

Winter 2017- Spring 2018



Patrons Ernest and Lorna Moravek with actors Hannah Young and Chandler Spivey.



2017 Hearts in the Arts "South Pacific" Gala

Raising Friends and Funds for Scholarships



Presidential Scholars Maria Rodriguez, Hannah Siriam, and Seraphina Gayle with Foundation staff member Kathy McLendon.

When planning began last summer for the 16th annual Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala, the committee knew the focus would be on both raising friends and raising more funds! The goal was to significantly increase the fundraising outcomes of this event that supports student scholarships and capital needs at McLennan Community College. With a popular Gala show like *South Pacific* on tap, and the enthusiastic support of Honorary Chair Glenda Strum behind us, the Gala event sailed to highs in both attendance and net proceeds! Attendance increased by almost 30 percent, and net proceeds from Hearts in the Arts memberships and Gala income more than tripled from last year. Well done, Hearts in the Arts patrons and Gala supporters!

The Feb. 24 event kicked off with an hors d'oeuvres and wine reception at McLennan's historic Northwood House. Presidential Scholars wearing leis greeted about 210 patrons who gathered for a South Pacific-themed menu, drinks and the fun melodies of the Waco Ukulele Orchestra.

After dining and conversation, guests made an easy transition over to the nearby Ball Performing Arts Center for McLennan Theatre's performance of the Broadway classic *South Pacific*. This year's cast featured some of the strongest vocals seen in many years, with leads Hannah Young and Jonah Hardt among the dozen performers, musicians, and stagehands who are receiving MCC Foundation scholarships this year. After the show, guests mingled with cast and crew at a dessert reception. It is always a magical time when patrons and students can share their mutual admiration for each other!

The MCC Foundation heartily thanks this year's Hearts in the Arts members and Gala sponsors, featured on p. 2. We also applaud our Queen of Hearts in the Arts, Honorary Chair Glenda Strum, for her tireless work to support our students, and our volunteer committee. Finally, we thank the MCC Presidential Scholars, who make every event wonderful. Plans are underway for next year's Gala event ... stay tuned.

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2018 Hearts in the Arts “South Pacific” Gala

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MCC FOUNDATION GALA VOLUNTEERS

The MCC Foundation extends our gratitude to these volunteers who helped make our night shine: Shelley Cotten, Rose DeLeon, Kathy McLendon; Estella Lopez, Kelly Parker, Lizzie Talbot, Lise Uhl, Nick Webb, & the Visual and Performing Arts Division; Dr. Johnette McKown, Dr. Fred Hills, Dr. Drew Canham, & Dr. Chad Eggleston; Lindsey Vanek & the MCC Presidential Scholars; Lisa Elliott, Madiha Kark, Jennifer Norman, Clif-Ann Paris, & the MCC Marketing & Communications office; Dave Rachuig, Victor Porres, Robert Fajardo, & the MCC Physical Plant staff; James Cotten, Tabitha Jones, Fred Stanley & Mike Thompson with the Waco Ukulele Orchestra; Rob Laundry, Jim SoRelle, Baylor University, Jordan Rousseau.



Patron Andy Ward and Gala Chair Glenda Strum



Actress Kayleigh Huser and Mrs. Heyward Green



Don and Pam Schreiber and Hannah Young.

MCC Foundation Honors Outgoing and Incoming Board Members



The heart and soul of the MCC Foundation is the MCC Foundation Board, which comprises prominent community volunteers who guide the strategic direction and fundraising initiatives of the MCC Foundation. On Dec. 6, the MCC Foundation honored outgoing board members, those rotating off the board, and incoming board members, those who are beginning their board terms in 2018.

This event, which is held each year at the MCC Conference Center, invites past, present, and future MCC board members to enjoy dinner and entertainment (courtesy of McLennan Opera) and celebrate the successes of the MCC Foundation.

MCC Foundation Executive Director Kim Patterson welcomed the crowd of over 100 former and current board members and presented the 2017 year in review.

“We have been humbled this year to have so many donors commit to new or to complete funding of Foundation scholarships,” Patterson said. “These scholarships and major gifts are the backbone of what we do at the Foundation, and that backbone is strong due to our donors’ generosity.”

Patterson then recognized and honored four board members — Betty Bauer, Dana Hassell, Valerie Robinson, and Dr. Hazel Rowe — for their years of service on the MCC Foundation Board. These individuals were presented with a special note of thanks and custom pottery bowl to commemorate their time of service on the MCC Foundation Board.

Patterson then recognized the following individuals of the MCC Foundation Board, effective Jan. 1, 2018: Rick Brophy, Nell Hawkins, Elisa Rainey, and Betsy Reeder. These new board members attended a comprehensive Board Orientation on Dec. 1, learning the history of the MCC Foundation and discussing the strategic initiatives of the college and the Foundation for 2018.

The evening concluded with a very special performance by McLennan Opera faculty and students, debuting selections from their spring opera *The Daughter of the Regiment*. As they always do, the performers ended the evening with a special holiday medley.

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--Kim Patterson

Pictured (from left to right): Outgoing Board Member Dana Hassell, Executive Director Kim Patterson, and Outgoing Board Member Betty Bauer. Not pictured: Outgoing Board Members Valerie Robinson and Dr. Hazel Rowe.

Incoming Board Members Nell Hawkins, Rick Brophy, Betsy Reeder, and Executive Director Kim Patterson. Not pictured: Incoming Board Member Elisa Rainey.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the MCC Foundation Board of Trustees.

McLennan Recognizes

NISOD Winners Exemplify MCC Excellence



Congratulations! The MCC Foundation commends the 2017-2018 NISOD award winners on their commitment to MCC students.

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 MCC Foundation funds almost all Professional Development opportunities at the college.

The 2017-2018 NISOD award recipients are: (left to right with Executive Director Kim Patterson and McLennan President Dr. Johnette McKown)

- *Arts, Science & Business*: Paula Unger, Associate Professor of Sociology
- *Workforce, Public Service & Health Professions*: Suzanne Baldon, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice
- *Adjunct Faculty*: Michelle Powell, Part-Time Instructor of Child Studies & Education
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MCC Foundation Scholarship Recipients

MCC Foundation Scholarship Update

The MCC Foundation will accept applications for the 2018-2019 academic year scholarships from May 1-15 at the Foundation website www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships.

This new application period marks the first time students will have a late spring opportunity to apply for scholarships in the upcoming academic year. In years past, the application period was from October to January.

“As an open admissions institution, we found that an early scholarship application period was excluding many worthy candidates who did not yet know they would be attending MCC in the fall,” said MCC Foundation Executive Director Kim Patterson. “College plans often change, especially for high school seniors, so we are happy to invite more students to take advantage of the scholarships that make MCC education even more affordable.”

The MCC Foundation manages more than 300 scholarship funds and makes awards based on merit, need, academic major, high school, employer, and many more criteria. Students who have already received an MCC Foundation scholarship for 2018-2019 are not eligible for additional funds, but those who were not selected may re-apply. The scholarship application portal will open at midnight on May 1 and will remain open for two weeks. Scholarship recipients will be notified by mid-June. For more information, contact Scholarships & Operations Coordinator Shelley Cotten at scotten@mclennan.edu or 254-299-8818.

McKown Emergency Grant Fund

Building an Endowment to Lend a Hand



A recent national survey from the University of Wisconsin revealed that roughly two thirds of community college students are food insecure (meaning they have limited or uncertain access to nutritious and safe food); half of community college students are housing insecure (meaning they struggle to afford rent and utilities); and about 14 percent of community college students are homeless.

The MCC Foundation is proud to partner with campus officials to support causes that help students who need a helping hand. Not only does the MCC Foundation serve as fiduciary for the MCC Food Pantry, but the Foundation also administers emergency grants through the Stephen and Stuart McKown Emergency Grant Fund.

The Stephen and Stuart McKown Emergency Grant Fund was founded by MCC President Johnette McKown and her husband Stan in memory of their nephews, both of whom committed suicide within months of each other. Their wish was that no student feels hopeless or alone when the going gets tough. This fund, initiated in 1998, awards more than \$17,000 a year to MCC students in need. In 2017, the ever-increasing need for emergency grants sparked an initiative to fully endow the Stephen and Stuart McKown Emergency Grant, and the McKowns made the initial contribution toward this goal.

“From teaching a class years ago, I became concerned about students who had emergencies that precluded their completing the semester,” Dr. Johnette McKown said. “One student was walking several miles to campus, and we purchased a bus pass for her. Two students were in danger of not completing their last semester of nursing, and the grant allowed them to work less. Stan and I wanted to help students complete and make better lives for their families, so we wanted to invest in ways to be helpful.”

While this is anticipated to take several years to fully fund, the desire to continue helping students through rough times has generated more employee donations to the fund, as well as contributions from community members. If you would like to help in this endeavor, please contact the Foundation at 254-299-8604 or visit www.mclennan.edu/foundation to make a tax-deductible gift online.

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Membership in the Highlander Alumni & Friends Association is free and open to all alumni and friends of McLennan Community College! Not a member? Register for FREE by emailing alumni@mcclennan.edu. For more information, contact Neyra Bazaldua at nbazaldua@mcclennan.edu or 254-299-8481.

**Note: In the event of inclement weather, registered guests will be notified of a location change via e-mail.*

Alumni Spotlight: Dr. Michael James Byrd

Dr. Michael James Byrd graduated with honors from MCC in 1993 with an Associate of Applied Science degree. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, a Master of Business Administration, a Master of Science in Exercise Education, and most recently a Doctorate in Kinesiology Physiology from Texas A&M.

Many years have passed since Dr. Byrd set foot on our campus. However, he still has fond memories of his time at MCC, where his favorite course subjects were chemistry, physical therapy, and medical terminology.

"MCC was a conveniently located school that allowed me to complete a degree in physical therapy. I was able to work and continue my education," Dr. Byrd said. He quoted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by saying, "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education." Dr. Byrd believes MCC manifests this goal by driving students to think intensively and critically.

Dr. Byrd currently resides in Forney, Texas, where he lives with his wife Canda, his two stepdaughters, and dog (Sir Barkley); he also has two grown sons and a daughter. He is busy managing the company he founded, B.E.E. Inc., which offers several services including exercise nutrition plans, preventative health consulting, and security consulting. Michael is a proud alumnus of MCC and we applaud him as he continues to strengthen the Highlander legacy!



McLennan alumnus Michael James Byrd, Ph.D., and his dog, Sir Barkley.



Change, Anyone? MCC Foundation Transitions in 2018

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

Leadership expert Robin Sharma famously said “Change is hard at first, messy in the middle, and gorgeous at the end.” Here at the MCC Foundation, we have experienced all three stages as we adjust to several changes to our staff that we simultaneously mourn and celebrate!

First, we bid farewell to longtime MCC Director of Resource Development Nancy Neill, who retired in January after 28 years of service to MCC. Nancy quietly but mightily worked under the MCC Foundation umbrella for years, bringing in millions of dollars in state and federal grants to help fund student-centered programs. Her work has also funded special projects in nursing, computer information systems, and improved access in online courses. We wish Nancy all the best and thank her for all she has done for MCC!



Nancy Neill

Filling such big shoes was no small task, but we are delighted to announce that Kathy McLendon began as our new grants administrator on Jan. 22. Kathy comes to us with more than 25 years of experience in grant writing and management. She served for three years as Community Development Coordinator and then six years as Deputy Director of the Tennessee Primary Care Association in Nashville, where she coordinated state and federal grants for community health in underserved areas. For the past 10 years, Kathy wrote and edited federal and private foundation grants for clients of Lorie Kayler and Associates. Kathy and her husband have three children, Cole, Kate, and Pierce, who attend area public schools.



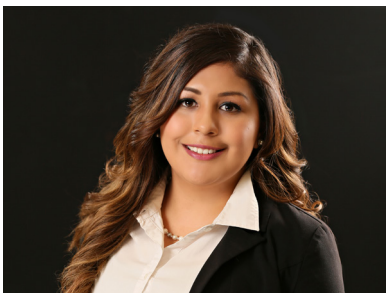
Kathy McLendon

In December, we celebrated the marriage of Foundation events coordinator Jana Bland and her longtime beau, Kevin Rivera, who married in a beautiful destination wedding in Marfa, Texas. Jana and Kevin have long planned to establish their married life in Austin, and she found a wonderful opportunity there. We will miss Jana’s beautiful personality and style, but wish her and Kevin all the best



Kevin Rivera and Jana Bland

The search for Jana’s replacement began in earnest in February with a very strong pool of applicants. We are happy to introduce Neyra Bazaldua as our new Coordinator of Special Events & Alumni Engagement who started April 2. Neyra was an honors graduate of Connally High School who came to MCC on a McLennan Scholarship. She utilized our University Center to complete her BBA in management in December 2015 and her MBA in December 2017, both from Tarleton State University-Waco. She began working for MCC in 2015 as University Center Technician, where she contributed to creating class schedules, planning major special events, recruiting, and performing customer service for students and faculty. Neyra says she never would have been able to attend college without scholarships offered to her through McLennan and Tarleton, she values the opportunity to support the fundraising goals of the Foundation. Welcome, Neyra!



Neyra Bazaldua

We lived the hard and messy stages of change recently as we said goodbye to friends and spent a few months short-staffed, but eagerly anticipate the gorgeousness of new possibilities ahead with Kathy and Neyra on the team. We look forward to you working with them.



Hearts in the Arts Patrons Linda and John Hatchel with Beat Divas Dianne Donovan and Beth Ullman.

Steinway Series Features Jazz Trio The Beat Divas

2017-18 Series Debuts Jazz

The 2017-18 Steinway Concert Series featured the Beat Divas on Feb. 1. This sassy vocal trio consists of Beth Ullman, Mady Kaye, and Dianne Donovan. The Beat Divas impressed the audience with their remarkably refreshing voices. Their performance included original works, jazz standards, and American pop music jazzed up. The trio was joined by Jeff Hellmer, director of jazz studies at the University of Texas. After the concert, the Beat Divas and Jeff Hellmer joined the concert attendees for a dessert reception sponsored by Ambassador and Mrs. Lyndon Olson.

“The Steinway Series is the Music Department’s way of giving back to the community that supported the All-Steinway initiative. The Beat Divas concert helped us show our gratitude in a classy, joyous and fun way with terrific arrangements of jazz standards, precise harmonies and artistry. Pianist Jeff Hellmer exploited the beauty of one of our Steinway D Concert Grands,” said Lisa Uhl, Fine Arts Division Chair.

A portion of Hearts in the Arts membership fees go to support the Steinway Concert Series and master class fees for the students at MCC. Join us! Becoming a member of Hearts in the Arts is so easy – click [here](#) to view a message from this year’s Hearts in the Arts Chair and give online today!

Giving Back to MCC

It is a long way from McLennan Community College to Sussex, England, but for Dr. Jason Price, the ties are not easily broken. Dr. Price attended MCC from 1999-2000; he was a Tartan Scholar and a Theatre scholarship recipient. He is now the senior lecturer (professor) and Head of Theatre at the University of Sussex in England. Dr. Price published a well-received book titled *Modern Popular Theatre* in 2016. Dr. Price has also been published in *Contemporary Theatre Review*, *Comedy Studies*, *Popular Entertainment Studies*, and *Studies in Theatre and Performance*. These are remarkable achievements for a 35 year-old.

Dr. Price was recently recognized by the Texas Educational Theatre Association, where he received a \$500 honorarium. Instead of keeping the award, Dr. Price chose to donate it to the MCC Foundation. The donation was placed in the Willard Still Theatre Scholarship, in honor of Dr. Cindy SoRelle, Jerry MacLauchlin, Kathleen Laundy, and Jim Rambo.

Dr. Price is an exemplary scholar who continues to strengthen his ties with McLennan Community College through his benevolent actions!



Dr. Cynthia SoRelle, Dr. Jason Price, and Jim Rambo accepting the Texas Educational Theatre Association recognition.

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THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

2017

MISSION Statement
The McLennan Community College Foundation promotes quality higher education that enriches the academic, economic and cultural life of our diverse community.

To further this mission, the Foundation acquires financial resources and strengthens support to fund scholarships, professional development and capital improvements for the students, faculty and staff of the College and the broader communities it serves.

In so doing, the Foundation hopes to enhance quality of life, encourage success and positively change the futures of students and their families.

Donors Clifton and Betsy Robinson host U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas for a welcome dinner on Sept. 6, 2017.

Dear Friends of McLennan Community College,

What a magnificent year it has been for McLennan Community College and the MCC Foundation! We began with a positive legacy left by Harry Harelik, who retired after 16 years as Executive Director, and continued that legacy with numerous opportunities to bring new and old friends even closer to our college. Thanks to many generous gifts and a strong investment profile, MCC Foundation assets topped \$18 million, putting us among the top community college foundations in Texas!

The MCC Foundation's sole purpose is to raise support for scholarships, professional development, and capital improvements at MCC. This year, 18 donors established or completed funding new scholarships, thereby increasing opportunities for students. Our 31st Annual Foundation Golf Classic was a triumph, marking a record-breaking 15% increase in net proceeds! This

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