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Paul McClinton throws out the first pitch on McClinton Field.
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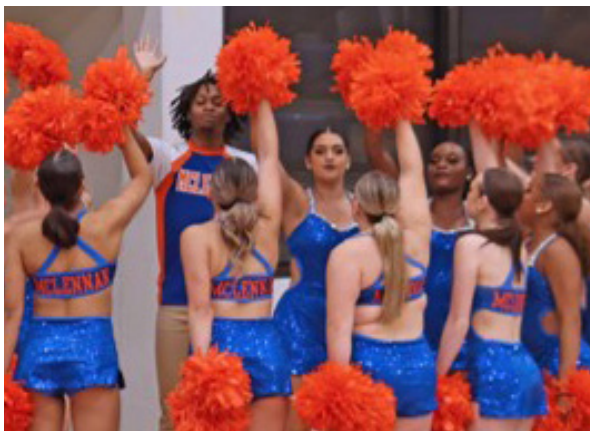
LIGHT THE NIGHT

At MCC we pride ourselves not only on affordability but also on excellence. Our Home Field Advantage campaign raised millions of dollars to update our baseball and softball fields with turf, lights, and cutting edge amenities. In April, we were finally able to celebrate the Grand Opening of McClinton Field with our Light the Night event.



ALUMNI PICNIC

The Annual Alumni Reunion was held at Slow Rise Slice House this year, and it was a big hit! The beauty of the river and the delicious pizza are impressive enough, but we were even more proud to support a local business that happens to be owned by a former Highlander, too!



ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

All MCC athletic teams ended their seasons with excellence. Our dance team has won six consecutive National titles. Our baseball and softball teams were second in Conference play. Men's basketball earned second place in their conference while the women went to the National tournament. Men and Women's golf earned 8th and 5th in the nation, respectively.



SCHOLARS IN CZECH

MCC's Presidential Scholars traveled to the Czech Republic recently, visiting our sister school, Masaryk University. This is part of a cultural exchange program that brings Masaryk students to live and study at MCC, while teaching MCC Students about Czech culture.

Hearts in the Arts • Cameron Hall • Golf Tournament Raffle • Light the Night Event • And More!

A Peek Inside Paulanne's Pantry



The MCC Foundation became a strong partner with the MCC Food Pantry in 2017. Since then, the pantry has gone from running at a deficit to a strong financial position able to serve hundreds of MCC students each month!

Who is Paulanne?

Paulanne Ream Hoover was a trailblazer in life and in death. Despite being legally blind for much of her life, she was one of the first women to graduate from Baylor Law School in 1937. Her estate gift allowed the MCC Foundation to establish a \$50,000 endowment for the pantry, which provides 30 percent of the pantry's annual support. The remaining support comes from monthly gifts and fundraising.



The Central Texas Food Bank

The MCC Foundation partners with the Central Texas Food Bank to source low-cost food to stock the pantry. The CTFB is the largest hunger-relief charity in Central Texas, providing nutritious food to Paulanne's Pantry, Caritas, Shepherd's Heart, and many others.

What else is on the shelf?

During COVID, the Foundation's Lend a Hand campaign raised over \$66,500 for the pantry to support students. A grant from the Texas Higher Education Foundation enabled the Foundation to provide a commercial refrigerator, freezer, computer hardware, and software for tracking. In 2022, the Foundation acquired 3 shopping carts from H-E-B to give students a real shopping experience. 59 MCC employees support the pantry through monthly payroll deduction gifts. The Foundation partners with McLennan County Adult Probation to fund the pantry through service hour donations from nonviolent offenders.



\$7,200!

The RESULT:

This amazing support allows the Foundation to provide more than \$7,200 annually to buy nutritious food for Paulanne's Pantry, in addition to the free and low-cost resources through our partnership with CTFB. Thanks to a recent United Way grant, that amount will be \$12,200 for 2023-2024. Thank you all for your partnership in helping our students and their families!

LIGHT THE NIGHT

After a successful campaign to update our baseball and softball fields, MCC was proud to celebrate the grand opening of McClinton Field, home of the Bosque Boys, on April 19th. We celebrated with many of our friends and donors, who graciously supported this project. After decades at the Bosque River Ballpark, our baseball and softball teams now enjoy the benefits of beautiful turf fields, stadium lights for evening games,



and updated dugouts. Highlander athletics have an exceptional reputation, and aligning our facilities with our students' high level of performance allows us to continue a history of athletic excellence.

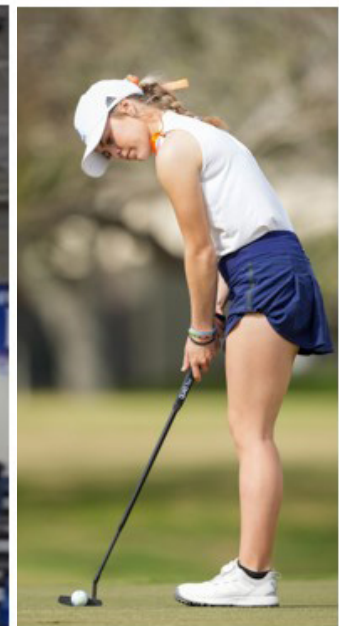




ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

During the 2022-2023 academic year, our Highlanders and Highlassies demonstrated the top-tier quality for which we strive at MCC. All of our athletic programs finished their season ranked in the top 25 nationally. This high level of success is a direct result of a combination of important factors. Not only is MCC a highly desirable place for many exceptional student athletes, but also the College prides itself on top-tier coaches, volunteers, fans, family, and athletic staff. Furthermore, The Bosque River Ballpark just underwent a multi-million dollar renovation that places our Softball and Baseball fields among the best-in-class.

- **Softball ended their season #2 Nationally.**
- **Baseball earned 3rd overall this season.**
- **The Women's Golf team took 4th in the nation.**
- **Our Men's Golf team came in 5th this year.**
- **Women's Basketball finished at #9.**
- **The Men's Basketball team finished #22.**
- **Dance won their 6th consecutive National title.**



ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE CONTINUED

Speaking of class, our athletes strive for excellence on and off the field. The young men and women of MCC Athletics programs consistently sport impressive academic records. Softball's Erin Plunkett was a 2023 Academic All-American. Plunkett joins a long list of Highlanders and Highlassies who have earned such a distinction. Across our six athletic teams' history, MCC has hosted 284 student athletes to earn the academic distinction.

Between the MCC Baseball, Softball, and Basketball programs, our students have earned a combined 65 conference championships, and 23 regional championships.

Across all programs, MCC athletes have earned 263 All-American distinctions and 49 National Championships.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- **Baseball** (1983 and 2021)
- **Men's Golf** (1984, 2009, 2010, and 2016)
- **Women's Golf** (1998, 2002, and 2007)
 - 4 Individual National Champions
- **Dance**
 - National Dance Alliance (2001, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, and 2023)
 - 28 American Dance/Drill Team Championships
 - 1 Dance Team Union Championship



Work to Begin on CAMERON HALL AND COURTYARD

After almost three years of planning and retooling, McLennan Community College is pleased to announce the next chapter in the story of the historic Cameron summer home property. As we have previously reported, the economics of building in the current environment are not in our favor. However, thanks to ingenuity and creative thinking on the part of architects, engineers, and construction managers, we are happy to announce that work to rejuvenate one of our community's most beloved cultural centers will begin soon!

The new plan presents a cost-effective alternative to renovating the 100-year-old home that is plagued by structural issues. Instead, the College will create a new building on the original site of the home, maximizing the efficiencies of new construction. The new building complements beautifully the historic courtyard that will be preserved. Countless community memories reside in this space from its many years as home to the Art Center of Waco!

Central to the design is a soaring, 350-seat hall that will host community meetings, gallery exhibits, and more. Throughout the space, the College will curate panels that tell the story of early Waco and Cameron Park. In design, we also plan to repurpose the last remaining original features of the home, including fireplace fronts and Juliet balconies.

To see a video rendering of the space, [click here](#).

Acknowledging that the plan must serve the mission of MCC, Cameron Hall will provide a new home for the MCC Foundation. Reinvigorating this site will also allow MCC to provide event space to other nonprofits to further their good works.



Additionally, Cameron Hall will serve as a learning home for continuing education courses and as a laboratory setting for our hospitality management program.

The new plan has a \$6 million cost that includes courtyard restoration and landscaping. We are pleased to report that the College and



Foundation have raised significant support for the project, including a \$2.5 million lead gift, \$1.2 million from the City of Waco, and numerous private gifts from foundations and individuals. **We ask your help in putting this exciting project over the finish line!** Generous naming rights are available for gifts of many sizes.

Please consider joining us in preserving the past and providing a unique and beautiful center for our community to gather and learn!

Ours is a town that rightfully loves its history, its people, and its enchanted location at the heart of Texas. Just as this location has served as a center of art, culture, and natural beauty for more than a century, the new Cameron Hall and restored courtyard will carry that tradition forward for generations to come.

To contribute to the new Cameron Hall and Courtyard project, visit <http://bit.ly/MCCFND21>

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE



Most scholarships for the 2023-2024 academic year have been awarded. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, so far, 434 students have been chosen to receive \$569,450 in MCC Foundation scholarships! The students are excited, appreciative, and ready to tackle a new semester this fall.

Mark your calendars!

The Scholar, Donor and Alumni Luncheon will be held on November 10, 2023 at the MCC conference center. This event will recognize our donors and the students who benefit from their generosity.

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

We accept charitable distributions from IRAs and donor advised funds as well as bequests from estates. We would be happy to work with you on any type of gift to further help local students achieve their dreams.



Presidential Scholars IN CZECH

McLennan Community College maintains a connection with our sister school, Masaryk University, in the Czech Republic. Each year, MCC hosts several Czech students who live and study right in Waco, TX. As part of the program, MCC sends students to visit Masaryk in Czechia and participate in a cultural learning exchange. This year, 16 MCC Presidential Scholars and Honors College students, along with their professors and College administrators, visited our sister school.



INTRO TO HUMANITIES

During the Spring semester, Presidential Scholars and Honors College participants partnered alongside students from Masaryk University. Students experienced immersive learning alongside one another and developed realistic expectations for international travel. Learning was a result of an innovative peer-to-peer teaching model that involved the production of videos displaying various aspects of one's culture, including relationships, rituals, and restrictions.

Participants in this course led regular discussions with international partners to develop relationships and cultural understanding. MCC students garnered valuable knowledge concerning Czech history, literature, music, geography, sociology, and philosophy.

The culmination of this unique course offered local students the opportunity to travel and put their cultural knowledge to the test in the Czech Republic. Students visited Austerlitz, Ceske Budejovice, Cesky Krumlov, Hbluka Castle, the Moravian Karst, Spilber Castle and Zvikov Castle. Students were also afforded travel stops in Prague, Vienna, and London.

“Coming from a small town full of Czech heritage, the trip meant a lot of me. Not many can say that they have friends abroad, but the Czech Republic gave me some of the best. Overall, traveling to the Czech Republic was an eye-opening, once-in-a-lifetime experience.”

-Laison Uptmor



“This trip, studying abroad, meant the world to me. This allowed me to broaden my horizons. I felt so much more knowledgeable coming out of this experience as well as happy, leaving and knowing that I made lifelong friends. This was overall an epic and one of a kind experience!”

-Aaliyah Jones



“The Czech trip in itself was an opportunity of a lifetime...I also saw and experienced things I would not have otherwise experienced... Additionally, I grew in respect for other cultures and learned how to better appreciate and adapt to a different culture.”

-Kaden Huff

ENGINEERING IN GUATEMALA

MCC Audio Engineering student Isai Perez graduated in May, but that was just the beginning. Isai was given the opportunity to travel to Guatemala to put his new education to work. He oversaw the installation of recording studio equipment and updates at Viña--an institution focused on audio/video and the performing arts. Isai was also responsible for training the studio sound technicians working at Viña.

Opportunities for hands-on learning like this are so valuable, and even more so when student get to experience new countries and cultures. Isai's travel for this project was made possible by a \$1000 grant through [Hearts in the Arts](#). Thanks to support like yours, an outstanding student who came highly recommended by Professor Brian Konzelman, was able to use his education as a Highlander to impact the world.

Viña Executive Director, José Abel de la Cruz Urizar, said that Isai's "performance and delivery were very professional" and that "he was very cordial and represented the high values of [MCC]". Isai doesn't expect this to be his last act. He is transferring to Los Angeles Film School in the Fall Semester of 2023 to continue his studies and build on the foundation he received at MCC.



HEARTS IN THE ARTS SUMMER DINNER

From throughout the community, supporters of the arts gathered on July 13th for MCC Foundation's [Hearts in the Arts](#) Summer Membership Dinner at the Northwood House. This event is held each summer to thank our Hearts in the Arts patrons and recap the past year of events and scholar support. At the dinner, we were delighted to announce that our net Gala and Hearts in the Arts revenue broke a fundraising record of over \$50,000 during the 2022-2023 year! This is such a tremendous tribute to our 2022-2023 Honorary Chair, Nell Hawkins, and supporters who recognize the value of a strong arts education.

This year's Hearts in the Arts Theatre productions will feature The Musical Comedy of Murders of 1940, A Christmas Carol, The Princess and the Pea, and The Wolves. The Hearts in the Arts Gala production on Feb. 22, 2024 will present the enchanting musical, Into the Woods. We are delighted to announce that the 2023-2024 Hearts in the Arts Honorary Chairs will be our amazing friends Drs. Dianne and J. Clay Sawyer! Please watch for your Hearts in the Arts season membership mailer in September. The mailer will include detailed information of all performances for the 2023-2024 year.



PANTRY NEEDS

We are fortunate that the Central Texas Food Bank provides a significant amount of grocery items to Paulanne's Pantry for little or no charge.

However, there are some items students and their families still need.

Please consider supporting the Pantry with a donation of:

- Meat
 - uncooked chicken, ground beef, turkey, etc.
- Hygiene items
 - tooth brushes, tooth paste, shampoo, soap, toilet paper, and women's hygiene products are all needed
- Baby items
 - Diapers of all sizes, wipes, powder, food, formula, etc.



Please bring items that are in new condition, recently purchased, and within date to the MCC Foundation. To receive a detailed donation receipt, please bring with you an itemized receipt showing the cost of items purchased. Thank you for your support!

RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR KIM PATTERSON

After 28 years of service at MCC, Kim Patterson is retiring as Executive Director of the MCC Foundation. Kim's retirement reception was held on Thursday, July 26th at The Northwood House and was attended by many community leaders, colleagues and friends of MCC.



DOC ANDERSON

Texas State Representative Charles "Doc" Anderson spoke at the reception and honored Kim's impressive career with an official proclamation from the Texas State House of Representatives.



BRIAN BIRDWELL

Texas State Senator Brian Birdwell was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict, but his District Manager, Robyn Morrison, read an official proclamation from the Texas Senate recognizing Kim's dedication to community service.



DR. JOHNETTE MCKOWN

One of the most moving tributes of the evening came from MCC President, Dr. McKown, who shared many memories of the time she and Kim have shared while working together to support our MCC students.



In her time as Executive Director of the MCC Foundation, Kim led efforts to double the assets of the Foundation, led the most successful Golf Tournament fundraiser in MCC's history, and facilitated the highest earning Hearts in the Arts Gala. She was instrumental in the multi-million-dollar renovation of the Bosque River Ballpark, and she raised \$3 million to bring new life to the Cameron Hall and Courtyard on MCC campus.

The excellence of Kim's career was marked by a proclamations in McLennan County's Commissioner's Court, Texas Senate and House of Representatives. Her accomplishments are many and run the gamut of community involvement including positions of leadership in numerous service organizations, state and national awards, and authorship of multiple publications.

Please join many of our community leaders, colleagues, friends, and supporters of MCC by acknowledging Kim's dedication to student scholarships and [making a donation in her honor](#) to the MCC Foundation's Phillip & Marjorie-Ann Arrien Scholarship, which was established by Kim and her family in memory of her parents. It is awarded each year to a McLennan nursing student.

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Tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100

Drawing will be held at the 37th Annual MCC Foundation Golf Classic on Friday, October 6, 2023. Thank you for supporting scholarships at McLennan Community College!

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Tickets can be [purchased online](#), or by calling the MCC Foundation at (254) 299-8604. The drawing will be held at the [37th Annual MCC Golf Classic](#) on Friday, October 6th at Cottonwood Creek Golf Course. You do not need to be present to win. Proceeds from the raffle support student scholarships at McLennan Community College.



A TRIBUTE TO OUR FRIEND ROY WALTHALL



Roy Dell Walthall III suffered catastrophic brain damage on Friday, June 9th and passed away June 16th, 2023. Born in Waco in 1951, Roy grew up with a deep and abiding love for all things trains and a strong sense of responsibility. He was the first in his immediate family to attend college in the Fall of 1969, where he was elected Parliamentarian of the student body. He was also a member of ROTC through High School and College, and was eventually accepted into UTA's elite pilot training program.

In 1973, Roy was asked by Representative Lane Denton of Waco to serve as a legislative assistant in Austin. He cherished this experience and worked on several noteworthy legislative efforts before being drafted to serve as a Huey Medivac pilot in the Army. He achieved the rank of 1st Lieutenant before being honorably discharged following a severe injury.

After serving, Roy earned his Master's Degree in Public Administration and was selected to serve as a Presidential Management Intern under President Jimmy Carter. In the early 1980s, Roy was pleased to serve as the City Manager for Meridian and Mart, TX, where he met and married his love, Tamra Weiss. The two opened La Vega Veterinary clinic and the Bellmead-Timbercrest Times Newspaper together in 1986 in a building built by Roy and his father.

After decades of experience in government, Roy began teaching at MCC. He spent the better part of three decades teaching government to thousands of students before retiring. His life is marked by his unwavering dedication to his family, community, country, and most of all, to a more beautiful future for all to enjoy.

Please consider [donating to the Roy Walthall Endowed Presidential Scholarship](#) at the MCC Foundation.



FAMILY MAN

Roy was, above all, dedicated to family. He loved traveling, talking, and laughing with his family, and involved himself in work that built a better future for them to enjoy.



ADVOCATE

Concerned by policy and governance, Roy spent decades advocating for governmental transparency, high speed rail in Texas, and a modern, refreshed Texas Constitution.



EDUCATOR

Roy had a passion for educating the next generation. He educated more than 7000 students over his 27 years teaching Texas and American Government at MCC.

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March 1st, 2023 - June 30th, 2023

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