



11th Annual Alumni Reunion Picnic Gathers Friends New and Old

The largest crowd yet gathered for the 11th Annual MCC Highlander Alumni & Friends Association Reunion Picnic on June 14th at the Bosque River Stage! Along with the usual picnic food and fun, the event was capped off with a fabulous *River Sounds* concert by Skyrocket. Alumni and friends who attended also received free Highlander Alumni Association t-shirts. This annual event is free to members of the Highlander Alumni Association and is a wonderful opportunity to rekindle friendships and to reminisce about experiences as students at MCC.

Do not fret if you missed out on the picnic. We have more events planned for this year! We created a new Facebook page to keep you updated of news and events. Click on the logo below to “like” our Facebook page.

Membership in the Highlander Alumni & Friends Association is free and open to all alumni and friends of McLennan Community College. Click [here](#) to learn more! If you have questions, contact alumni@mcclennan.edu or (254) 299-8481.



Stephen and Judge Vicki Menard

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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 institution. This year's Service Awards banquet took place Thursday, April 26, at the Conference Center at MCC. Seventy-four employees were honored for their dedication to the College, many of whom donate to the MCC Foundation through employee monthly giving. Gary Duncan celebrated his 50th year as a math professor. Click [here](#) to read an article featured in the *Waco Tribune Herald* about brothers, Gary and Wayne Duncan and their impact on MCC. Please see a complete list of the honorees below.

Pictured Above: Gary Duncan and K. Paul Holt, Chairman of the MCC Board of Trustees.

50 Year Award

Gary Duncan

40 Year Award

Louise Bradshaw
JoAnn Jumper

35 Year Award

Cindy SoRelle
Linda Stanford

30 Year Award

Luther Fisher
Melissa Fisher
Gail Wade
Preston Lynn Waller

25 Year Award

Kim Henderson
Mary Pratt
Paula Thomas
Clarence Walker

20 Year Award

Mary Asebedo
Brenda Castilow
Stephen Cook

Velinda Haltom

Lisa Hoeffner

Valerie Jimenez

Jonathan Kutz

Dana Massey

James McKeown

Jerry Niles

Cathy Prause

Lori Southern

Brooks Wilson

15 Year Award

Diane Boles

Tamara Culver

Olga Deanda

Ronnie Dixon, Sr

Theresa Evans

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Elaine Ortega

Clif-Ann Paris

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Theresa Bell Sparks

Frances Turner

Debbie Wright

10 Year Award

Ami Andrade

Kandice Blades

Brenda Bradley

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Laci Gerik

Dan Martinsen

Kelly Parker

Candice Pena

Jaylene Pipkin

Lesley Plemons

Deborah Quinn

Michelle Rapier

Rosie Tull

Laura Wichman

5 Year Award

Larry Benton

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Yolanda Gonzalez

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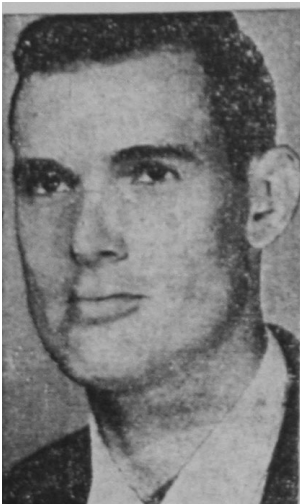
Photo by Dr. Spencer Moore



Dr. Ruth Eleanor Pitts and Nancy Denise Ray-Mitchell

Benjamin Disraeli said “The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example.” All of the professors at MCC are heroes and have left their mark on our institution and on the students we serve. But, few of them have been awarded the prestigious Minnie Stevens Piper Professor Award. This award recognizes professors throughout Texas colleges for their outstanding academic, scientific, and scholarly achievement and for their dedication to the teaching profession. MCC has been fortunate to have five professors win this award since it began in 1958. Congratulations to them!

- 1973 – Hoyt J. Burnette, M.S., Instructor in Biology
- 1990 – Marylin Sue Kelly, M.A., Instructor of Speech
- 2005 – Jennifer Annette Black, M.A., Professor of English
- 2008 – Ruth Eleanor Pitts, Ph.D., Professor of Music
- 2012 – Nancy Denise Ray-Mitchell, M.S., Professor of Business



Hoyt J. Burnette



Marylin Sue Kelly



Jennifer A. Black

MCC Foundation Scholarship Update



Missy Larson with Brazos Foundation scholarship recipients

This year, for the first time, the Foundation opened a second scholarship competition, which ran from May 1- May 15. Due to the additional time to apply for scholarships and increased contributions to the Foundation by our wonderful donors, the Foundation is very excited to report that, as of July 24, **\$530,525** has been awarded to 509 students for the 2018-2019 academic year! This marks the first time in its history that the Foundation has hit the half-million dollar mark for scholarship awards.

This year's Scholar, Donor, and Alumni appreciation luncheon will be held in mid-September to allow donors to meet and visit with the students they are helping. We are looking forward to another great event this year.

For more information about Foundation scholarships, contact Scholarships & Operations Coordinator Shelley Cotten at scotten@mclennan.edu or 254-299-8818.



Judy Reagan with Julia Scholars



Mr. and Mrs. Rick Butler
with Cecilia Harbert



Shelley Cotten, Scholarship
Coordinator, with scholarship
recipients signing acceptance letters.

Scholar Spotlight: Carlos Vera



Carlos Vera is a full-time husband and father, full-time student, and has a full-time job. He is a father to four children; Zackary, Jacob, Benjamin, and Katlyn and is pursuing an Associate degree in Business Administration. You can find Carlos at our local Wells Fargo Bank, where he is a branch manager. Carlos is usually at the front of the bank greeting customers and opening doors for them as they walk into the bank.

Carlos has managed to find a balance between work, family, and school. He also finds the time to participate in extracurricular activities such as the Men of Color Success Initiative. This initiative is designed to address challenges of first generation college students, traditionally underrepresented groups and students in need of academic and personal direction.

The students in this program are assigned a mentor to help them succeed. Carlos' mentor is Ronald Hochstatter. Dr. Hochstatter helped Carlos apply for FAFSA and encouraged him to apply for scholarships at the MCC Foundation, where he was awarded the Hoover Title III scholarship. This scholarship helps pay for Carlos' college tuition and books.

Carlos will graduate in Fall 2019 and hopes to attend Texas Tech University through the University Center. His motivation is to make a difference in someone else's life. MCC has opened many doors for Carlos and he hopes to do the same for someone else one day.

Making Dreams Take Flight



When flipping through the June issue of the Wacoan magazine, you might have noticed a photo of MCC's own Kaleigh Huser in a nonprofit profile about the MCC Foundation. Here's her story:

When Kaleigh graduated from Waco High in 2017, she had discovered her passion for musical theatre. Acceptances arrived from theatre programs at Baylor, NYU, and TTU. But when she learned about the Presidential Scholars program at MCC, she found her true path.

Only a year into her college studies, Kaleigh has had roles in "The Pillowman," "South Pacific," and "Daughters of the Regiment." This summer, she played Dorothy in Waco Civic Theater's "The Wizard of Oz." She also just returned from a business study trip to New York with the Presidential and Honors College scholars.

Funding the extraordinary Presidential Scholars and McLennan Theatre programs are just two of the ways the MCC Foundation is making a difference in local lives every day. Your support makes dreams take flight.



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Hearts

in the arts

Dates to Remember

Please mark your calendars now for the following 2018-2019 arts events!

McLennan Theatre & Opera Season

October 4 - 6

Blue Stockings

November 8 - 10

American Hero

February 28 - March 2

The Pirates of Penzance

February 28

MCC Foundation Gala

April 25 - 28

Twelfth Night, or What You Will

Steinway Series Concerts

November 16

Kurt Kaiser and Kathy Johnson

January 24

Beegie Adair Trio

Alumni Spotlight

Martin Lee Schwartz



Martin Lee Schwartz was a student at MCC from 1975-1977, where he played basketball under Coach Johnny Carter. Martin showed extraordinary leadership abilities on and off the court and continues to be a strong advocate of servant leadership. He says: "the more you put into your community, the more you get out of it."

Martin has advocated for the educational needs of Waco's youth by serving on many boards, including the MCC Foundation Board in 1998-1999. He continues to support the Foundation through his company, Schwartz Design Center.

Martin was recently awarded the honor of being this year's Waco Cotton Palace King. He was given this honor due to love for Waco and for his contributions to the wellbeing of our community. Click [here](#) to read an article featured in the *Wacoan* Magazine that discusses this Highlander's impact on our community.

Dr. and Mrs. Rodney C. Richie and Joseph R. Riley recently made generous contributions to the MCC Foundation in Martin's honor.

Congratulations, Martin, for helping make Waco a wonderful place to live!



Photo courtesy of *Wacoan* magazine

Providence Donates

Blood Testing Equipment to MCC



Shown with the new Providence blood testing equipment are MLT Program Director Alisa Petree, MLT Professor Diane Schmaus, Providence Blood Bank & Hematology Manager Laura Gilbert, MCC Foundation Executive Director Kim Patterson, and MCC President Dr. Johnette McKown.

McLennan Community College and the McLennan Community College Foundation announced recently that they received an in-kind donation from Providence Healthcare Network. Providence donated blood testing equipment and supplies that will support the Medical Laboratory Technician courses at MCC.

“The clinical laboratory at Providence is proud to partner with the MCC Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) program by providing a training environment for students working toward degrees in the field of laboratory medicine,” said Laura Gilbert, manager of blood bank and hematology at Providence Healthcare Network. “The Ortho ProVue will provide valuable hands-on experience in the classroom, giving future laboratorians a head-start on the expertise required to succeed in the dynamic field of laboratory medicine.”

“The Ortho ProVue is a fully automated blood bank instrument to perform ABO blood typing and antibody screening. Currently, the MLT students perform ABO testing and antibody screening using classic manual methods including tube testing and gel card technology,” said Alisa Petree, program director of Medical Laboratory Technology at McLennan Community College. “The MLT program’s access to an automated analyzer in a safe student laboratory setting and utilization of the valuable donated reagents will contribute to improved clinical performance and stronger graduates.”

The MCC Foundation thanks Providence for its partnership in educating future lab professionals!



LOSS OF A LEGEND

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

1932 - 2018



— MURRAY WATSON JR. —

The term “legendary” gets thrown around a lot in our society these days, with everything from tasty recipes to notable actors carelessly tagged as such. But few things or people actually earn the title. McLennan Community College was extremely lucky to have known—and recently lost—someone who not only earned, but who truly defined the term: Murray Watson, Jr.

As stated so perfectly in his obituary, Murray was a lawyer, a rancher, a politician, a philanthropist, and a person who had a lifelong passion for helping others. Murray was born in Mart in 1932 during an era when that small Texas farming community was feeling some hard times. Early on, he knew that education was the key to building a successful life: “I have always believed that education is the one thing that can’t be taken away from a person,” he said in an interview in 2013.

True to that belief, Murray did what he could to put education within reach of as many of his fellow Texans as possible during his 86 years on this earth. He passed away on July 24.

Murray graduated from Mart High School in 1949, went on to Baylor University and then Baylor Law School, where he earned his law degree in 1954. He was elected to the Texas House of Representatives at age 24 and served the citizens of Central Texas there until 1963, when he was elected to the Texas Senate and served another 10 years.

During his years in Austin, Murray gained a reputation as a man who knew how to get things done: while in the Senate, he filed the bill in the Legislature that created the James Connally Technical Institute (now Texas State Technical College) in Waco. While many people stop there with the story, Murray saw that as only step one on filling out Waco’s higher education landscape: he was also instrumental in the founding of McLennan Community College the following year.

After leaving the Legislature, Murray teamed up with then-Baylor President Abner McCall to establish the Brazos Higher Education Service Corporation, Inc., a nonprofit organization that has financed more than \$2 million in student loans. But Murray didn’t just make higher education accessible through loan servicing; he and his wife Greta also gave generously to scholarships at all three local higher education institutions, plus Baylor Law School, to enable students to earn degrees with as little debt as possible.

Murray Watson served two terms on the MCC Foundation board from 2011-2016, and his daughter, Missy Larson, currently serves on the board. Over the years, he and the Brazos Higher Education Service Corporation gave more than \$300,000 to the MCC Foundation to fund scholarships. Even in his last days, his love for students and their success never diminished: just days before he passed away, he gave yet another gift to the Foundation.

The crowds at Murray’s visitation and funeral were immense, and tears and laughter flowed freely. The words heard whispered in the crowd most often were “wonderful,” “gentleman,” “kind,” and “generous.”

That, by my estimation, is the definition of a legendary individual: Murray Watson, Jr. We will miss him.

The Lindloff Family Scholarship For Connally Graduates



The Lindloff Family is proud to honor Mike Lindloff's wishes by establishing a McLennan Community College scholarship in his name. Mike, the former husband of MCC Math Professor Lisa Lindloff, passed away on July 28 after a brief battle with cancer. He graduated from Connally High School and went on to study at MCC. Both of his parents taught for Connally Independent School District and now his son Stephen is a teacher there. Because of his strong ties to the schools he attended and his appreciation for education, Mike stated that he would like to leave behind a helping hand for students pursuing a college degree. He said, "Flowers are here briefly, but education lasts forever." A scholarship has been established in the Lindloff Family name at the McLennan Community College Foundation for Connally High School graduates.

Mike worked at the Walmart Distribution Center where he made many friends who encouraged him, wrote to him, and prayed for him. They recently made a generous contribution in Mike's honor. Mike is not with us, but he will remain in our hearts and his legacy will live on. To contribute to the Lindloff Family scholarship, visit www.mclennan.edu/foundation and click on "Make a Gift" or mail donations to the MCC Foundation, 1400 College Dr. Waco, TX 76708.

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Friday, October 5, 2018
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