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MCC FOUNDATION HONORS BOARD MEMBERS



The MCC Foundation held its annual Board Holiday Dinner on Dec. 6 at McLennan's Conference Center. This event exists to honor MCC Foundation board members — past, present, and future — and to celebrate the prior year's work with a holiday theme. Executive Director Harry Harelik gave brief remarks on the Foundation's 2016 milestones, which include the conclusion of the 50th Anniversary for the college and the initiation of a 50th Anniversary Scholarship Fund of over \$100,000!

In addition to recounting the successes of 2016, Harelik recognized the MCC Foundation board members completing their terms of service in 2016. Those individuals (*pictured top left, from left to right with Executive Director Harry Harelik*) are: Murray Watson, Luanne Klaras, Paul McClinton, Louis Englander, and Bill Patterson.

Harelik also welcomed the following individuals to the MCC Foundation Board, effective Jan. 1, 2017: (*pictured middle, left to right with Executive Director Harry Harelik*) Priscilla Stinnett, Ted Teague, Missy Larson, and Bill Dietz, Jr. Alfred Solano is not pictured. Finally, Harelik thanked the audience for their support over his 16-year career at McLennan Community College.

He then introduced incoming Executive Director Kim Patterson, who briefly spoke on what is ahead for the MCC Foundation during the 2017 calendar year. Before the night concluded, Patterson, MCC President Dr. Johnette McKown, MCC Board Chair K. Paul Holt, and outgoing MCC Foundation Board Chair Paul McClinton presented Harelik and his wife with a gift of appreciation.

During his remarks, Harelik gave a special thank you to the staff of the MCC Foundation, "to Rose DeLeon, who has been a light to the darkness, Jana Bland for her unending patience, Shelley Cotten for her continuing diligence in getting scholarships awarded to as many students possible, Nancy Neill for her ongoing excellence in grant writing and resource development, and to Nancy's right hand, Cloddy Williams in the grants office. I am truly grateful to work with this team of extraordinary individuals."



MCLENNAN RECOGNIZES NISOD WINNERS

McLennan Community College announced five honorees for the annual National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Awards, which recognize commitment to high performance and extraordinary service in higher education.

The 2016-17 NISOD award recipients are: (in order of picture, left to right with McLennan President Dr. Johnette McKown)

- *Professional Staff*: Susan Copeland, Coordinator of Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
- *Arts, Science & Business*: Dr. Ronald Hochstatter, Associate Professor of Communication Studies
- *Support Staff*: Gale Kissinger, Sr. Executive Secretary, Office of Student Success
- *Workforce, Public Service & Health Professions*: Ted Robles, Associate Professor of Mental Health/Social Work
- *Adjunct Faculty*: Dr. Richard Sneed, Part-Time Instructor of Philosophy



Congratulations to these hard-working staff of MCC! The MCC Foundation commends you on your steadfast commitment to McLennan students.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE



The 2017-18 scholarship application period closed on January 15 with over 700 complete applications. The MCC Foundation Scholarship Committee will begin meeting in February. Each application is scored by two committee members using a rubric as a guide with point ranges for GPA, volunteer/extracurricular/school leadership activities and memberships, essay, and other criteria. The scoring is a labor-intensive process and the Scholarship Committee members do a wonderful and timely job in getting this accomplished. Notifications of awards will be sent to students towards the end of March/first of April. All applicants with complete applications will be notified whether or not they receive a scholarship by May 1. Please contact Shelley Cotten at 299-8818 or scotten@mclennan.edu for additional information. *Pictured left are MCC Bernard & Audre Rapoport First Generation Scholars Alexandria Aleman (left) and Tyler Heath (right) with MCC Foundation Executive Director Harry Harelik at Commencement this past December.*

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JULIAN G OPENS 2016-17 STEINWAY SERIES



Pictured above: MCC Division of Performing Arts Chair Lise Uhl, Steinway Artist Julian Gargiulo, McLennan President Johnette McKown, and MCC Foundation Executive Director Harry Harelik pose for a picture at the donor reception.

The 2016-17 Steinway Series Concert season commenced Friday, Oct. 28, as Julian Gargiulo took the stage at the Ball Performing Arts Center. “Julian G - Direct from Carnegie Hall” attracted over 200 guests to the McLennan Campus for a night of entertainment and wonder.

Prior to the concert, a private reception was held for donors to the Steinway campaign. This reception took place at the Northwood House and included a presentation on “The History of Steinway” by Bryan Elmore, Historian & Institutional Director of Steinway & Sons.

Shortly after the reception, the concert began at the Performing Arts Center. Gargiulo performed for his audience for almost two hours. His performance included selections by Frédéric Chopin, some personal arrangements, and a grand finale of Ludwig van Beethoven’s *Sonata Op. 27, No. 2 in c-sharp minor “Moonlight”*.

The 2016-17 Steinway Series concludes Jan. 31 with a performance by Margery McDuffie Whatley (see p. 4 for details). This fabulous concert will be covered in the next issue of the *Highlander Quarterly*.

To learn more about MCC’s Hearts in the Arts and the Steinway Series, please contact Jana Bland at jbland@mclennan.edu or 254-299-8481.



Pictured above: Steinway & Sons Historian and Institutional Director Bryan Elmore presents “The History of Steinway” to McLennan Steinway donors.

Pictured right: Ms. Glenda Strum, Drs. J. Clay and Diane Sawyer, and Dr. and Mrs. Heyward Green enjoy the Steinway donor reception prior to the concert.



You're Invited...

McLennan Steinway Series



**Margery McDuffie
Whatley**

January 31, 2017

7:30 p.m. ♦ Ball Performing Arts Center

Steinway Artist Margery McDuffie Whatley performs from coast to coast as a piano soloist and chamber musician. With a strong interest in making classical music accessible to people of all ages and listening experiences, she has presented a series of outreach programs throughout the United States. Margery has appeared as a soloist with the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra, Macon Symphony Orchestra, Chicago's Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra, Atlanta's DeKalb Symphony Orchestra, as well as the Bremerton Symphony Orchestra. She has also performed in Rome, Italy at the Rome Chamber Music Festival. Her three CDs, *Piano Reflections – Encore Favorites*; *Margery McDuffie Whatley plays Bach, Haydn, Brahms and Ravel*; and *From Mozart to Gershwin*, have received rave reviews from Fanfare Magazine and American Record Guide.

Free for Steinway Donors and Hearts in the Arts Members as well as MCC faculty, staff, and students.
Community tickets may be purchased for \$5 from the MCC Box Office.
McLennan Box Office ♦ 254-299-8200 ♦ Box Office Hours: M-F Noon - 3 p.m.

2017 HEARTS IN THE ARTS GALA TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Tickets are currently on sale for the MCC Foundation's 15th Annual Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala fundraiser. This special evening is one of only two annual fundraisers that benefit McLennan student scholarships and other student needs not met by the college budget. Tickets are \$75 per person and include the pre-show reception, theatre performance, and post-show dessert reception! To purchase tickets, please call 254-299-8604 or e-mail reservations@mclennan.edu.

The first episode of "[College Talk](#)," a new show promoting McLennan Community College and the Foundation on the Waco City Cable Channel, focused on the Hearts in the Arts Gala. If you have questions regarding this year's Hearts in the Arts membership, Steinway Series concerts or the 15th Annual Hearts in the Arts Gala, please contact Jana Bland (jbland@mclennan.edu or 254-299-8481).



The McLennan Community College Foundation requests the honor of your presence at the

15th Annual Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala

February 23, 2017

6 p.m. • Hors d'oeuvres and wine reception
at Northwood House

8 p.m. • McLennan Theatre performance
followed by a dessert reception with the cast
at the Ball Performing Arts Center

Hearts
in the arts

FOUNDATION LOOKS TO NEW HORIZONS IN 2017

A Message from incoming Executive Director Kim Patterson



Hello! What an amazing time it is to be a part of this extended McLennan Community College Foundation family! I want you to know that I feel very fortunate to be the incoming Executive Director of the Foundation, inheriting a proud legacy of success that I pledge to carry on just as this remarkable college deserves. That legacy began in 1990 with our first director, Buzz Sawyer, then continued with Danny Uptmore, and finally, Harry Harelik, who is retiring this month.

I was fortunate to have spent eight years working by Harry's side when I was previously with the Foundation, watching, listening, and learning from the very best in the development field. My three predecessors forged a marvelous path of support for MCC in this community, and I take from them much wisdom and the tenacity to carry on their great work. I know we will all miss Harry and send with him our eternal gratitude as he enters his new phase of life.

You may be wondering what will change at the Foundation in the coming months and years. In many ways, not much will change, because clearly this organization has been very successful! But we will be in a building year. There is much for all of us to learn—about the work, and about each other. Harry and I, as well as our tremendous Foundation team of Rose DeLeon, Jana Bland, Shelley Cotten, Nancy Neill, and Cloddy Williams, have spent time together recently to assure a smooth transition, and that transition will continue for the foreseeable future.

What will change is a move toward streamlining some of our procedures with technology. Without abandoning the traditional ways that have served us well, we will look for ways to implement new technology tools to best serve the work of the office.

We will define and evaluate the resource needs of the college by working closely with Dr. McKown and the Vice Presidents. Ideas and needs will be sourced straight from the faculty and staff who each day carry on the important work of this college. Now is the time for everyone to think big!

We will form a Planned Giving Advisory Council to help supporters understand how making the MCC Foundation a part of their estate plans is an amazing way to build a legacy with impact.

Lastly, we plan to use more images and testimonials to share this amazing story. We will be forming a social media ambassador team to whom we will provide simple, beautiful, and compelling messaging that they can easily share within their circles of influence. "Like" and "Share" will be as complicated as it gets. And, we are launching a new cable talk show, "[College Talk](#)," this month, where we will tell the amazing stories of what is going on at our college and the Foundation. Waco-area residents will be able to tune in on the Waco City Cable Channel (WCCC-10), and the show will also be streamed online each month. We'll send out a link by e-mail and on social media: @McLennanFoundation on Facebook and @MCCFoundation1 on Twitter. Please join us if you are not already a follower!

McLennan Community College is an extraordinary place, and our primary mission at the Foundation is to share our story and build support for this community treasure. Our plans are numerous, and it will take time. Rest assured that the excitement is brimming, the plans are in place, and the will is strong to take this Foundation to an even higher level of success than we have already known. Thank you for being part of that vision.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Patterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kim Patterson, APR

A FOND FAREWELL AFTER 16 YEARS OF SERVICE



Almost sixteen years have flown by since I came to the MCC Foundation. Developing funds is dependent on developing strong personal relationships, and I have been blessed and enriched in the many relationships which have flowered in these “MCC years.” A true team, a true village, came to be with the wonderful MCC Foundation staff and board of trustees, with MCC staff, faculty, students, administration, and alumni, and with an engaged and supportive city and county. Businesses, individuals, organizations, and foundations came together to create incredible successes.

The MCC Foundation team saw net assets rise from \$3.4 million in 2001 to over \$16 million today and annual scholarships increased from \$178,000 to just under \$400,000. The MCC Foundation Board expanded and was enhanced with new governance procedure, diversity, and engagement.

Many major gifts were celebrated including a \$1 million grant from the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Foundation and a \$1.8 million bequest from the estate of Iris Jeffress. Campus improvements included the Bosque River Stage, Jim and Nell Hawkins’ artwork at the new Science building, the Health Professions Complex and Simulation Laboratory, and the Highlander Legacy Plaza. New programs in the All Steinway Campaign and Annual Steinway Concert, popular Distinguished Lecture Series, and

Rapoport First Generation Scholarship program were funded and developed. Signature Foundation events, the Annual Golf Tournament and the Spring Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala, moved from net revenues of a few thousand dollars to \$50,000 yearly from the golf tournament and a high of \$20,000 for the theatre gala. MCC employee giving increased from \$3,000 annually to over \$60,000 annually. The annual MCC Scholarship, Donor, and Alumni recognition grew from a few hundred attendees to over 1,000 annually, and moved from the Ball Performing Arts Center to the MCC Conference Center and finally to the Waco Convention Center to accommodate the larger audiences. An alumni organization, the Highlander Alumni & Friends Association, was formed and remains active under the MCC Foundation auspices.

Also, The MCC Foundation planned many special events such as the large retirement dinner for MCC President Dr. Dennis Michaelis, as well as the traditional inauguration ceremony for the succeeding MCC President, Dr. Johnette McKown and, as well, took the lead in organizing MCC’s 35th, 40th, and 50th year celebrations. The 50th anniversary year saw a multitude of MCC division celebrations, reunions, and activities including MCC’s Inaugural European Choir Tour and a grand 50th anniversary gala dinner followed by a Waco Symphony concert at Waco Hall and the initiation of MCC’s first Hall of Fame with the introduction of MCC’s first school song. The 50th anniversary resulted in a new 50th anniversary scholarship fund of over \$100,000.

No one individual can claim credit for these wonderful accomplishments. They were the result of warm, committed, and philanthropically-minded hard workers from all areas of the MCC constituency. For all the friendships, hard work, and grand giving, I send heartfelt thanks to all. I will forever be one of MCC’s greatest fans!

Best wishes and warm regards, always,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harry I. Harelik".

Harry I. Harelik, MPA, CPA, CFRE, CGMA
Executive Director
2001-2017

HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS TO THE FOUNDATION

OCT. 11 - DEC. 31, 2016

In Honor & In Memory

In Honor of Gene Gooch for Bosses' Day by:
Mary Pratt

In Honor of the Harry Harelik First Generation Scholarship
Recognizing Harelik's Service to MCC by:

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Sam and Sharon Allison
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Dr. Hazel Rowe
Martin and Loren Schwartz
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Kenneth and Alice Starr
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Still
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In Honor of the Mitchell Family by:
Liz Mitchell

In Honor of Nancy Neill by:
Cloddy Williams

In Honor of Linda Pelon's 12-Years of Service to MCC by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Honor of Marisa Sliva and Family by:
Drs. James and Cindy SoRelle

In Honor of Lori Southern by:
Cloddy Williams

In Honor of Marisa and Aaron Williams by:
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In Memory of Mildred Brinegar by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik

In Memory of Viola Ray Brooks by:
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In Memory of Myra Callaway by:
Bronson and Kathleen Eden

In Memory of B. J. Carlile by:
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Long
Jerry and Pamela Niles
David and Annette Scott

In Memory of Hazel Brown Cherry and Leonard Earl Cherry by:
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In Memory of Viola Frances Cox by:
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In Memory of Mary Jo Farrar by:
Diane Boles

In Memory of Adeline Finn by:
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In Memory of Katherin Hahn by:
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In Memory of Gwendolyn Hills by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik
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Lesley Plemons
Don and Linda Stanford

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Dr. and Mrs. Ed Morrison

In Memory of Mary Alice Huizar by:
Billy and Charlotte Laughlin

In Memory of Joe E. Ingram by:
Drs. Stanley and Johnette McKown

In Memory of Barbara Lee by:
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The Garden Patch
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Harry and Beverly Harelik
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Drs. Harry and Louise Powell III
John and Sonia Warriner

In Memory of John L. Phillips by:
Larry and Phyllis Blackwood
Dr. Richard Drum
Dr. Karen Cummings Garrett
Harry and Beverly Harelik
Don Hurst
Don and Linda Stanford

In Memory of Jamie G. Rogers by:
Elaine Fagner

In Memory of Betty Lou Schroeder by:
Michael and Sandy Hinton

In Memory of Bill Strother by:
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In Memory of Devon Alexander Walker by:
Andrew and Rose DeLeon
Elaine Fagner
Harry and Beverly Harelik
Billy and Charlotte Laughlin
Thomas and Nancy Neill
Bob and Mickey Park
Tom and Kathryn Proctor
David and Annette Scott

In Memory of Alta Mae Washington by:
Dr. Richard Drum

In Memory of Charlie Williams by:
Dr. Karen Cummings Garrett

In Memory of Sophie J. Young by:
Harry and Beverly Harelik
Drs. Stanley and Johnette McKown

CHARITABLE GIVING & CONTACT US

SIMPLE GUIDE TO PLANNING CHARITABLE GIFTS & AVOIDING PROBATE

By Harry I. Harelik MPA, CPA, CFRE, CGMA
Executive Director of the MCC Foundation

Question: What Can Be Given?

Answer: Depending on each charity's policies, gifts can include: Cash, Securities, Real Estate, Retirement Plan Assets, Life Insurance, Business Interests, Natural Resources, Collectibles, etc.

Note: The charitable gifting of appreciated assets such as securities or real estate can avoid income taxes on the appreciated assets that would have been due had the asset been sold first and then the proceeds transferred to the charity. Gifts of appreciated assets may be income tax deductible and valued at fair market value at the date of the gift.

Question: How Can Giving be Accomplished?

Answer: There are many planned giving vehicles!

- Direct annual gifts or installment gifts over a period of years
- Testamentary gifts (through an estate by will)
- Charitable gift annuities and charitable trusts
- *Beneficiary designations on life insurance contracts, IRAs/ Retirement Plans
- *Payable on death clauses for checking accounts, brokerage accounts, savings accounts, certificates of deposit, commercial annuities

**Beneficiary designations and payable on death clauses simplify estate administration in that these provide for payment to designated parties, avoiding probate and passing outside the will. This does NOT mean that they aren't included in and possibly taxable in the estate. Professional advisors should often be consulted before executing any transfer or gifting paperwork.*

2017 MCC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The McLennan Community College Foundation is committed to enriching the college and the communities it serves by supporting its 8,500 students, 850 faculty and staff members, and by improving facilities on our 200-acre campus. The MCC Foundation Board of Trustees leads the Foundation in these endeavors.

The 2017 MCC Foundation Board of Directors are: Sharon Allison (*Vice-Chair*); Betty Bauer; Phyllis Blackwood; Randy Cox; Judge Rex Davis (*Treasurer*); Diane Deaver; Bill Dietz; Wesley Filer (*Chair*); Nashim Hamilton; Dana Hassell; Linda Hatchel; Kent Keahey; Missy Larson; Doug McDurham; Dr. Johnette McKown (*Secretary*); Judge Vicki Menard; Charlie Moore; Ellie Morrison; Kim Patterson (*Executive Director*); Valerie Robinson; Dr. Hazle Rowe; J. Clay Sawyer, M.D.; Alfred Solano; Priscilla Stinnett; Ted Teague; Winfred Watkins; and Geneva Watley.

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