



Executive Director, Kim Patterson alongside incoming board members Dr. Drew Canham, Judge Vikram Deivanayagam, Dr. Sandra Goss, Trammell Kelly, and Glenda Strum.

## MCC Foundation Honors Incoming and Outgoing Board Members

The MCC Foundation held its Holiday Dinner Dec. 5 that honored outgoing and incoming board members. This event, which is held each year at the MCC Conference Center, invites past, present, and incoming MCC Foundation board members to enjoy dinner and entertainment (courtesy of McLennan Opera and Theatre) and celebrate the successes of the MCC Foundation.

MCC Foundation Executive Director Kim Patterson recognized and honored four outgoing board members – Phyllis Blackwood, Randy Cox, Diane Deaver, and Wesley Filer – for their years of service on the MCC Foundation Board. These individuals were presented with a special note of thanks and a custom ceramic bowl to commemorate their time of service.

Patterson then recognized the following new members of the MCC Foundation Board, effective Jan. 1, 2019: Dr. Drew Canham, Judge Vikram Deivanayagam, Dr. Sandra Goss, Trammell Kelly, and Glenda Strum. These new board members attended a comprehensive Board Orientation on Nov. 29, learning the history of the MCC Foundation and discussing the strategic initiatives of the college and the Foundation for 2019.

The evening concluded with a very special collaboration between McLennan Opera and Theatre, faculty and students debuting selections from *Pirates of Penzance*. Dr. Bronwen Forbay ended the evening with a special rendition of “Oh Holy Night.” Her performance brought tears to those in the audience. Please enjoy photos from this evening on p. 2.



Custom pottery bowls commemorating the time and service of outgoing MCC Foundation Board Members.

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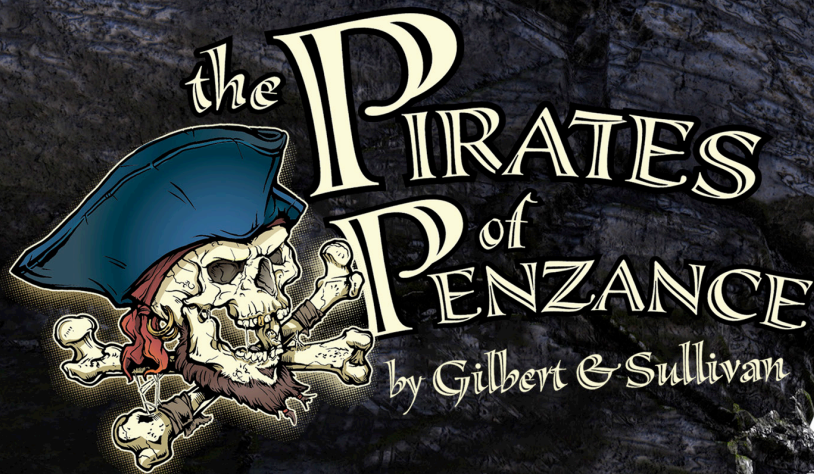
# MCC Foundation Honors Board Members at Holiday Dinner





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# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: KATIE SHORE

Photo by Mike Shore



McLennan Community College Alumna, Katie Shore is currently the female vocalist and fiddle player for the nine-time Grammy Award-winning band, Asleep at the Wheel. Katie attended MCC from 2006-2008, where she took piano, sight singing, ear training, and commercial music courses. MCC Music Industry Careers Professor, Richard “Dick” Gimble says, “Katie brought her talent and sparkle and was a real asset to our music program. She is now proof of the excellent education that McLennan Community College provides.” Katie received an Associate Degree in Commercial Music from MCC in 2008.

After graduating from MCC, Katie moved to Austin, where she was able to collaborate with many artists, such as The Jitterbug Vipers, Continental Graffiti, Ghosts Along the Brazos, Willie Nelson, and George Strait. These collaborations, along with her voice and fiddle, have taken her around the country and abroad. Katie also leads her own projects and draws inspiration from nature. Katie says, “I often find a tree near where we are staying, and I will take my fiddle out and play, or just let the wind play the strings.” Katie is looking forward to new adventures and every opportunity to sing and play.

Congratulations, Katie, on your success and for sharing your talent with the world!



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# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: JOSH BREAUX

## FROM MCLENNAN TO THE YANKEES

Josh Breaux was a student at MCC from 2016-2018 where he played baseball under Coach Mitch Thompson. While at MCC, Josh appeared in 56 games during his sophomore season, leading the team with a .404 batting average with 18 home runs, 69 RBIs, 61 runs scored, and 48 walks. Last year, he was selected by the New York Yankees in the second round of the MLB Draft as the 61st overall pick, thus, becoming the highest-drafted player in the program's history.

Josh's advice to current students is to "listen to what the coaches have to say. The advice they gave me improved my game, but it also improved other aspects of my life, like my ability to see the bigger picture." Josh's coaches also taught him the importance of helping others and the true meaning of teamwork. Because of this, Josh made several generous donations to the MCC Foundation. These donations will allow the Foundation to provide scholarship opportunities for future Highlander and Highlassie players. Josh wants to ensure that his teammates and those to follow him will be given the same opportunities he was given, thus allowing students to obtain an education while playing the sport they love.

Consider supporting our student athletes by attending their games, or by supporting the MCC Foundation Golf Classic this fall. Click [here](#) to view a full list of sports and game schedules.





# Class of 1985 Basketball Reunion



The MCC Highlander Alumni and Friends Association was honored to partner with McLennan Athletics to host the Class of 1985 Basketball Reunion at the MCC Foundation gardens. The alums enjoyed being back on campus and admired the growth at MCC since their student days. They shared anecdotes, rekindled friendships, and exclaimed that MCC was an enormous influence on their personal and professional success. The alums were honored during halftime by MCC Athletics Director, Shawn Trochim. Pictured above are several members of the teams with former coach Ken DeWeese, right.

There are some great pictures below and in the album "Class of 1985 Reunion" on the MCC Highlander Alumni Association's Facebook page. Click [here](#) to check them out, and while you are there, be sure to "Like" our page so that we can stay in touch. If you would like to join the Highlander Alumni & Friends Association, contact [alumni@mclennan.edu](mailto:alumni@mclennan.edu) or (254) 299-8481. Membership is free and open to all alumni and friends of McLennan Community College.



Class of 1985 recognized at halftime.



MCC Class of 85' Basketball Game



MCC Athletics Director, Shawn Trochim and MCC Alumna, Velvee Morell





## Givers in the Garden

Since its inception in 1990, the MCC Foundation has awarded more than 5,700 student scholarships totaling over 5.5 million. This success would not be possible without the support of our current and former staff and faculty and the Waco community. Their support allows us to further our mission of promoting quality higher education that enriches the academic, economic, and cultural life of our diverse community. The MCC Foundation was honored to host a reception in honor of our generous givers in the Foundation gardens on October 25. We are extremely grateful to have the support of our wonderful board members, faculty, staff, and community.

We invite you to visit with us and learn more about how you can help create brighter futures in our community through regular, endowed, or planned giving to the McLennan Community College Foundation. Choose an area of support that interests or impacts you, or choose to designate your gift to our general fund and let us put your dollars to work where the need is greatest. Contact us at (254) 299-8606 or email [kpatterson@mclennan.edu](mailto:kpatterson@mclennan.edu) to learn more.





# MCC Foundation Scholarship Update



Lake Brazos Rotary Club Scholar, Adriana Alcalá, and Follett Bookstore Scholars; Zachary Nichols, Stephanie Navarro, Emilee Hubbard, and Sanjuana Delgado.

The 2019-2020 scholarship application period ended on January 15, and in early February, 12 dedicated scholarship committee members began the review process of approximately 700 applications. The scholarship committee includes faculty, staff, and MCC Foundation board members who all work under the guidance of Scholarship Coordinator Shelley Cotten. Student notifications will be sent beginning the week of March 18. Last year, the MCC Foundation exceeded the \$530,000 mark for scholarships awarded, due in part to a 2nd scholarship competition period open May 1 – May 15. We appreciate the scholarship committee for the work they do to match our best students with scholarship awards.

## A Season of Giving Thanksgiving Fundraiser



Last Fall, MCC's Completion Center partnered with H-E-B to provide students in need with vouchers for a Thanksgiving meal. H-E-B provided full Thanksgiving meals at a discounted price of \$25 each so MCC could purchase a larger quantity. The goal of the fundraiser was to raise enough funds to purchase 150 vouchers; the fundraiser was held for two weeks in November and MCC faculty and staff joined forces and raised over \$5000! This amount allowed MCC to purchase more vouchers than ever before so that more than 200 families enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Thank you to all who participated in achieving this goal!





# CHARITY CHAMPIONS

MCC FOUNDATION MEN OF COLOR SUCCESS INITIATIVE



Men of Color Success Initiative students; Dominic Villa, Aaron Esparza, and Luis Alvarez with Professor Ron Hochstatter.

The Men of Color Success Initiative has been hard at work raising funds that will permit them to attend the statewide Men of Color Conference in Austin. They hosted a dine-to-donate fundraiser at Raising Cane's on November 30 and had the support of over 200 attendees. The funds raised at this event, along with generous donations from faculty, staff, and the community, make the conference a reachable goal.

Nevertheless, there is still more work to be done. They hope to have at least two more fundraisers in the spring that will permit all MOC members to attend the conference. If you would like to learn more about the MCC Foundation's Men of Color Program or if you are interested in their future fundraising efforts, please click [here](#).

## Student Spotlight: Aaron Esparza

Aaron Esparza Luevanos is a freshman at McLennan Community College. He is currently pursuing an Associate of Arts in Education. Although, his time at MCC has been short, he has already made a tremendous impact on his peers. Aaron joined the Men of Color Success Initiative in October and has been the program's best recruiter. He encourages his peers to attend leadership seminars, make use of tutoring services, library hours, and the food pantry. Aaron encourages the use of these resources because he knows how difficult college and life can be without support.

Aaron was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at a young age and had his first surgery at the age of 3. Living with cerebral palsy has not stopped him from pursuing his goal of becoming a licensed social worker. Aaron plans to complete a Master's Degree in Social Work from Tarleton State University at Waco. After graduation, Aaron will remain in Waco and work within the community to help others succeed.



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The MCC Foundation was proud to host the Winter 2018 Steinway Series concert featuring Dr. Donald Balmos and Gail Wade. Their performance was spectacular, topped by a sweet tribute to the life and work of Kurt Kaiser. We are proud of many things at McLennan Community College, but our All-Steinway status, combined with the extraordinary talent of our faculty (past and present) are truly extraordinary gifts for our students and our community.

Some people have asked us how they can pay tribute to the work that Donnie and Gail put into their wonderful performance, so we wanted to share with you ways you can help ensure that this generation, as well as the next, can experience the high-caliber arts education McLennan is famous for:

- [Become a Hearts in the Arts member](#). Hearts in the Arts is an affinity group of the MCC Foundation that provides supplemental funds for arts scholarships, master classes, guest artists, and equipment. Membership at the Sustainer level and above also includes ticket(s) to our Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala on Feb. 28, 2019!
- [Contribute to arts scholarships](#). In 2017, Dr. Balmos' family honored him by establishing the Balmos Family Endowed Scholarship, intended for an incoming student who shows promise in piano. When fully funded, it will be the first piano scholarship at McLennan. To contribute, simply designate this fund at our general giving portal or you can mail to us at the address below.

Thank you for your friendship and support—we hope to see you at future performances!



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The McLennan County Medical Society was founded in 1866 and has a membership group of over 450 physicians united to serve the people of McLennan County in matters of medical care, prevention and cure of disease, and the improvement of public health.

In 2016, the society endowed the McLennan County Medical Society's 150th Anniversary Scholarship Fund at the MCC Foundation. This scholarship is awarded on a yearly basis to an MCC nursing student. Every year, the society celebrates the season of giving by raising year-end gifts and matching those gifts to the McLennan County Medical Society's 150th Anniversary endowed fund at the MCC Foundation. All together, members donated more than \$1200 to the scholarship fund in December, an amount that will be matched soon.

Thank you to the medical community for the generosity you have shown our students and our community!

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