



Hearts in the Arts Gala Chairs, Virginia and Dr. Donald K. Lewis, greet guests at the 20th Annual Hearts in the Arts Gala on Feb. 27.



MCC Men's Golf Team volunteers and MCC President Dr. Johnette McKown at the Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala.

2022 HEARTS IN THE ARTS LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS GALA!

The weather in late February lived up to a “Little Shop of Horrors” theme as ice and cold rain fell, forcing us to postpone our event to a Sunday matinee. True to form for Texas weather, Sunday was sunny and warm and the 20th Annual Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala show went on! Presidential Scholars and MCC men’s golfers greeted more than 200 patrons who gathered at the Ball Performing Arts Center in support of our talented McLennan arts students and faculty. Each table was gloriously decorated with Audrey II plants courtesy of board member Nell Hawkins! After dining and conversation, guests enjoyed the clever and hummable McLennan Theatre performance of *Little Shop of Horrors*.

This year’s cast featured leads Eduardo Perez as Seymour and Addie Genarlsky as Audrey. The BIGGEST star of the show was love-struck Audrey II, the carnivorous alien plant played by puppeteer Randy Dockendorf. The MCC Foundation heartily thanks this year’s Hearts in the Arts members and Gala sponsors, featured on p. 4. We also applaud our Hearts in the Arts Honorary Chairs Virginia and Dr. Donald K. Lewis and our volunteer committee for their tireless work to support our students and faculty! Check out pictures on [Facebook](#) or visit the [Waco Tribune-Herald](#) website.

Please remember the MCC Foundation in your annual giving, estate planning, and memorials.

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A TASTE OF LA BELLA VITA



A unique opportunity popped up for the MCC Foundation and McLennan Opera at a new event last fall, "A Taste of La Bella Vita" on Nov. 2. We partnered with the Morrison family at The Gin at Nolan Creek in downtown Belton and hosted about 60 friends for a delicious dinner and performances of familiar arias by McLennan Opera students.

The evening included a gourmet dinner along with 14 of the most-loved arias from familiar operas performed by students, along with professors Mandy Morrison and Edgar Sierra. McLennan piano professors Dr. Sharon Lavery and Gail Wade accompanied the performances. All proceeds from the event fund MCC Opera scholarships through the MCC Foundation.

The event not only brought in revenue of \$8,500 to help boost the MCC Opera Scholarship, but it also showcased the remarkable talent we have in our Visual and Performing Arts Division. There have been many requests for an encore, so stay tuned for another Bella night in Fall 2022!



FOOD PANTRY RECEIVES \$5,000 GIFT FROM ATMOS ENERGY



Atmos Energy recently donated \$5,000 to the McLennan Community College Foundation to help support Paulanne's Pantry, the MCC Food Pantry. Pictured above are Completion Center Associate Director Natalie James, Atmos Energy Representative Tammy Bowman, and MCC Foundation Executive Director Kim Patterson.

"This gift will do so much to help us serve students who are working hard to support themselves or a family while they attend college," said Foundation Executive Director Kim Patterson. "Hunger is a real issue on college campuses, especially at community colleges where many students live perilously close to the edge of financial security. We are incredibly grateful to Atmos Energy for their commitment to support our students."

Thanks to its supply partnership with the Central Texas Food Bank, the MCC Pantry will be able to provide meals for up to 200 students with the gift, said Completion Center Associate Director Natalie James. Students who access the pantry are typically limited to one visit per month and are provided with coaching to help with accessing other community resources. Each pantry visit provides enough food for three meals for a family.

Paulanne's Pantry was named in honor of Waco resident Paulanne Ream Hoover, who left a gift to the MCC Foundation in her estate plan. This gift funded an endowment to cover basic costs of Pantry operations as well as establish one of the first scholarship funds for part-time students at the college.

Supporting Paulanne's Pantry is just one way the MCC Foundation raises public and private support to ensure students can be successful in college and in life. To learn more, contact Executive Director Kim Patterson at 254-299-8606 or kpatterson@mclennan.edu.

MCC Recognizes Local Leaders With Arbor



McLennan Community College recently honored local community leaders Greta and the late Murray Watson, Jr. with the opening of the Greta and Murray Watson, Jr. Arbor on the MCC campus. Shown above is Greta Watson cutting the ribbon along with members of the Watson and Larson families.

The Greta and Murray Watson, Jr. Arbor project was conceived and funded through the generosity of Brazos Higher Education Service Corporation, the student loan financing company founded by Murray Watson, Jr. in 1975. Among other gifts, the company and the Watson family have funded more than \$579,000 in endowed scholarships at the MCC Foundation to support the McLennan Presidential Scholars program.

To honor its founder's lifelong support of higher education, Brazos and the Watson family wished to create an outdoor space where students, faculty, and staff at the college could gather. The company's generosity means that no college funds were expended for this beautiful campus enhancement. Since its opening, students have flocked to the space.

"We are so grateful to our friends at Brazos Higher Education Service Corporation and the Watson family for their generous donations to our campus and student scholarships. This space will provide an area where our students are able to relax, study, and find tranquility in their busy schedules," said MCC President Johnette McKown. "This is the perfect tribute to the Watson family that cares so deeply about students and their success."

Iglehart Scholarship Honors Family Legacy

East Side Fish Market, 1980



Dr. Alfreda Iglehart is a Waco native who now serves as Professor Emerita of Social Welfare at UCLA. She recently approached the MCC Foundation about creating a scholarship in honor of her parents, who were the owners of the East Side Fish Market at 803 Clifton Street. According to Dr. Iglehart, at the time of her father's death, the market was the

oldest continuously operating African-American business in Waco. The Dr Pepper Museum recognized Henry Iglehart as a notable Waco entrepreneur with a display in 1999.



Iglehart Wedding Day
March 26, 1946

she was home from college, and the MCC summer courses enabled her to graduate from St. Mary's University in three years. Her sister, Angela Iglehart Woods, completed her first two years of college here before transferring to Baylor. Her brother, Randall,

also attended MCC when he was home from college, and her sister, Cathy Brown, received her AA degree from MCC. Her nephew, Daniel Iglehart Brown, is now an MCC employee.

The fish market was situated in front of the family home on Clifton Street. After Henry passed away, Willie Iglehart had the building razed so she could have a front yard. The family home is still home for Daniel and his mom, Cathy.

This special story shows how a couple can come from little, serve the community well, and raise generations of successful descendants thanks to their commitment to education (and with a little help from MCC)!

The named endowed scholarship Dr. Iglehart is establishing will award \$1000 a year to an MCC student in perpetuity in Henry and Willie Iglehart's names. If you would like to honor a loved one with an endowed scholarship, contact the MCC Foundation at foundation@mclennan.edu.



Daniel Brown and Grandmother
at a Dr Pepper Exhibit



Faculty and Staff Honored for Service to MCC



Each year, McLennan Community College honors faculty and staff who have dedicated years of service to our beloved insituiun. Congratulations to all the honorees - we are grateful for your service! And, we are specially grateful to the nominees below for donating the value of their service awards to the MCC Foundation!

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Sharon Lavery, Jessica Murphy, Frank Patterson, Matt Porter, Starlen Roddy, and Tamara Rutherford

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Amy Antoninka, Deborah Brock, Dennis Clark, Yolanda Gonzalez, Susan Kennedy, Steve Surguy, and Bradley Turner

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Glenn Downing, Emily Stottlemyre, and Paula Unger

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Michael Campenni

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Anonymous

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Jennifer Black, Edward Solano, and Lorraine Stansel

NISOD HONOREES EXEMPLIFY MCC EXCELLENCE

One of the important ways the MCC Foundation supports McLennan's success is through our funding of Professional Development for faculty and staff. This support includes funding travel, conferences, trainings, retreats, and other opportunities to keep us all at the top of our profession. This also includes sponsoring the Piper Award given in the fall, and the NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development) Awards each spring.

The NISOD awards are voted on by our colleagues to recognize those among us who best exemplify the outstanding, student-centric spirit of McLennan Community College. Nominations are collected through the Professional Development office and voted on by the PD Committee.

We are proud to recognize the following five people who have been selected by their peers as our 2021-2022 NISOD award winners:



Amber Bracken
Arts & Science Faculty

A note from her nominators:

"Amber has really stepped up this past year in many different ways. She is in charge of the SACS QEP and is doing a great job of representing MCC. SACS takes a lot of time and effort and she has stepped up and spoken with eloquence and intelligence. Amber also continues teaching her MCC Spanish classes and helping Title 5 by teaching Workplace Spanish to MCC employees through PD."

Dr. Daelynn Copeland

Workforce & Public Safety/Health Professions Faculty

A note from her nominators:

"Daelynn is the energizer bunny. She has so many hats and she wears them all with grace and kindness. Not only is she teaching but she is program director, manages the child development center, and runs Learning Framework courses. Daelynn is kind and cares for her staff, students, and the children in the daycare daily."



NISOD HONOREES EXEMPLIFY MCC EXCELLENCE

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Holly Towns
Adjunct Faculty

A note from her nominators:

“Holly Towns shows empathy and encouragement to her students as they navigate their expansion of reading and writing skills. She pushes them to excel and master a craft that will be instrumental in their respective fields. She requires them to seek academic support, a habit that will benefit them as they continue to advocate for themselves in their educational journey.”

Natalie James
Professional Staff

A note from her nominators:

“Natalie completely transformed the Testing Center into a more efficient, user-friendly organization. Now, she has taken on the job of the Completion Center, and I know that with her unique experience, great things will come because everywhere she goes, she makes a huge difference. She cares strongly about students and her team. She encourages and exhorts both her team and her students to be better, and she succeeds! She is a great leader and team player. She is friendly, understanding, easy to get along with, but has high standards, which I appreciate. She is a difference-maker!”



Elizabeth Stewart
Support Staff

A note from her nominators:

“Elizabeth has shown herself to be invaluable to MCC as she acts as the front person for the Counseling Center and assists with COVID contact tracing on campus. She has stepped up to handle both in an exemplary way. She is a true asset to MCC. .”



MCC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE



Spring brings a time of excitement, renewal, and anticipation. At the Foundation office, it also brings a feeling of gratitude and perspective. When the students submit their thank you letters, we get to see how appreciative they are and how much a scholarship means to them. It reinvigorates the staff and reminds us why we do what we do every day! The events and fundraising we do allow our donors and partners to change lives and we are honored to be a part of that process. It is truly a fulfilling and uplifting time in the office.

With the first round of scholarships offered, more than \$458,000 has been awarded to 358 students for the 2022-2023 academic year. The second competition will be open from May 1 – May 15 and can be accessed during that time at this link - https://mclennan.academicworks.com/users/sign_in.



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EMERGENCY AND OTHER AID TO STUDENTS



The MCC Foundation has been working diligently to streamline the emergency grant process and the timeframe for students receiving funds. Since the beginning of the academic year, we have removed the requirement for recommendations from staff or faculty and implemented the availability of issuing Wal-Mart gift cards (which cannot purchase alcohol, tobacco, firearms, or lottery tickets.) Working closely with Financial Aid and the Business Office, we have doubled the number of available disbursements each week. We have also tweaked the application and are in the process of surveying students who have accessed the new application to learn about their experiences.

MCC was recently named one of six colleges in the United States to receive a Basic Needs Grant to address food, housing, transportation, and health needs among our students. In coordination with the Basic Needs staff, we have recently implemented a food voucher system that provides a hot meal to students on campus. While the college has a food pantry available and twice-monthly distributions from Shepherd's Heart, sometimes students need an immediate meal. These vouchers allow students to access a meal from one of the three food areas on campus. The Foundation also will begin funding a pilot project for snack stations around campus this summer.

We are also very excited about the pilot childcare program launched with support of a generous Foundation donor. Six students are currently in the program that provides a \$500 monthly benefit for each child that is enrolled in a DFPS licensed childcare center. Funds are paid directly to the facilities. Students must be taking a minimum of six hours and have at least a 2.5 GPA to be part of the program.

WACO ISD GROW YOUR OWN PARAPROFESSIONAL PROGRAM



This spring marked the launch of a new partnership between Waco ISD and the MCC Alternative Teacher Certification Program: Grow Your Own! Funded through gifts to the MCC Foundation, this program provides \$5,000 awards to WISD paraprofessionals who wish to pursue a teaching certification through the alternative program.

The first cohort of three WISD paraprofessionals started in March and will wrap up in Spring of 2023, allowing the students to begin their new careers in the Fall of 2023. Each year will have a new cohort of up to eight beginning in the spring. The MCC Foundation is proud to help WISD support its most promising paraprofessionals while helping them move up to teaching positions.



BOARD MEMBERS IN ACTION



This spring, MCC Foundation Board Members Len Brown and Missy Larson are taking advantage of horseback riding lessons at the MCC Highlander Ranch! Len is riding “Lights on Broadway” (Molly). Molly was donated to the MCC Foundation in 2019 and has thrived as a teaching horse at Highlander Ranch.

MCC’s 200-acre Highlander Ranch is located in Bosqueville (223A Cobbs Lane), about five miles from the college’s main campus. Services available to the community include horseback riding lessons, camps for children, equine boarding, and numerous Continuing Education courses. Highlander Ranch is also home to MCC’s Veterinary Technology and Agriculture associate degree programs, as well as the Veterinary Assistant certificate program. Several facilities are available for rent, including a large covered arena, meeting rooms, pastures, and a large tree-covered picnic area.

To learn more about how you can support the Agriculture, Equine, and Veterinary Technology programs at Highlander Ranch, call the MCC Foundation at foundation@mclennan.edu.

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