For more than two years, a group of visionaries and MCC supporters have invested abundant time and energy into the revitalization of the historic William Cameron Summer Home on the MCC campus.

Envisioned as a community project, the College planned to restore the Cameron Summer Home property to its original glory for the community to once again enjoy. The McLennan Community College Foundation organized a steering committee of local leaders to assist with a capital campaign to raise funds for the project.

After hosting a grand kickoff at Clifton and Betsy Robinson's home in late June, we enjoyed great enthusiasm for the plan to honor Waco's past by restoring the Cameron home, historic courtyard, and grounds. At the time of the party, we hoped the project could be accomplished with about \$4 million, including a generous lead gift from the Robinsons for \$2.5 million.

In late summer, we received news that estimates to complete the renovation and interior museum development would be upwards of \$7 million. This estimate did not allow for any additional structural problems that might surface once construction begins. Shortly after, we learned of plans to reopen the Helen Marie Taylor Museum as a home for a Waco history museum similar to what we planned for the building. These two developments caused us to re-evaluate our plans for the project.

After exploring many options, it has been determined that the renovation of the 100-year-old home is ultimately not financially practical. While the concept has changed, the College has not wavered in its commitment to honor the amazing legacy of the Cameron family. We have now developed a plan to build a new structure that pays homage to the historic home and Cameron family, ultimately providing a state-of-the-art building on the site. The historic courtyard, home to many community memories, will be restored with lush gardens to complement the site. The new space will be called "Cameron Hall and Courtyard."

The McLennan Community College Foundation has committed to rallying support from private donors to fund the remainder of the project costs. Significant private donations and pledges have already been made. The new facility will provide functional space for McLennan Community College, house the McLennan Community College Foundation offices to support the mission of the College, showcase Cameron family history, and be a place for the community to gather for social and business events. With your support, we hope to re-engage a new campaign to raise the remaining funds soon.

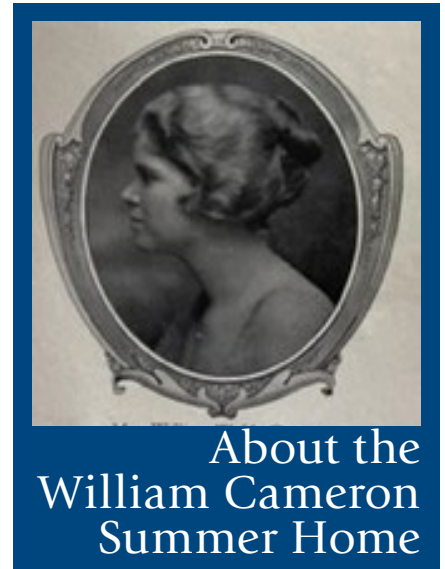


The Cameron Courtyard will once again host business and social events.



Above: Clifton Robinson and Steering Committee Chair Betsy Reeder with a project prospectus.

Below: Archival photo of the original Cameron house pool with Flora Cameron and Fred Bostwick.



The Cameron Summer Home was the creation of William Waldo Cameron, who succeeded his father as head of the family lumber business.

Built in 1922, the house was a wedding present from Cameron to his new bride, Helen (pictured above). This lavish wedding gift has endured a long history as a gift to the entire Waco community as home to many festive gatherings.

After William W. Cameron died in 1939, the house was sold, and McLennan Community College acquired the home in 1966 as part of the property purchased for the main campus.

Although its days as a private residence were over, the home became a different sort of home to the community, serving as the headquarters for the Art Center of Waco starting in 1970. Over the years, it played host to countless arts, social, and wedding events.

In 2017, despite renovation efforts over the years, the house began to show signs of its advancing age. The discovery of structural damage forced a sudden end to the home's use; revitalization efforts hoped to repair the damage and restore the home to its original glory.

While the original structure will not be restored, the new Cameron Hall and Courtyard will blend old with new and bring this beautiful location back to the community.



Make a gift

To contribute to the Cameron Courtyard revitalization and Cameron Hall, contact Kim Patterson at kpatterson@mclennan.edu

2022-2023
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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 2022-2023 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 23, 2023 Hearts in the Arts Gala, featuring the eccentric, slightly ghoulish but thoroughly entertaining musical, ***The Addams Family – A New Musical!***

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 2022-2023. We'll see you at the show!

Nell Hawkins

2022-2023 Hearts in the Arts Honorary Chair

Kim Patterson

MCC Foundation Executive Director

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- 2 Season tickets for all Visual & Performing Arts events, PLUS 1 Gala table for 8
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- 6 Season tickets for all Visual & Performing Arts events, 3 Gala tables for 8 each
- Recognition as Hearts in the Arts GALA Executive Producer Sponsor on Feb. 23, 2023, with event signage, media, program, and Lake Shore Drive marquee recognition!

Welcoming our Incoming Foundation Board Members

New board members will begin their terms Jan. 1, 2023



J. David Dickson

David Dickson is a founding member of Beard Kultgen Brophy Bostwick & Dickson, PLLC and has been representing business and individual clients for 41 years primarily in real estate, bankruptcy, commercial litigation, estate planning and probate matters.

Since 1983, Mr. Dickson has been certified in Commercial, Residential and Farm & Ranch Real Estate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, one of only 52 attorneys in the State of Texas to hold all three of these certifications. He also serves as general counsel for the Heart of Texas Homebuilders' Association and the Heart of Texas Apartment Owners Association. Mr. Dickson is an adjunct professor at Baylor Law School in the real estate area. Mr. Dickson is Chair-Elect of the Real Estate, Probate and Trust law Section of the State Bar of Texas.

In addition to serving his clients and profession, Mr. Dickson is past Chairman of the Waco Foundation and has served on the board of directors of the McLennan County Appraisal District and Tax Increment Financing District.

Andy Harwell

Andy was born and raised in McLennan County, the son of Joyce and Sheriff Jack Harwell. He is a graduate of Robinson High School, McLennan Community College, and Baylor University. Andy was elected as County Clerk of McLennan County in 1994.

Andy's professional and community service includes: Texas Supreme Court Rules Advisory Committee, Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the County and District Clerks' Association of Texas, President of the Kiwanis Club of Waco, President of the Waco Center for Youth Volunteer Council, Kiwanis Foundation Treasurer, McLennan County Bail Bond Board, Meals on Wheels Volunteer.

In the year 2000, Andy was nominated, "County Clerk of the Year" by Area V of the County and District Clerks Association of Texas. He and his wife Sherri are parents of a former Presidential Scholar, Meggie Harwell, who now serves the community as a nurse.



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Mosie Holley

Mosie Holley has served as the Chief Financial Officer for Central National Bank for more than 23 years. A native of West, Mosie began her college career at Baylor University and enrolled in summer courses at McLennan Community College. Mosie earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1979.

She and her husband, Jim, a financial advisor, are supporters of many local causes including Meals on Wheels, Compassion Ministries, Waco Cotton Palace, Midway Education Foundation, Vanguard School, Waco Montessori, United Way, and Waco Symphony.

Mosie and her husband have 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren.



Hermann Pereira

Hermann believes community partnerships are the vehicle to creating sustainable solutions. He is an experienced leader and strong community and social services professional with a demonstrated history of working with a variety of stakeholders.

Hermann holds a Master of Education (M.Ed.) focused in Educational Administration from Baylor University and a Bachelors degree in Business Administration from Stephen F. Austin State University. He and his wife Kristi have two children.

Dr. Dianne Sawyer

Dr. Dianne Sawyer is a retired physician who attended Texas Woman's University before finishing medical school at UTMB in Galveston.

She completed her residency in obstetrics/gynecology at St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, where she graduated as Chief Resident before opening her own practice in Waco in 1986.

Dianne served on the Board of the Hillcrest Family Health Clinics, Hillcrest Medical Center Foundation, Baylor Scott & White Hillcrest Foundation and American Cancer Society Medical Advisory Board, serving as Chair in 2005. She was the 2019 recipient of the Gold-Headed Cane Award, recognizing her for long history of commitment to quality medicine in her community.

Active outside the Waco medical community, Dianne has been a member of the Junior League of Waco since 1991, serving as President in 2002, and the Waco Symphony Council since 2000, serving as President in 2009 and in 2019. Additionally, she has served two terms on the Waco Symphony Association Board. Dianne has been married to Dr. J. Clay Sawyer, a retired psychiatrist and former MCC Foundation board member, for 43 years.





Still Making a Difference

Dianne Ogden Memorial Scholarship makes first award

Above: Scholar Hermila Gonzalez, center, with Dianne Ogden's friends Paul Hoffman and April Robinson.

Below: Dianne (back row, second from left) and colleagues circa 2005.

Hermila Gonzalez will never know Dianne Ogden, but thanks to Dianne and her newly endowed scholarship fund at the MCC Foundation, Hermila's life will be forever changed for the better.

Dianne worked as Director of Career Development at McLennan from 2000 to 2011. When she died that year, friends set up a scholarship fund at the MCC Foundation in her honor.

Friends say Dianne was a fierce advocate for children and a huge believer in mental health awareness and treatment, so the Dianne Ogden Memorial Scholarship is designed to support a student studying mental health, social work, or psychology.

Thanks to monthly donations from friends at MCC, the scholarship fund grew slowly over the years. In 2017, Dianne's friend and former MCC colleague Dr. Kent Hoeffner made a commitment to see the scholarship fully funded.

Thanks to gifts from Kent and others, this year the fund reached full endowment and the Foundation awarded its first scholarship to Hermila. On a very special day at the recent Foundation Scholar, Donor, and Alumni Appreciation Luncheon, Paul Hoffman and April Robinson got to meet Hermila and tell her about their friend.

"Dianne was generous with her friendship, and she was an adventurous soul who absolutely loved the beach and water sports," said April, MCC's Associate Director of Financial Services. April says Dianne enjoyed traveling to exotic beach locations all over the world, and her final resting place is in Roatan, Honduras.

"At the time I chose that location for her, the College had not yet started the annual TIDES study tours to Roatan, so it's nicely significant that even in death Dianne is close to MCC," April says. As a symbol of all that her friend loved, April and her daughter Sheridan carefully carried Dianne's shell collection with them on the plane to scatter with her ashes just outside the reef.

"How could I forget those shells—they were plentiful and very heavy and very meaningful," April says.

"I remember well April's idea about using shells in Dianne's memorial service as a way to honor and remember her love of the beach, the ocean, and travel," Hoeffner says. "It's a bittersweet memory, but one I'm glad I have."

As for Hermila, she is grateful to know about Dianne Ogden and recognizes the impact this angel is having on her life. Hermila plans to continue her studies next semester at Tarleton-Waco to become a Child Clinical Psychologist.

Dianne, the fierce advocate for children, would be so happy.



Pictured above: Dianne Ogden in 2003 celebrating the MCC-A&M 2+2 agreement.

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