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## Saunders Gives \$250,000 for Nursing Scholarships

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Mrs. Lucille Saunders, who recently donated \$250,000 for MCC nursing scholarships, visits with students in the Advanced Skills Nursing Lab on June 7.◆

## Second Annual Tax and Financial Planning Institute Nov. 9 at MCC

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**We make a living by what we get,  
We make a life by what we give.**  
—Sir Winston Churchill

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## First Generation College Students on Campus



The first cohort of the First Generation

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College Student Initiative gathered for orientation May 24.



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### MCC Foundation announces \$250,000 gift for nursing scholarships

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Saunders, whose family founded The Big Red Bottling Company in Waco in the 1930s, has a strong interest in education and hopes to enhance the Waco-area community with additional medical professionals. Her gift is even more significant because an aging population is creating a nationwide shortage of nurses.

"This gift comes at a time when the nursing shortage is so critical," said Dr. Cherry Beckworth, Director of MCC's Associate Degree Nursing Program. "Mrs. Saunders' generosity will have a major impact on the lives of so many students as well as the lives that will be touched by these nursing students once they have graduated. We are incredibly grateful not only for the generosity of Mrs. Saunders and her family, but also for their foresight and support of our college and our community."

For more information about the Saunders gift, contact MCC Foundation Executive Director Harry Harelik at 254-299-8606 or [hharelik@mclennan.edu](mailto:hharelik@mclennan.edu).

For nursing scholarship information, contact Dr. Beckworth at 254-299-8349 or [cbeckworth@mclennan.edu](mailto:cbeckworth@mclennan.edu).

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### **MCC Foundation Tax and Financial Planning Institute Nov. 9**

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This full-day workshop, which presents current information on tax and estate planning, tax law, and other topics, is designed for area CPAs, attorneys, and financial advisors. Last year's seminar attracted more than 150 professionals.

Participants will receive eight hours of continuing education credit. To register, call the MCC Foundation at 299-8604.

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### First Generation College Students on Campus This Summer

The first 17 students participating in the new First Generation College Student Initiative arrived on campus May 31, when they began attending class each day from 8 a.m.-noon to learn study skills, leadership, financial literacy, time management, and other courses to help them succeed in college and in life. The 2006 FGCSI students include:

Ashley Alexander, *Axtell High School*  
Pete Arvizu, III, *University High School*  
Meron Berhane, *A.J. Moore Academy*  
Lauren Branch, *Mexia High School*  
Denise Chavez, *A.J. Moore Academy*  
Angela Croford, *Crawford High School*  
Katherine Cummings, *A. J. Moore Academy*  
James Garrett, *Waco High School*  
Adderly Gilton, *University High School*  
Ashley Hinojosa, *Connally High School*  
Brittany Light, *Bosqueville High School*  
Ana Lopez, *Connally High School*  
Chance Masaichy, *Riesel High School*  
Salvador Medina, *University High School*  
Andrew Reveles, *Lorena High School*  
Santiaga Sanchez, *University High School*  
Tiffany Vasquez, *University High School*

The First Generation College Student Initiative is also planning an exciting new advertising campaign to help students and their parents recognize the value of planning for college early in their educational careers and to get them involved in the program as high school seniors. The campaign will include billboards, print ads, giveaway items, posters, brochures, bookmarks, and a website. The message is designed to target schools, churches, and neighborhoods where large numbers of families have not had college experience. Look for the new FirstGen logo and ads to begin showing up around Waco this summer.

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### Harwell Memorial Golf Tournament nets \$6,500

More than 80 golfers turned out on May 12 for the 6th Annual Sheriff Jack Harwell Memorial Golf Tournament at Lake Waco Golf and Country Club. Tournament organizers Jickey and Andy Harwell, sons of the former McLennan County Sheriff, reported that the tournament raised \$6,500 for the Jack Harwell Scholarship fund at the MCC Foundation. His tournament sponsors presented a check to Dr. Michaelis and Foundation Executive Director Harry Harelik on June 13.



*Andy Harwell, far left, and friends present Dr. Michaelis with a check for \$6,500 from the recent Harwell Memorial Golf Tournament. The money will be used for MCC scholarships.*

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*The Waco Tribune-Herald's Ann Roznovsky*



### **MCC Scholarship Night September 19th**

Mark your calendars now for Tuesday, September 19, when the MCC Foundation will applaud the hundreds of students who have received MCC scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year, as well as the donors who make those scholarships possible. The event will be at 7 p.m., Sept. 19 in the Ball Performing Arts Center. Ann Roznovsky, Community Relations Director for the Waco Tribune-Herald, will be the distinguished speaker, and a delectable dessert reception will follow the program. This event, which is on the very day MCC classes first began in 1966, also kicks off the college's year-long 40th anniversary celebration.

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### **MCC Foundation Golf Tournament October 6th**

For 17 years, local golfers have looked forward to the MCC Foundation Golf Tournament, which this year will be on Friday, Oct. 6 at Cottonwood Creek Golf Course. The Foundation is seeking sponsorships and raffle donations for this tournament, so if you know an individual or business owner who would like to support the tournament, please contact the MCC Foundation office at [rdeleon@mclennan.edu](mailto:rdeleon@mclennan.edu) or phone 254-299-8604.

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### Donor News

#### **Turner Family Donates \$50,000 to Foundation**

The MCC Foundation is pleased to announce the recent donation of \$50,000 from longtime MCC supporter and previous Foundation Board Member Charlie Turner and his wife Dorothy. This gift will greatly enhance the Foundation's previously established Charles and Dorothy Turner Endowed Scholarship Fund. Our thanks go out to Charlie and Dorothy for their generosity and contribution to our area's students!

*We gratefully acknowledge our other 2nd Quarter contributors:*

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### 2007-2008 Scholarship Application Update

New MCC Foundation scholarship applications for the 2007-2008 academic year will be available Sept. 1 from the Foundation office or on the web site at <http://www.mclennan.edu/departments/foundation/>.

Because of ever-increasing numbers of applicants, the due date for applications has been moved up to Tuesday, January 18, 2007. Recipients will be notified about their award in May.

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