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JANUARY - MARCH 2014

2014 HEARTS IN THE ARTS “MONTY PYTHON’S SPAMALOT”



MCC Presidential Scholars volunteering at the gala.
Pictured (left to right): Marquis Hodge, Martina Karpetova, Kelsey Kolinek,
Mrs. Margaret Brown & guest, Andrew Sanchez, Alfredo Sandoval,
Silas Nacita and William Stinnett



Patrons enjoying the gala dinner.
Pictured left: Mr. & Mrs. Al Roznovsky and Dr. & Mrs. Elton Stucky, Jr.
Pictured right: Ms. Patti Gooch and Dr. Ann Sims



The MCC Foundation's Hearts in the Arts Gala has a 12-year history of bringing theatre and art supporters to campus for a night of quality entertainment, all for the benefit of McLennan students! The 2014 gala, featuring the McLennan Theatre's production of the TONY award-winning musical "Monty Python's SPAMalot," took place on February 27.

The night began with a patron welcome dinner at the beautiful home of Waco civic leader Mr. Carey Hobbs. 225 patrons enjoyed a cocktail dinner buffet catered by Waco's Bestyett Catering. Our sincerest thanks go to Carey for his friendship and support in making the gala evening a major success. Thanks also go to the Gala Planning Committee: MCC Foundation Board Members Diane Deaver, Betty Bauer, Lisa Sheldon and Ann Roznovsky, as well as to MCC Presidential scholars, First Generation scholars and the MCC physical plant department who coordinated set up and tear down of the dinner home tables, chairs and fixtures.

After dinner, patrons traveled to the Ball Performing Arts Center on campus to enjoy the hilarious production of "Monty Python's SPAMalot." An incredibly talented group of Visual and Performing Arts students produced a superlative presentation aided by a richly blessed orchestra, magnificent costumes, professional lighting and set design, as well as dramatic and entertaining choreography.

A big part of the gala revenue is the annual jewelry raffle, sponsored again this year by Boozer's Fine Jewelry. Board member Ann Roznovsky had the winning ticket for an awe-inspiring diamond and stainless steel ladies' Tag Heuer watch.

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Thank You to Our 2014 GALA SPONSORS

The MCC Foundation strives to creatively engage our community friends through our special events, all in the effort of raising funds to help our students. We especially want to thank our sponsors who effectively make the gala a true fundraiser:

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We also extend a special thanks to our Hearts in the Arts Season Patrons, who supplement MCC's Visual and Performing Arts budget by buying season tickets and contributing to McLennan Community College Arts:

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Arts Notes

2013-2014 STEINWAY SERIES FEATURES MCC ALUMNA ROZA BULAT

The All-Steinway Campaign is an initiative that grew out of a 2009 decision by the MCC Foundation board to raise \$911,000 to purchase 27 new Steinway pianos and earn MCC the prestigious title of an "All-Steinway School." It continues to enhance McLennan's Visual & Performing Arts Department by hosting the Steinway Series concerts each year.



On Friday, January 31, the 2013-2014 concert series concluded with a performance by MCC alumna Roza Bulat. Miss Bulat is a native of Uzbekistan and has traveled extensively to perform as a soprano in major and supporting roles across the country. After her time at McLennan, Miss Bulat received her Master of Music degree from the Manhattan School of Music.

Miss Bulat's performance attracted a full house to the Ball Performing Arts Center theatre, where plaques list MCC's Premier All-Steinway donors. These were unveiled at last January's Steinway Series concert, and continue to be on display. We thank all of the generous donors to the All-Steinway

Campaign for making memorable performances such as this one available for the years to come.

If you haven't yet contributed to MCC's All-Steinway Program, and you wish to have your name on a permanent donor plaque at MCC, please contact MCC Foundation Executive Director Harry Harelik at 254-299-8604 or hharelik@mclennan.edu.

Foundation Welcomes Newest Board Members

The McLennan Community College Foundation is directed by a volunteer board of trustees who are passionate about MCC. At the December holiday dinner, the Foundation announced the welcome of four new trustees to the Foundation board, beginning January 1, 2014: Sharon Allison, Kent Keahey, J. Clay Sawyer, M.D. and Geneva Watley. We welcome them to the board and look forward to working with them! At the same time, we want to sincerely thank hardworking outgoing trustees Randy Cox, Bill Goss and Diane Castello.

Pictured below: (back row) Kent Keahey, Harry Harelik, J. Clay Sawyer, M.D., (seated) Geneva Watley and Sharon Allison.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AWARDS MCLENNAN'S BRIGHTEST

Each year, the McLennan Community College Foundation distributes donor-directed dollars to help our community's best qualified students. This year's MCC Foundation scholarship committee, which is comprised of ten representatives from the MCC Foundation Board and MCC faculty and staff (who remain anonymous), has been hard at work since late January reviewing scholarship applications and awarding scholarships. The committee is tasked with carefully matching scholarship donor intentions with qualified students.

This year, the committee thoroughly reviewed 638 completed applications for MCC Foundation scholarships in the 2014-2015 academic year. Applicants are evaluated based on financial need, academic merit, community service, special circumstances, written essays and recommendations. The Foundation has mailed congratulatory award packets to **298 students** thus far, as of newsletter press time.

The 2015-2016 scholarship application will be available online on October 1, 2014. For more information on the scholarship process, to serve on next year's scholarship committee or to establish a scholarship at the Foundation, please contact Harry Harelik at hharelik@mclennan.edu or 254-299-8604.

LANCE SUMMEY LEAVES FOUNDATION POSITION

On February 14, the MCC Foundation bid farewell to Lance Summey, who was responsible for foundation operations and scholarship processes since 2010. Lance is expanding his nonprofit experience as a major gift officer with the Providence Foundation.

During his time with the MCC Foundation, Lance coordinated the initial installation of the new MCC scholarship online application software and was responsible not only for working with students on scholarship and emergency grant needs, but also working the scholarship application, allocating income to scholarship funds and determining scholarship award amounts. He also chaired the scholarship committee for the college. Lance prepared for and oversaw the Foundation's annual audit and monthly accounting, including bank reconciliations and adjusting journal entries, as well as balancing monthly investment transactions. He also contributed to updating the Foundation's strategic plan.

He is an alum of Leadership Waco and was a part of the MCC President's Leadership Institute. He will be missed, but we wish him well in his new endeavors!



JANA BLAND JOINS FOUNDATION STAFF

The McLennan Community College Foundation is pleased to announce the newest addition of the Foundation staff! Jana Bland has joined the staff as Coordinator of Marketing, Special Events & Alumni Engagement.

Jana joins the MCC Foundation after three years with the Waco Foundation as Executive Office & Events Coordinator. Jana graduated Baylor University with a BBA in Marketing in 2011. During her three years at the Waco Foundation, Jana worked directly with the executive director and board to coordinate meetings and host special events and trainings within the community.

Jana will be responsible for the coordination of the Foundation's special events, including the annual MCC Foundation golf classic and the annual Hearts in the Arts gala. Jana will also assume responsibility for coordinating the Foundation-sponsored Highlander Alumni Association, which is 3,200 members strong and exists to inform and engage McLennan's greatest ambassadors – its alumni and friends. In addition, Jana will continue the Foundation's outreach to current and future supporters through strategic communications and marketing.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The McLennan Community College Foundation each year provides dozens of professional development grants for staff and faculty to travel and register for conferences, workshops and presentations across the country, including some international travel.

Funding is provided by the Foundation's special \$1 million dollar Professional Development Fund, formed with a U.S. Department of Education Title III grant, along with matching donor-provided funds.

Almost **\$5,000** in professional development grants were awarded by the McLennan Professional Development committee in the first quarter of 2014, and we congratulate the following staff and faculty who received funding:

Carmack Berryman	2014 NADE Conference	Alisa Petree	NAACLS Workshop – New Accreditation Standards and ASCLS - CLEC
Michele Davis	2014 National Nurse Practitioner Symposium		Basic Medical Mychology
	Great Teachers Seminar	Stephanie Schmidt	National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) Conference and Expo
Charlotte Laughlin	English-Language Workshop (Guest Lecturer)		Great Teachers Seminar
	National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) Conference & Expo	Angela Tibbitt	2014 NADE Conference
Jeremy Lindley	CTI-P101 Foundations of Crestron Programming	Alma Wlazinski	The National Coalition for Campus Children's Center Conference
		Lorri Zinkie	
Rachel McNeil	Student Support Services Grant Writing Workshop		

NEWS FROM MCC FOUNDATION'S GRANT WRITER, NANCY NEILL

Longtime MCC grant writer Nancy Neill reports a number of successful grant proposals, developed in collaboration with MCC Division personnel, and awarded through March 31. These include:

- "ATD Success By The Numbers" with Dr. Paul Illich, from Achieving the Dream, Inc.
- "Touring Artists" with Robert Page for Summer Sounds, from Texas Commission on the Arts
- "Library Mobile Project" with David Irvin, from Texas State Library & Archives Commission
- "NIST Student Summer Internship" with Dr. April Andreas, from National Institute of Standards & Technology
- "Child Care Quality Improvement" with Cynthia Ott, from Workforce Solutions for the Heart of Texas
- "Developmental Education – Scaling and Sustaining Success (S3)" Year 2 from Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- "Title III Eligibility" from U.S. Department of Education (waiver of college matching funds for Federal Work Study, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program and Trio Student Support Services Program)

Susan Copeland, RSVP Project Director, was notified this spring that the national office of Senior Corps (the RSVP funding agency), was awarding her project an additional 12-months of funding to aid the "West, Texas Disaster Recovery" effort. This augmentation award was in addition to the regular "RSVP Project" grant.

The above represent almost **\$300,000** in funding for McLennan! Thank you, Nancy, and to all who worked with her over the last few months to make these grants successful!

PLANNED GIVING: APPRECIATED REAL ESTATE, RETIREMENT INCOME & PHILANTHROPY AT DEATH

Taxpayers who have appreciated real estate and need retirement income but also have a wish to support philanthropic causes might want to consider a plan to satisfy all three issues. A possible plan would be to place the appreciated real estate in a charitable remainder trust (a trust on which income is distributed to the taxpayer/donor during his or her - or their - lifetime), and then have the charitable remainder trust sell the property. Because it is a charitable remainder trust, the gain on the sale of the property isn't income taxable. Further, the transfer to the charitable remainder trust would yield an income tax deduction to the donor at the time of the transfer. The taxpayer/donor would have the trust invest the proceeds of the real estate sale, distributing the income earned on the investment(s) annually to the taxpayer/donor for life, with remainder going to one or more charitable entities at the donor's death, avoiding any estate taxes on the donor's estate after the death of the donor.

As an illustration, suppose a donor in a 30% income tax bracket has real estate valued at \$500,000 with a \$25,000 basis. If the donor sold the property, a tax on the \$475,000 gain at capital gains rates might be nearly \$100,000. However, if the donor places the property in a charitable remainder trust (meaning the assets remaining in the trust after the donor's death goes to charity) reserving the right to income for the donor's life, no tax is paid by the trust on the sale of the property. Suppose the donor, age 75, wanted to reserve a 6% income interest in the charitable remainder trust. In so doing, the transfer to the charitable remainder trust of a property worth \$500,000 would result in a current charitable income tax deduction using the IRS tables projecting the present value of a charitable contribution (based on the estimated remaining life of the donor) of \$275,000, saving over \$80,000 in taxes. (This is in addition to avoiding taxes of over \$100,000 on the sale of the property!) The distribution from the trust, at 6%, would be \$30,000 based on a \$500,000 initial value, and possibly more in future years. At the donor's death, the trust would terminate and distribute remaining assets to the charitable cause(s) identified by the donor at the time the gift was transferred to the charitable remainder trust.



The goals of this donor have been met. The donor 1) has an annual income distribution for life (higher than it would have been had the donor sold the property for \$500,000, paid \$100,000 plus in taxes, and invested \$400,000 at current dividends or interest income rates), 2) has saved \$180,000 in taxes, and 3) will have provided for one or more philanthropic causes when the charitable remainder trust terminates at the donor's death.

The McLennan Community College Foundation is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization which is qualified to receive distributions from charitable remainder trusts. We would be delighted to work with YOU on your charitable plans and income/tax needs and, at the same time, provide for financial assistance to future generations of McLennan County students.

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NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED AWARDS

Every year in September, two outstanding alumni are recognized at the McLennan Community College Foundation Scholar, Donor and Alumni Recognition. The two awards, which are given through a nomination and competition process during the spring and summer, are:

- **Distinguished Young Leader**, recognizing a *recent* McLennan grad who was particularly active during his or her time at the college
- **Distinguished Alumnus Award**, for a *previous* McLennan grad who has pursued professional excellence and distinction after graduating

Forms for each award are now available on both the Foundation's website (www.mclennan.edu/foundation/award) and the Highlander Alumni Association's website (alumni.mclennan.edu). Nominations must be received by **July 15, 2014** for consideration in the 2014 competition. Please consider a special individual you would like to nominate for one of these prestigious awards. For more information, please contact Jana Bland (jbland@mclennan.edu) or Harry Harelík (hharelík@mclennan.edu) at the McLennan Community College Foundation, or call the Foundation at 254-299-8604.

Membership in the Highlander Alumni Association is free and open to McLennan alumni and the public – even for those who have not attended the college! So, if you are a graduate of the college or one of our community friends, consider joining the Alumni Association at alumni.mclennan.edu to keep informed of the great things happening at McLennan.

ALUMNA PRESENTS IN STUDENT LECTURE SERIES

On March 21, McLennan alumna Sarah Hester returned to campus to present to a group of 60 students and faculty as a part of the BioChatter Returning Student Lecture Series. Sarah (pictured right with current students) gave a presentation titled "Non-Traditional: The Synergistic Effects of Caffeine and Single Parenthood on a Life Sciences Transfer and Graduate Student."

Sarah returned to school at McLennan as a single mom and enrolled as a pre-biology major. In 2010, she transferred to Baylor University where she was named outstanding senior. Sarah graduated Baylor University in 2012 with a B.S. in biology (ecology emphasis). She is currently pursuing her M.S. in biology and hopes to eventually work in academia or the field of conservation biology.

Sarah is one of many young alumni who are excelling beyond McLennan. The MCC Foundation's Highlander Alumni & Friends Association exists to engage McLennan's alumni and community friends. Membership is open to all current and former students as well as the general public, and there is no cost to become a member! To learn more, please visit alumni.mclennan.edu.



McLennan alumna Sarah Hester (center)
with currnt biology students.

7TH ANNUAL ALUMNI & FRIENDS REUNION PICNIC

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Seventh Annual
McLennan Community College Foundation's
Highlander Alumni Association

Alumni & Friends Reunion Picnic

6:30-8 p.m.

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Bosque River Stage at MCC



Free hamburger, chips, drink & dessert!
(Must RSVP online by May 28 to reserve your free meals!)

One free hamburger dinner and drink per alumni association member and one guest. (Additional meals may be purchased during online registration for \$8 per additional meal.)
Look for the "Welcome Alumni" sign for reserved picnic seating!

Free *River Sounds* concert* featuring MCC Alumna Ruthie Foster

Concert begins at 8 p.m. and is free — tickets not required for stadium or lawn seating. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a reunion picnic and concert under the stars!

*Concert is open to the public, but the hamburger dinner is for alumni association members and their guests only!

To reserve your meals, you must RSVP on the Highlander Alumni Association website by Wednesday, May 28. **No on-site registration.**



Membership in the Alumni Association is free and open to all alumni and friends of McLennan! For more information, contact the MCC Foundation's Highlander Alumni Association!



alumni.mclennan.edu
299-8481 or jbland@mclennan.edu



HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS TO THE FOUNDATION
JANUARY 1, 2014 - MARCH 31, 2014

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Elaine Fagner

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Harry and Beverly Harelik

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