Highlander Alumni Association 9th Annual Picnic

The MCC Foundation’s Highlander Alumni & Friends Association hosted its 9th Annual Alumni & Friends Reunion Picnic on June 16. Over 65 friends of MCC attended the picnic, which was hosted at the MCC Foundation’s office, the McLennan House on campus. Due to heavy rain and flooding in May, the RiverSounds concert series at the Bosque River Stage was moved to the The Highlands gym on campus. Picnic guests enjoyed a hamburger dinner prepared by Great Western Dining before heading over to grab seats at the gym to hear Trout Fishing in America (featuring MCC alumnus Ezra Idlet). Thank you to everyone who attended this year’s picnic! To register for the Highlander Alumni & Friends Association, please click here. Membership is free and open to all alumni and friends of McLennan Community College. Pictured below are just a few of our guests from this year’s event.
McLennan Community College men’s golf coach Vince Clark is one of four honorees in the 2016 NJCAA Men’s Golf Coaches Association Hall of Fame class. Joining Clark is the first female member, Meridian (Mississippi) golfer and coach Lou Weddington Hart, former Kansas City Kansas golfer Robert Russell and Bridgestone Golf tour representative Todd Corum.

From the classroom to the courtroom, golf course and beyond, Vince Clark is a proven winner. Earning bachelor’s and master’s degrees in history from Baylor University, Clark has served as a history professor at McLennan since 1994. Clark also owns a law degree from Baylor that he utilized for five years as a lawyer in Tyler, Texas, prior to returning to Waco to earn his master’s in 1991. He then spent two years in graduate school at the University of Virginia before returning to the Lone Star State in 1994.

Since his hiring as an assistant coach in 2000, he has taken his formula for success and applied it to the McLennan golf program. Following a seven-year stint as an assistant, Clark was promoted to head coach of the Highlanders in 2007. Wasting no time putting McLennan back into national contention, it took just two years for Clark to lead his team to the top of the leaderboards. The Highlanders claimed victory at the 2009 NJCAA DI Men’s Golf Championship, winning their program’s second national title and first since 1984. McLennan was crowned national champions again in 2010, becoming the first team in MCC history to win back-to-back national titles in any sport.

Under Clark’s tutelage, 15 McLennan golfers have received NJCAA All-America honors. His student-athletes have also produced in the classroom with 13 individuals earning NJCAA Academic Student-Athlete Awards. Six of Clark’s teams have met the 3.0 cumulative grade-point average requirement for NJCAA Team Academic Award honorable mention.

Affectionately known around campus as “Vincer,” Mr. Clark and his team play a key role in the MCC Foundation’s Annual Golf Classic. Congratulations, Coach Clark! The MCC Foundation is very proud to call you a friend!

The McLennan Community College Foundation, at the direction of the MCC Professional Development Committee, awarded professional development awards totaling $10,842 during January 1-June 30, 2016. These awards helped the following staff and faculty attend various conferences and trainings across the nation.

- Tamara Culver - Advanced Criminal Law Conference
- Michele Davis - International Conference on Forensic Nursing and Practice
- Deborah Focarile - Launch! Texas PTA Leadership Seminar
- Ronald Hochstatter - The Teaching Professor Conference: Educate, Engage, Inspire
- Claudette Jackson - Jeanne Cleary Act Training Seminar
- Candice Kelm - College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Communications Forum
- Elizabeth Talbot - Gehring Academy-Student Conduct
- Otsmar Villarroel - 2016 Biennial Conference on Chemical Education
MCC Foundation Scholarship Update

As always, the summer has flown by and as we embark on a new academic year, thanks to the generosity of our donors and the diligence of the scholarship committee, Foundation scholarships total $372,248 to 371 deserving students, as of August 2 for the 2016-17 academic year.

These students will be recognized at the annual Scholar, Alumni & Donor Recognition & Reception on September 8 at the Waco Convention Center. This year’s Distinguished Speaker is Dr. Sharon Shields, LaVega ISD Superintendent and former MCC student! We look forward to recognizing our recipients, donors, and distinguished alumni at this annual event.

The Foundation is now preparing for the next scholarship cycle and the 2017-18 application will be available online beginning October 1, 2016-January 15, 2017.

Emergency grants for the 2015-16 academic year totaled $15,307. These grants helped students that encountered job loss, unexpected medical and funeral expenses, or had to leave unsafe living situations, etc. Students are always very appreciative of receiving these grants and the MCC Foundation is honored to have a fund to help students in these situations.

Register Now for the 30th Annual Golf Classic!

The MCC Foundation’s 30th Annual Golf Classic will take place Oct. 7 at Cottonwood Creek Golf Course. This year’s tournament will offer morning and afternoon flights and celebrate the 30th anniversary of this golf classic (one of the oldest continuously running tournaments in McLennan County). The tournament benefits student scholarships and needs at McLennan Community College.

The cost for the tournament is $125 per player or $500 per four-member team. This includes green fee, cart, breakfast, lunch by Rudy’s Bar-B-Q, snacks, drinks and high-quality player gifts! Payment must accompany registration by phone or e-mail. The deadline for a team to register and play in the tournament is Sept. 16. Individual players may continue to register through Oct. 5. Please contact Jana Bland (jbland@mclennan.edu or 254-299-8604) to receive more information or to register!
WHY MAKING A CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION DIRECTLY FROM AN IRA CAN BE TAX SMART!

By Harry Harelik, Executive Director of the MCC Foundation

While the option of making a charitable distribution from an IRA is only available to those taxpayers over 70 ½ years of age, the option is an important one to keep in mind for all taxpayers because it may be important not only to older taxpayers, but also to those whose parents or grandparents are still living and may need to help in the decision making process. Before understanding the reason the option may be a good one, we need to understand the limitations involved.

The distribution potential of an IRA is one that has been put into permanent tax law. Any taxpayer over 70 ½ years of age when the distribution is made, may gift directly from his or her IRA to a nonprofit (not including a donor advised fund or a type III supporting organization) up to $100,000 in each calendar year. It is important that taxpayers understand that one does not have to make a transfer of $100,000 as it can be any amount….even $1,000 or less. Further, the transfer does not have to be made just to one qualifying nonprofit; it can be made to any number as long as the grand total doesn’t exceed $100,000 per year, per taxpayer. The transfer does have to be made directly to the nonprofit. It can’t be received by the taxpayer and then paid to the charity.

Without this special provision, a gift to charity that would be funded from an IRA distribution, would be included in taxable income. A potential offset would then be that the amount could be deducted as a charitable deduction on the itemized deduction schedule. There are three potential issues with this process: (1) by including the amount in taxable income, the taxpayer’s adjusted gross income, which appears in the last line of page 1 of the tax return, will be increased and this can reduce potential other deductions and credits otherwise due the taxpayer; (2) some taxpayers don’t itemize deductions and, if this is the case, then the taxpayer is reporting income against which he has no additional deduction, increasing the income tax he will be required to pay; and, (3) in some cases the taxpayer’s donations exceed the annual limit and taxpayers generally cannot currently deduct (but must carryover) charitable contributions exceeding a maximum 50% of the taxpayer’s adjusted gross income.

Deductions which can be negatively affected by including an IRA distribution in income include medical expenses and miscellaneous itemized deductions (such as tax return prep fees and investment advisor fees). Credits that may be negatively impacted with IRA distribution inclusion may include the plug-in Electric Vehicle Credit. Even future Medicare premiums can be affected. More details on why using the direct IRA distribution to a charity can be tax advantageous may be found at www.mclennan.edu.foundation.
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