

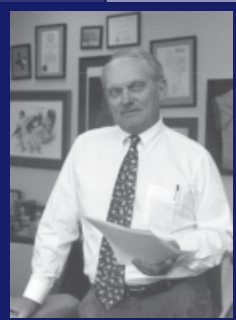
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TIME OF TRANSITION CELEBRATES TWO PRESIDENTS



These are very special times at McLennan Community College, with three new buildings opening, ever more students entering our doors, and an historic transition of leadership as Dr. Dennis Michaelis retires Aug. 31 after 21 years of service and Dr. Johnette McKown assumes the presidency.

The MCC Foundation has been deeply involved in exciting preparations for several transition events over the next two months. These include:



• **Retirement Dinner and Scholarship Fundraiser for Dr. Dennis Michaelis.** This elegant dinner honoring Dr. Michaelis *sold out* within two weeks of its announcement! More than 20 businesses and individuals (*see p. 2*) are sponsoring tables at this Aug. 5 event, which will feature a special address by U.S. Representative Chet Edwards and tributes from a variety of people whose lives have been touched by Dr. Michaelis. Proceeds will fund up to two, \$25,000 presidential scholarships named in Dr. Michaelis' honor.



• **Retirement Reception for Dr. Michaelis. 4-6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 6.** Join us on the 2nd Floor of the Michaelis Academic Center for this come-and-go reception where students, faculty, staff, and community members may greet Dr. Michaelis during his last days on campus. Reservations are not required. Sponsored by American Bank.

• **Inauguration ceremony for Dr. Johnette McKown. 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 22.** Campus and community members are invited to participate in this historic occasion at MCC. This formal event in the MCC Conference Center will include a processional of faculty and staff in regalia, an address by the Honorable Lyndon

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in your annual giving
and estate planning.*

Alumni Spotlight



"Audacity to Believe"

Ramona Curtis, a 1981 MCC graduate, is passionate about maximizing the potential in students. Through her work as Director for Leader Development and Civic Engagement at Baylor University, she strives to provide a meaningful forum for talented Baylor students to develop their strengths and prepare to answer their personal calls to leadership.

Curtis' favorite quote is from civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.: *"I have the audacity to believe that people everywhere can have*

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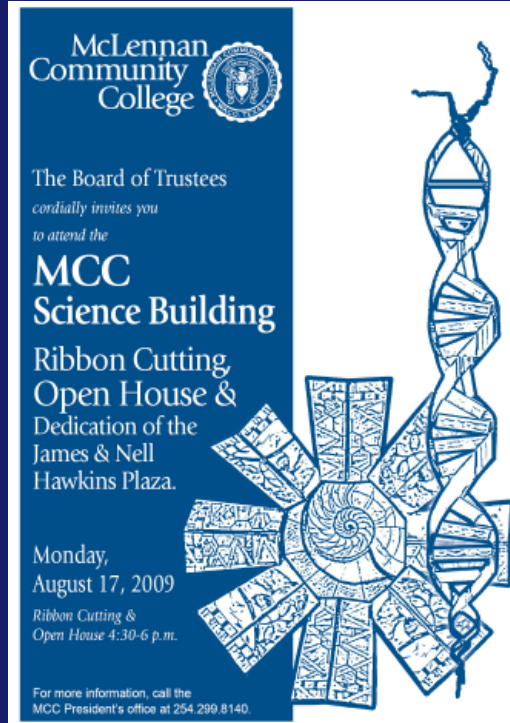
UPCOMING MCC FOUNDATION EVENTS, continued

Olson, Jr., and the ceremonial transfer of leadership. A reception will follow in the fountain plaza of the Community Services Center at 4601 N. 19th St.

Other exciting events coming up at MCC:

- **Grand opening of the MCC Science Building and dedication of the James and Nell Hawkins Plaza. 4:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 17.** All are welcome to celebrate the opening of this spectacular 102,000-square-foot science facility. Thanks to a \$575,000 gift from Waco philanthropists James and Nell Hawkins, this environmentally friendly building features a peaceful plaza with water features, a magnificent steel and stained glass "Double Helix" sculpture that extends more than two stories through the grand staircase, and a spectacular nautilus-shaped, stained glass piece representing all areas of science. Tours and a reception will follow the ribbon cutting.

- **MCC Foundation Scholarship Night. 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15, MCC Conference Center.** Join us as we honor our 2008-2009 MCC Foundation scholarship donors and 2009-2010 scholarship recipients. Ten new endowed scholarship funds were created this year, which helped the Foundation weather some difficult economic times. The event will also feature an address by Baylor administrator and MCC alumna Ramona Curtis (see *Alumni Spotlight*, p. 1) and the announcement of the first Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Young Leader awards presented by the Highlander Alumni Association.



Thank You!

We gratefully recognize the table sponsors for the Dennis F. Michaelis Retirement Dinner and Scholarship Fundraiser.

Each of these donors gave a minimum of \$1,000 toward the endowment of up to two new Presidential Scholarships in Dr. Michaelis' honor:

Brazos Higher Education

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- Specialty Property, Ltd., (Clifton and Gordon Robinson)
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- Schwartz Design Center (Martin and Loren Schwartz)
- Sheehy, Lovelace and Mayfield, P.C.
- Terry and Elaine Stevens
- Texas State Technical College
- Waco ISD

FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT, TAX INSTITUTE ON TAP FOR FALL

MCC Foundation Golf Tournament. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 2, Cottonwood Creek Golf Course.



Now in its 22nd year, this fun event is the primary annual fundraiser for MCC Foundation scholarships. There are a limited number of \$5,000 Platinum sponsorships available, as well as other levels ranging from \$200 to \$2,500. For those who just wish to play, choose a morning or afternoon slot on a four-person team; \$100 covers greens fees, cart, gift bag, breakfast, lunch, beverages, snacks and prizes! Registration materials will be mailed in

September. For information, contact Rose DeLeon at rdeleon@mclennan.edu or call 254-299-8604.

5th Annual Tax and Financial Planning Institute. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 10, MCC Conference Center.

The 5th Annual Tax and Financial Planning Institute is designed for area attorneys, CPAs, trust officers, insurance professionals and financial planners. Seven local and regional experts will present information on social security payout options, retirement plan choices, health insurance, property tax rules and reporting, tax update and economic stimulus details, and new international financial reporting standards. The institute offers participants a minimum of eight hours of professional education credits for all related disciplines, conference materials, and continental breakfast, snacks and lunch. Registration materials will be mailed soon! For information, contact Harry Harelik at hharelik@mclennan.edu or call 254-299-8606.

Featured Speakers :

Tom Clark,

Social Security Administration, Waco

Lewis Wall,

Bourland, Wall & Wenzel P.C., Fort Worth

Dianne Longley,

Texas Department of Insurance, Austin

Todd Kraft and David Colmenero,

Meadows, Collier, Reed, Cousins & Blau, L.L.P., Dallas

Connie Rose,

State of Texas Comptrollers Office, Austin

Dr. L. Murphy Smith,

Texas A&M Mays Business School, College Station

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT, *Continued*

three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and justice for their spirits. I believe that what self-centered men have torn down, other-centered men can build up."

Building up others is evident in Curtis' work at Baylor, where she works tirelessly to explore leadership practices that advance a more just, equitable and participatory society, as well as encourage leadership by those populations that are more frequently underrepresented in such capacities.

No matter what her 8-to-5 job entails, Curtis says it is her personal responsibility to model civic engagement. She was awarded the Waco chapter of the National Association of Social Workers' 2004 Public Citizen of the Year and has been named a Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Central Texas. In addition to her MCC degree, Curtis earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Texas at Arlington and a Master of Arts in Sociology from Prairie View A&M University. She will be the MCC Foundation's featured speaker at the September 15th Scholarship Night celebration, which brings together donors and recipients of MCC Scholarships. Curtis can be reached at Ramona_Curtis@baylor.edu.

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MORE FOUNDATION NEWS

Foundation to Launch Online Ad Campaign

Keep an eye out for the sparkling new "Support the Gift of Knowledge" online ad campaign that will debut in the first September issue of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce's weekly online newsletter. The year-long campaign will feature a different MCC donor or graduate each month.

Economic Downturn. Record Enrollment. You can help!

The economic downturn has hurt investments, donations and yields at the very time MCC is experiencing record enrollment with more students needing financial assistance. You can help the MCC Foundation:

- 1) With memorial and honorarium contributions (see p. 7-8)
- 2) By transferring insurance policies or naming the Foundation as a beneficiary
- 3) By taking advantage of lower stock values by gifting more shares of stock to the foundation now
- 4) By considering a charitable income trust to provide income to the MCC Foundation for a period with the remainder going to family in the future.
- 5) By naming the MCC Foundation as a beneficiary of a retirement plan or rolling over an IRA to MCC now.
- 6) By remembering the MCC Foundation in obituaries and giving a portion of the estate to the MCC Foundation.

We are glad to assist in your planning ... and our students will be grateful!

Alumni Association News

Member Discounts

The Highlander Alumni Association is delighted to announce a new members-only benefit: discounts at community restaurants! Members now receive free admission to MCC Athletics events, half-price tickets to Bosque River Stage concerts, 20% off theatre season tickets, 10% off purchases at the MCC Bookstore, and great discounts at a dozen restaurants in the Waco area! Check out <http://alumni.mclennan.edu> and click on "Member Discounts" to view your discount coupons; just print the coupon and present it to your server upon ordering.



Connections far and wide continue to be made for MCC through the Highlander Alumni Association! This summer, membership surpassed the 1,000 mark and now stands at 1,020 alumni and friends!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS, continued

Making the Online World a Cleaner Place

In an effort to rid the online world of embarrassing posts from the past, the Highlander Alumni Association offered a free personal development seminar, "Cleaning Up Your Digital Dirt," June 17 in the Michaelis Academic Center.

More than 90 people packed the seminar to learn how to navigate the treacherous online waters where an innocently posted vacation picture or lighthearted comment on a social networking site can drown any hopes of a successful job search. Angie Nimmo, a career counselor with Tarleton State University, presented useful tips for finding, removing or burying information that can sabotage job seekers.

"If you think that employers are not looking (at such Web sites for information about job candidates), well, they are," Nimmo said. "Once you start your job search, every aspect of you has to be professional."

Seminar participants were mostly students and recent MCC grads, with several faculty members, community members, and human resources professionals mixed in. Their opinions on the topic were as varied as their backgrounds, with some nodding knowingly at every tip, and others defending their right to "have a life" online that is separate from their professional life. Nimmo, however, disagreed.

"Employers will find any way they can to weed out the bad apples, so to speak," she said. "It's not that you're necessarily a bad apple, but you're doing them a favor by having this kind of information out there because then it's easier to weed you out." Among the tips:

- practicing "narcisurfing," a term for searching for yourself online to check your image through Google, Yahoo, Dogpile, archive.org and a number of other search engines
- using first and middle names in any document that might be posted online to differentiate you from another "John Smith" who might not have a squeaky clean background
- seeking to "bury" negative items by populating the Web with current, flattering posts about your career achievements through blogging, a professional Web site, or news articles.
- Applying the "Grandma Test" to anything you post to the Internet from here forward. *Would you want your grandma to see this??*

To view the hour-long seminar or the "Digital Dirt" handout information, log on to the Highlander Alumni Association site at <http://alumni.mclennan.edu>.



Online image expert Angie Nimmo conducts a lively alumni association seminar, "Cleaning Up Your Digital Dirt," on June 17.



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It's quick and easy:
Simply visit
<http://alumni.mclennan.edu>.
Click on "Register" and
follow the prompts.
Membership is free!

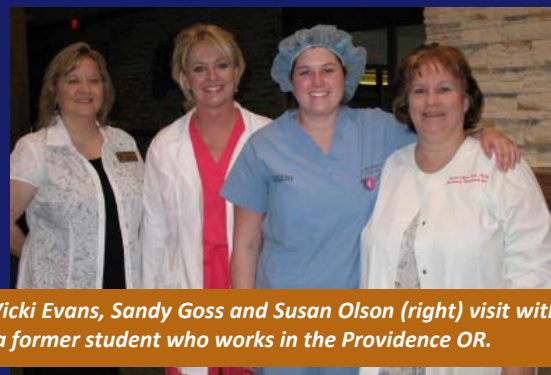
HOSPITAL ALUMNI “TOAST” THEIR ALMA MATER

What do you get when you mix one part breakfast, one part family reunion and about 150 stethoscopes? The Highlander Alumni Association’s “Toast to Graduates” event at Providence, of course!

On May 21, the Highlander Alumni Association was delighted to host the first of many “Toasts” to area MCC alumni who have chosen to stay in Waco to pursue their careers. The May event was in honor of the hundreds of MCC health careers graduates who work at Providence Health Network—including Providence Hospital, DePaul Center, Providence Home Care and Providence Park.

Hundreds of PHN employees arrived at the crack of dawn—for the night shift workers it was quitting time—for a breakfast buffet (including toast, of course!) at the Providence Auditorium. Numerous MCC nursing, respiratory therapy, and other health science program faculty members attended to see how well their former students are doing in their careers. MCC’s incoming president Dr. Johnette McKown was also on hand to greet the alumni.

The Highlander Alumni Association is planning a similar event on August 14 for Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center employees.



Vicki Evans, Sandy Goss and Susan Olson (right) visit with a former student who works in the Providence OR.



Kacie Spencer, left, and Providence Director of Respiratory Care Charles Goodwin, center, visit with alumni.

ESEC GRAND OPENING ANOTHER GRAND DAY FOR MCC



College leaders and the glitterati of the emergency services world gathered to celebrate the opening of MCC’s \$14.5 million Emergency Services Education Center July 16 near the Waco Regional Airport.

The building features 10 classrooms, a 150-seat lecture hall, forensics labs, training rooms and a burn tower. Also housed at the facility are offices for City of Waco police and fire employees who will work with MCC staff and students studying in those academies. Such a city/college partnership is rare, and leaders from both parties marveled at what their joint efforts had built.

Aside from providing expanded educational and training opportunities for first responders, the building also is eligible to receive LEED Platinum certification in recognition of its environmentally friendly design and construction.

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In Honor of Homer Allison

Given by: Doris Schraeder

In Honor of Maximina Escalante Fonseca

Given by: William and Vicki Matta

In Honor of Glenda Hall's MCCOPA Presidency 2008-2009

Given by: MCCOPA

In Celebration of Dr. and Mrs. James Lewis' 50th

Wedding Anniversary

Given by: Harry I. Harelik
K. Paul Holt and Dr. Donna Miller
Doris J. King
Drs. Stanley and Johnette McKown
Dr. and Mrs. Dennis F. Michaelis
Alma Myers
Mr. and Mrs. Al Pollard
Dr. and Mrs. Jack Schneider

In Celebration of Betty L. Marable's 83rd Birthday

Given by: Betty Flowers
Paul and Betty Marable
Paul and Debbie Marable
Linda M. Murdock

In Honor of Paul D. Marable for Father's Day

Given by: Betty Flowers
Paul and Debbie Marable
Linda M. Murdock

In Celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Marable's 63rd

Wedding Anniversary

Given by: Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Marable, Jr.

In Honor of Lois Miller

Given by: Dr. Cindy SoRelle

In Celebration of Jo Pendleton and David Rivers'

Marriage

Given by: Harry I. Harelik

In Honor of Don and Martha Tatum's 50th Wedding

Anniversary

Given by: Harry I. Harelik

In Memory of Wintferd Addison

Given by: Nathaleen and Patricia Ford

In Memory of Homer Allison

Given by: Teri Barnes
Carmack and Rose Berryman, Jr.
Phyllis Blackwood

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Rick and Sharon Butler
Theresa Evans
Robert D. (Bob) Ford
Harry I. Harelik
Sandy Hinton
Sandra and Danny Jones
Lisa Lindloff
William and Ruth Pitts
Ronnie and Ann Richardson
Linda Stanford
Ralph and Martha Tatum
Mr. and Mrs. Danny Uptmore
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Given by: Mary Pratt

In Memory of Kenneth Bottolfs

Given by: James and Teresa Rambo

In Memory of Shepherd Spencer Neville Brown, Sr.

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In Memory of Jeffrey Allen Davis

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Mr. and Mrs. Martin Englander
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Given by: Harry I. Harelik

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Given by: Harry I. Harelik
Dr. Charlotte Laughlin
James and Teresa Rambo

In Memory of Patricia Devine Nielsen

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James and Sarah Kubacak
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In Memory of Butch Pruett

Given by: Robert and Michelle Johnson

In Memory of Lloyd Pruett

Given by: Robert and Michelle Johnson

In Memory of Mary Pruett

Given by: Robert and Michelle Johnson

In Memory of Alexander Christian Reed

Given by: Harry I. Harelik

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Given by: Mary Pratt

In Memory of Alwood Scheler

Given by: Fay Gutierrez
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In Memory of Gene Southern

Given by: Robert and Michelle Johnson

In Memory of Dan Thomas

Given by: Nancy Neill

In Memory of Thomas Tull

Given by: Harry I. Harelik
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Dr. Charlotte Laughlin
Dr. Dana Smith Massey
Drs. William and Ruth Pitts
James and Teresa Rambo
Linda Stanford

In Memory of Isidore Urive

Given by: Sandy Hinton

In Memory of Coran Wade

Given by: Fay Gutierrez
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In Memory of Timothy J. White

Given by: Harry I. Harelik
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