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FOUNDATION-TARGET RESTORATION GOLF CLASSIC

Remember the MCC Foundation in your annual giving and estate planning.



With the MCC Foundation-Target Restoration Golf Classic now just a happy memory, MCC can once again brag about offering supporters the most gorgeous weather, the best player gifts and the most golfing fun of any tournament around.

The tournament is one of the primary annual fundraisers for MCC Foundation athletic scholarships. As has been true every year in the tournament's 23-year history, morning and afternoon flights at the Oct. 2 event were packed with enthusiastic golfers who claimed they were just there to have a good time, but looked decidedly more serious once they were on the course!

The MCC Foundation would especially like to thank **Target Restoration**, this year's Diamond Sponsor, who along with 72 other sponsors and gift donors helped the tournament raise \$35,000! Plans are underway for the 24th annual event, so mark your calendars for Friday, October 1, 2010 at Cottonwood Creek.



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MICHAELIS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER CELEBRATES CAREER

The MCC Foundation hosted two events in August to celebrate Dr. Dennis Michaelis' 21 years of dedicated service as president of MCC. An Aug. 5 retirement dinner and scholarship fundraiser sold out within two weeks of its announcement! More than 350 people attended and raised \$54,000 for presidential scholarships in Dr. Michaelis' name. The evening featured a special address by U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards and tributes from a variety of people whose lives have been touched by Dr. Michaelis.

The following day, the Foundation hosted a reception in the Michaelis Academic Center for faculty, staff, students and community members to visit with Dr. Michaelis during his last days on campus. That event was sponsored by American Bank.



President McKown Inaugurated Sept. 22



The MCC Foundation was deeply involved in the college's preparations for the Sept. 22 inauguration of MCC's third president, Dr. Johnette McKown. We wish her many years of success as she begins this next chapter in MCC's history.

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FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT CELEBRATES STUDENTS & DONORS

The evening of September 15 was another night of celebration this fall as the MCC Foundation honored its 2008-2009 MCC Foundation scholarship donors and 2009-2010 scholarship recipients. Ten new endowed scholarship funds valued at over \$365,000 were completed this year, which helped the Foundation weather some difficult economic times. The event also featured an address by Baylor administrator and MCC alumna Ramona Curtis (right) and presentation of the first-ever Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Young Leader awards by the Highlander Alumni Association (see p. 7.)



New Endowed Scholarship Donors 2008-2009

Arnold and Sarah
Blair
(see p. 4)

Brazos Higher
Education Service
Corporation

Rick and Sharon
Butler

CEFCO

Kirit and Dr. Pramila
Daftary

Dave and Dottie
Fornoff

Ruth M. Laird Hix

Bill Patterson

The Russell
Family Trust

Tom and Martha
Salome

TG Public Benefits
(see p. 6)



Endowed Scholarship Donor Kirit Daftary receives his donor pin from President McKown.



Music scholarship students Lance Wiethorn, Julie Woodley and Edgar Sierra perform an operatic vignette from Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro."

Donor Spotlight

This Mother's Love is Eternal

A single mother who sacrificed her own dreams to care for her family is the inspiration for the newly endowed Charlene Cooper Blair Scholarship at the MCC Foundation. The scholarship was endowed by MCC graduates Arnold and Sarah Blair in memory of Arnold's mother who always wanted to be a nurse, but who, as a single mother, never had the time or money to go to college.

The Blairs both have long attachments to MCC. Sarah began attending MCC in the early '80s and graduated in 1983 with an A.A. degree. She transferred to Baylor's School of Education where she earned a bachelor's in Elementary Education and a master's in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis on Early Childhood Education. Sarah, now in her 25th year of teaching, instructs English as a Second Language and Gifted and Talented classes at Bruceville-Eddy Elementary.

Arnold worked full time at the City of Waco for more than 20 years and attended MCC at night to obtain his degrees. He was one of the first students to enroll in the University Center and earned a B.B.A. in 2003 from the University of Texas at Arlington. He continued his education at UTA and earned his M.S. in Healthcare Administration in 2008. After graduation, Arnold attended additional MCC classes to become a licensed Nursing Home Administrator. He then launched a new career in elder care as an administrator at Wesley Woods Alzheimer's Care Center.

Shortly after Arnold received his master's degree, he and Sarah married. Recognizing the importance of education and how the cost can sometimes be prohibitive, together they decided they wanted to give back to others because of the assistance they each had received. And, they wanted to honor the memory of Arnold's mother who had given up so much for him. The Charlene Cooper Blair Scholarship will be awarded



"We realize the importance of education and how the cost is sometimes prohibitive. We want this scholarship to help others in the Waco community."

annually to any Wesley Woods or Lakeshore Village Nursing Home employee who may wish to further his or her education by becoming a Registered Nurse, Licensed Vocational Nurse or Certified Nurse's Aide at MCC or earn a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from UTA.

From careers spent in service to others to their generosity in endowing a permanent scholarship fund to help others achieve their dreams, MCC alumnae Arnold and Sarah Blair are true examples of compassionate caring. Charlene Cooper Blair would be one very proud mom.

The MCC Foundation offers named endowed scholarships for a minimum contribution of \$15,000 or endowed presidential scholarships for a minimum contribution of \$25,000.

For information on giving opportunities at the MCC Foundation, contact Harry Harelik at hharelik@mclennan.edu.

A "Guns Up" Celebration

In celebration of Texas Tech University's partnership with McLennan

Community College's University Center, an upscale dinner reception was held in September at the stunning lakeview home of Cynthia and Ray Perry. Ray, a former MCC trustee, current MCC foundation board vice chairman, and a Texas Tech grad, along with his civic-minded wife, Cynthia, were the perfect hosts as dozens of local Tech alums, Tech administrators and MCC supporters gathered to toast the new opportunity for local students to begin their Texas Tech education without leaving Waco.

The University Center, now home to partnerships with the University of Texas at Arlington, Tarleton State University, University of Texas at Brownsville, University of Texas Medical Branch and Midwestern State University, allows students to enroll in upper-level courses on the MCC campus to obtain bachelor's, master's and some doctoral degrees. MCC is proud to welcome Texas Tech to the University Center, and the MCC Foundation looks forward to working with the Texas Tech Foundation in securing scholarships for MCC students to begin work at MCC and later transfer to Texas Tech.

Currently just under 900 students (not counted in MCC's enrollment) are enrolled in University Center studies.



The Importance of Giving to MCC *by: Harry Harelik*

While there are a number of simple and tax-wise ways in which to give to McLennan Community College, it is important to understand *why* that giving is important. MCC alumnus Robert Hawkins, in his recent acceptance of the Distinguished Alumni Award, said that when he paid his property taxes, he never begrudged the small amount of taxes going to MCC because he "knew that was an investment." What a brilliant way to view a tax!

Actually, ANY dollars going to MCC, whether through property taxes or through philanthropic giving, can be viewed as an investment in our community. MCC is one of the largest employers in McLennan County and, in addition, had over 9,100 students enrolled this fall. Even more importantly, more MCC students return to the area after their studies than do students from any other institution of higher learning. McLennan County's tax base, workforce and future leaders come from MCC alums, such as LaVega Superintendent Sharon Shields. McLennan County Clerk Andy Harwell and District Judge Vicki Menard.

Giving to MCC through the McLennan Community College Foundation is as simple as giving to any charitable organization. The MCC Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization to which contributions may be income tax deductible. The Foundation can accept gifts from IRA rollovers as well as from donor advised funds and any business or individual. Contributions may be made by cash, check or charge card and designated for student scholarships, campus improvements such as the Highlander Legacy Plaza (brick paver campaign) and staff and faculty professional development. Endowed scholarship funds may be set up to remember a friend, family, or business. We accept honorariums and memorials, and the Foundation encourages supporters to remember the MCC Foundation as a charity of choice in obituaries of loved ones.

More information on giving to the MCC Foundation is available at <http://www.mclennan.edu/departments/foundation>.

MORE FOUNDATION NEWS



5th Annual Tax & Financial Planning Institute at McLennan Community College

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

MCC Conference Center

4601 N. 19th. St., Waco, Texas

Registration Deadline: Nov. 31

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 4-9.5 hours of professional education credits (depending on discipline), conference materials, and continental breakfast, snacks and lunch. For information, contact Harry Harelik at hharelik@mclennan.edu or call 299-8606.

Featured Topics & Speakers :

"Social Security and Related Benefits"

Tom Clark, Social Security Administration, Waco

"Practical Tactics for Distributions from Retirement Plans & IRAs"

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

"Health Insurance in Texas"

Dianne Longley, Texas Department of Insurance, Austin

"The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009"

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

"Texas Margin Tax and Sales and Use Tax"

David Colmenero, Meadows, Collier, Reed, Cousins & Blau, L.L.P.

"Property Taxes in Texas"

Connie Rose, State of Texas Comptrollers Office, Austin

"International Financial Reporting Standards"

Dr. L. Murphey Smith, TAMU Mays Business School, College Station

Book Scholarships For Part-Time Students

MCC students who plan to attend MCC part-time in the spring and summer 2010 semesters are invited to apply for scholarships of up to \$500 per semester to purchase books. The deadline for applications is Nov. 30.

This summer, the MCC Foundation received a \$100,000 grant from **TG Public Benefits** in Round Rock to help part-time students pay for books. The Foundation awarded 45 scholarships for the Fall 2009 semester. This scholarship is the first and only fund the Foundation has to help part-time students.

Applications are available at <http://www.mclennan.edu/departments/foundation/schol.html>. Applications must be completed in duplicate and turned in to the MCC Financial Aid Office by 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30. For more information, call the MCC Foundation at 299-8604.

Alumni Spotlight

Alumni Association Celebrates Past, Future with Distinguished Alumni, Distinguished Young Leader Awards

The Highlander Alumni Association is pleased to announce the recipients of the association's first-ever Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Young Leader awards, which

were presented Sept. 15 at the MCC Foundation Scholarship Night celebration.



Robert Hawkins, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient for 2009, has a long association with MCC that began in 1965 when he and others

petitioned for a junior college district to be created in McLennan County. He then worked for the passage of the successful bond election that resulted in the establishment of the college. In September of 1966, he was among the first 50 students to register for MCC classes and he was a member of the first two-year degreed class of MCC, earning an Associate of Arts degree on May 30, 1968. He was the first person ever to transfer MCC credits out of the State of Texas; they were accepted at Syracuse University in New York. He later earned a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York and a graduate certificate from Texas A&M University. He served in the U.S. Army, the Army National Guard, the Texas State Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve. He retired as a colonel with 25 years' military service.

Hawkins' professional career was spent pioneering work in the area of career education and economic development training at Texas State Technical College, from which he retired after 29 years as Director of Special Programs. Among his numerous awards, honors and civic achievements are 20 years of service on the Bellmead City Council with

four terms as Mayor. He was nominated by MCC history instructor Tony Dudik.

Unlike the Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, the recipient of the Distinguished Young Leader Award knew little about MCC before he enrolled in 2007. As a native of Cameroon, Abanda Zofoa possessed limited familiarity with the college, the community, or the language of Central Texas. Despite his limited English skills, he earned nearly straight As while a student at MCC and was awarded his diploma with High Honors at the May 2009 commencement. He earned his outstanding GPA while working long hours as a security guard at HEB.

Zofoa served two years as president of the MCC International Student Club, where he led students in working for Habitat for Humanity and organized "Mock UN" sessions to acquaint MCC students with the educational needs in other countries and how they contrast with the wonderful opportunities students have at MCC. Zofoa's future plans include earning a degree in Criminal Justice and attending law school. He was nominated by MCC English instructor Charlotte Laughlin.



The 2009 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Young Leader Award recipients were chosen by a selection committee comprising MCC Foundation board member Ray Perry, MCC retiree Mickey Reyes, and MCC employee (and alumnus) Gary Willis.

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ASSOCIATION "TOASTS" GRADS AT HILLCREST



The Highlander Alumni Association was delighted to give a "toast" to the MCC alumni who work at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center on Aug. 14. MCC faculty members Sandra Goss, Christi Cockrell, Ron Epps and Doug Gibson, MCC president Dr. Johnette McKown, and Hillcrest CEO Glenn Robinson were on hand at the breakfast to greet the alumni. On average, MCC trains more than 70 percent of all health careers workers in our area.



Interested in Joining the Highlander Alumni Association?

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

2nd Annual Alumni & Friends Reunion Picnic!



Mosquitoes officially dethroned ants as the picnicking Public Enemy #1 at the Alumni and Friends Reunion Picnic Sept. 26 at the Bosque River Stage! But even that didn't deter about 40 alumni and friends who gathered for a fried chicken dinner and fun prior to the Larry Carlton concert.

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HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In Celebration of Paul Marable Jr.'s 88th Birthday

Donation Given by: Betty Marable

In Honor of Edward Macon Ware

Donation Given by: Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur A. Ball

In Honor of Dr. Johnette McKown's Inauguration

Donation Given by: Michael Campenni
Nick and Fay Gutierrez
Harry I. Harelik
Robert and Michelle Johnson

In Memory of Homer Allison

Donation Given by: James and Teresa Rambo

In Memory of Douglas Cleo Brown

Donation Given by: Harry I. Harelik

In Memory of Lisa Smith Cotharn

Donation Given by: Rick and Sharon Butler
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In Memory of Mary Sams Howell

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In Memory of Nikolas Klaras

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In Memory of Patricia Devine Nielsen

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In Memory of Tommy McGrath Rogers

Donation Given by: Harry I. Harelik

In Memory of Alwood Scheler

Donation Given by: James and Teresa Rambo

In Memory of Lucile Cooper Lacy Taylor

Donation Given by: Harry I. Harelik

In Memory of Edward Macon Ware

Donation Given by: Bronson and Kathleen Eden
Harry I. Harelik
John and Linda Hatchel
Karen Holder

In Memory of James Madison Warner

Donation Given by: Harry I. Harelik

In Memory of Nora Lee Wills

Donation Given by: John and Linda Hatchel

MCC Salutes ...



Nell and Jim Hawkins, seen here at the opening of the MCC Science Building and James and Nell Hawkins Plaza on Aug. 17. The Hawkins' donated \$575,000 for stained glass artwork and a plaza with water features at the facility.