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2021 Hearts in the Arts "Clue: The Musical" Gala!

It seems hard to believe that in this year of a pandemic, when events of all types have been cancelled or altered, our Hearts in the Arts Memberships and Gala revenue increased 17 percent over 2019-2020! Because of COVID restrictions. our in-person event on March 4 was scaled back with less expense, resulting in overall net income increasing by 27 percent over last year! These dollars will directly help McLennan arts students through scholarships, emergency grants, master classes, and equipment needs. We are grateful to our sponsors, volunteers, and to the amazing leadership of our 2020-2021 Honorary Hearts in the Arts Chairs Dr. Eddie and Ellie Morrison.

We are also grateful to our longtime friends Cynthia and Ray Perry and our new friend Tom Leath for making the Scarf in the Arts drawing possible this year. The Scarf in the Arts drawing alone resulted in \$7,100 in revenue for McLennan arts! Congratulations to Dr. Adam Ylitalo and Lynn Klatt for winning these beautiful treasures that were designed and autographed by internationally recognized artist Kermit Oliver!

We are excited to announce that 2022 will mark the 20th Anniversary of the Hearts in the Arts Gala. The bar has been set high, so we hope to see you next year for another season of McLennan Theatre and a fabulous Gala event.

Congratulations to Lynn Klatt for winning the Kermit Oliver-signed Kachinas Hermès scarf!

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The Musical U.S.













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SCARF IN THE ARTS

2021 Hearts in the Arts "Clue: The Musical" Gala



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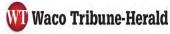
















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RECOGNIZING OUTGOING MCC FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

We would like thank our four outgoing board members for their six years of service to the MCC Foundation, from 2015-2020. Judge Rex Davis, Nashim Hamilton, Doug McDurham, and Ellie Morrison served the Foundation in numerous roles and aided our mission of promoting high-quality education that enriches our diverse community. Each was presented with a note of thanks and a custom ceramic bowl to commemorate their time of service to the Foundation.

Many thanks to these outgoing board members for six years of distinguished service to the Foundation.

Judge Rex Davis



Doug McDurham



Nashim Hamilton



Ellie Morrison





The 2021-2022 scholarship application period ended on January 15, and the scholarship committee members have started the review process of approximately 500 applications. The scholarship committee includes faculty, staff, and MCC Foundation board members who work under the guidance of Scholarship Coordinator, Shelley Cotten. We appreciate the scholarship committee for the work they do to match students with scholarship awards. For the 2020-2021 academic year, the MCC Foundation awarded 496 scholarships totaling \$445,471!

Since Sept. 1, 2020, 28 new scholarship funds have been established at the MCC Foundation. Scholarship awards would not be possible without the generosity of our donors who believe in the life-changing work performed each day at McLennan Community College.

The Foundation's second scholarship application period for the 2021-2022 academic year will be open from May 1 - May 15 at https://mclennan.academicworks.com/users/sign_in. For more information regarding Foundation scholarships, contact Scholarship Coordinator Shelley Cotten at scotten@mclennan. edu or 254.299.8818.

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 2020-2021 NISOD award winners:



Becky Boggus Adjunct Instructor in Mental Health/Social Work

A note from her nominator:

"Becky is an incredible professor. As a social worker, she exemplifies selflessness and is committed to her students' success. She is passionate about teaching and pours her heart out in all of her assignments and instruction. She is willing to change her pedagogy to adapt to student learning styles and goes above and beyond to ensure that they are successful. Additionally, she cares deeply for each of her students, treating each with dignity and respect."

Dr. Amy Antoninka Professor of Philosphy

A note from her nominators:

"Amy is a bright light on this campus. She's kind and generous, and willing to help anyone in need." Another said: "Dr. Antoninka's philosophy classes cultivate our students to grow into the people they were meant to be. She is a master teacher in the classroom and wise mentor outside the classroom. Her lessons don't just last a semester, they instill a lifetime of longing for deep knowledge and truth. She inspires students to reach higher and search intentionally for the good life they want to live. Dr. A, as her students call her, is a champion, and thankfully, our champion. We are so fortunate she is one of us."



NISOD HONOREES EXEMPLIFY MCC EXCELLENCE

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Lori Caceres Senior Administrative Secretary for Math and Sciences

A note from her nominators:

"Lori is the glue that holds our department together. She always knows who to contact to solve your problem. She is extremely pleasant to work with, always calm, and just a delight. She is a Class act!" Another writes: "Lori is the MVP of the science department. If you have a question, Lori knows the answer or how to find it. If anything needs to be done, Lori knows how to do it or to find somebody that does. Lori is the cog that keeps this division running!"

Kayla Willis Instructional Designer in the Center for Teaching and Learning

A note from her nominators:

"I can't say enough about Kayla. She always is going above and beyond in everything she does. Kayla worked tirelessly during the COVID transition to help faculty be prepared to teach online. She is an amazing instructor and helped teach over 100 faculty during spring and summer, assisting them in their transition to online." Another said: "I would not have been able to do my job this year if it weren't for her."





Boyce Wilson Assistant Professor in Business

A note from his nominator:

"Boyce is a helper. He is always willing to go out of his way to help anyone with any project or offer assistance with anyone who may need help. Boyce is also smart, kind, and generous with his words and his time. He stepped in and is leading Mentor/Mentee and was a big help with the transition to online during COVID."



McLennan Heroes



McLennan Community College students enrolled in Health Professions Programs have been volunteering alongside MCC faculty to help with the COVID-19 vaccine distribution in McLennan County.

Students and faculty not only helped administer the COVID-19 vaccine, but they also provided other services at the vaccination clinics, including greeting the public, helping with paperwork, and walking registrants through the vaccination process.

We are proud of these students and faculty members for furthering MCC's mission of educating our students, while improving their lives and enriching our community.

For more information regarding vaccines, please visit the Texas Department of State Health Services website for frequently asked questions.



MCC Medical Assistant students volunteering at the county COVID-19 vaccination site.



MCC Presidential Scholar Edwin Rodriguez administers the COVID-19 vaccine.

"Highlander Hug" Outreach

Presidential Scholars Edwin Rodriguez, Emily Santander, and Cade Pledger.



we miss our friends when we cannot be together! In November, we mobilized the Presidential Scholars to deliver delicious cakes to our major donors.

Our wonderful Presidential Scholars helped us deliver 25 "Highlander Hugs" to our community friends. The scholars who helped were delightful and really enjoyed the experience.

We look forward to new opportunities to gather in 2021!



Presidential Scholars, Glenn Cashaw and Nallely Gonzalez.



Presidential Scholars, Killian McNeill and Julia Maldonado.

MEN OF COLOR SUCCESS INITIATIVE UPDATE



Additionally, the Men of Color Success Initiative program is thrilled to announce the first recipient of the Al Pollard, Sr. Men of Color Scholarship, Julius Merriweather. Julius is currently an Art Major at MCC and is involved in multiple organizations around campus and in the community. Julius currently serves as the membership and recruitment chair of the Men of Color Leadership Council.

The MCC Foundation is proud to have provided support dollars for the Men of Color Success Initiative through a grant from the Cooper Foundation and gifts from private donors.

For more information on the Men of Color Success Initiative, please contact Jovvanta Mason-Gray at <u>imasongray@mclennan.edu</u>. or by calling 254.299.8851.

Julius Merriweather, first recipient of the Al Pollard Sr., Men of Color Scholarship.



Men of Color Success Initiative students volunteering at the Open Door Church of God (COGIC) in Christ Food Distribution and Shoe Drive.



McLennan Community College was recently awarded \$112,500 as part of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant Program. This program aims to help Texans affected by COVID-19 including displaced workers needing to gain new skills to re-enter the workforce and also support students that left their pursuit of higher education before receiving a credential. MCC students who are interested in this program should complete the Reskilling Fund Application during the advising process.

Additionally, the College received \$599,594 in funding from the Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Program of the U.S. Department of Education for the first year of the College's Title V project entitled "First Year Focus: Developing Academic and Co-Curricular Student Support Structures to Improve First Year Outcomes". The College will receive a total of \$2,901,555 over the next five years to continue developing this project. The project focuses on increasing the average first-year course completion, persistence, graduation, and transfer of Hispanic, low-income, and first-time-in-college students.

For more information regarding McLennan grants, contact Resource Development Director Kathy McLendon at kmclendon@mclennan.edu or 254.299.8663.



ALUMNI EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENT RATE FOR 2018-2019



The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board conducts a study each year that requires institutions to complete an Adult Learner follow-up report. The McLennan Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness tracked the alums of 32 MCC programs. Their study revealed that 27 out of the 32 programs had over a 90% education or employment placement rate, and 16 programs had a 100% placement rate.

Below is a list of the programs with 100% successful placement. Congratulations to these programs that exhibit MCC excellence! Click here to view the full report.

- Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications
- Certified Medical Assistant*
- Child Studies and Education
- Criminal Justice and Corrections
- Fire Academy
- Health Information Technology
- Hospitality Management*
- Interpreter Training*
- Law Enforcement Academy*

- Legal Assistant/ Paralegal*
- Office Technology Careers
- Operations Management*
- Paramedicine*
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Respiratory Therapy*
- Veterinary Technology

^{*100%} for two or more consecutive years

The Company You Keep

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

If it is true what they say about being known by the company you keep, then McLennan Community College is in very good standing with very good company. Recently, the MCC Foundation has received two major gifts from community friends who wish to honor loved ones and support MCC through naming campus features.

Greta and Murray Watson, Jr. Arbor

Since his passing in 2018, the Foundation has been working with friends and family of former state senator Murray Watson, Jr. to honor his many contributions to education in our community. This project included a generous gift from Brazos Higher Education Service Corporation, the company founded by Mr. Watson, to support students in their pursuit of higher education.

As we considered various campus locations to honor Mr. Watson and his family, we proposed a structure similar to the Highland Arbor that has been so well received by faculty, staff, and students since it was completed in Fall 2019. Highland Arbor was funded entirely with donations from vendors and the family of Charles and Mary Evans, who loved McLennan and the work we do to change lives. Similarly, the "Greta and Murray Watson, Jr. Arbor" will be funded by the Brazos gift to provide students a place to gather, rest, and enjoy the beautiful McLennan campus. The site for the new arbor is in a highly visible and well-traveled space near the Enrollment Services Center and the Michaelis Academic Center. As we write this, the college's Associate Director of the Physical Plant, Brian Renegar, is gathering construction bids, and we anticipate a late spring ribbon cutting. The arbor will be a fitting tribute to the Watson family and a permanent symbol of their deep care for students.

Alice M. Starr Plaza

Anyone who has met Alice Starr knows that she does not do anything just a little; she gives her all to ev-

erything she undertakes. This passion for community and helping others has guided her efforts well before and since the Starrs arrived in Waco in 2010 for her husband Ken to assume the presidency of Baylor University. In the years since, the Starrs have come to love McLennan Community College, and they have been central in bringing speakers to our campus that elevated the college in the public's and students' eyes. They also have been extraordinary hosts for our Presidential Scholars on their study tours to D.C., affording them the opportunity to meet with Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, Justice Brett Kavanaugh, and to have an insider's tour of Mount Vernon where Alice served on the Advisory Board.



Through a gift structured to support Presidential Scholarships, Ken Starr will honor his wife's support of and enduring work with so many

community organizations, including McLennan, Talitha Koum, Baylor Nursing, Central Texas Food Bank, Waco Symphony, and others. As part of this gift, college leadership has voted to name the plaza located at the center of campus between the Administration Building and the Ball Performing Arts Center in honor of Alice M. Starr. This plaza is a lovely gathering spot for students and it is frequently featured in McLennan "glamour shots." We plan a community ribbon cutting for the new "Alice M. Starr Plaza" on April 19.



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OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION



A Year for Lending a Hand

As we know all too well, 2020 brought extraordinary challenges to each of us individually and to our society as a whole. Students seeking a better life through higher education faced crippling economic obstacles as their jobs evaporated and their futures became uncertain. Basic needs like rent, utilities, and food were left in limbo, while college courses pivoted to online, bringing the problem of technology access front and center.

In this report, we are proud to recap how the MCC Foundation faced the

uncertainty and continued to provide opportunity to students who persevered. Rather than give up in the face of the pandemic, we redoubled our efforts to stay in touch with our supporters, raised additional money to assist our students, and continued to build scholarship endowments to





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.

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