

For the Friends and Supporters of the MCC Foundation & MCC Alumni

McLennan Highlander Quarterly

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2017 Gala Succeeds in Business and Fundraising

The MCC Foundation's annual Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala returned this year as one of Waco's premiere arts events, with proceeds supporting student scholarships and other student needs at McLennan Community College. The Feb. 23 event kicked off with an hors d'oeuvres and wine reception at McLennan's Northwood House.

More than 150 patrons gathered at Northwood for the delicious treats and social atmosphere before heading over to the Ball Performing Arts Center for McLennan Theatre's performance of the Broadway classic "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." McLennan students wowed the audience with their opening performance of the musical, featuring hit numbers "Brotherhood of Man," "Coffee Break," and "I Believe in You." Patrons were treated to a dessert reception with the cast (in costume!) after the performance.

The MCC Foundation thanks this year's Hearts in the Arts Gala Sponsors and Hearts in the Arts members. With their support, the gala raised more than \$15,000 for student scholarships and other student needs at MCC. Though it was smaller scale than most Galas (by design), this year's event was our fourth highest-earning Gala ever!

In addition, the MCC Foundation would like to recognize our wonderful gala committee volunteers: Betty Bauer, Diane Deaver, Gale Kissinger, Valerie Robinson, and Ann Roznovsky. Presidential Scholars and the McLennan Men's Golf Team were onsite to enhance the patron experience. We thank these student groups for volunteering to work our event. The MCC Foundation is proud to feature events where students and donors can interact and form positive relationships.

Gala: Thank You to Our Sponsors

The McLennan Community College Foundation gratefully recognizes our 15th Annual Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala Sponsors, who helped make our event possible.

How to Succeed in Business Sponsors

- News Channel 25
- Waco Tribune-Herald

Brotherhood of Man Sponsors

- Dr. and Mrs. Eddie B. Morrison
- Reed's Flowers
- WRS Athletic Club

Coffee Break Sponsors

- Action Rental

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- Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Filer
- Drs. Bill and Ruth Pitts
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Our special thanks to our Hearts in the Arts members, who annually support the arts at McLennan.

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More than \$350,000 Awarded in 2017-18 Scholarships

Immediately after the Jan. 15 scholarship deadline, Scholarship and Operations Coordinator Shelley Cotten begins working diligently with the scholarship committee to review applications and award funds to deserving students. This process takes about two and a half months from start to finish! Though there are still a few scholarships that will be awarded before the school year begins in August, to date, more than 350 students have been offered scholarships, totaling more than \$350,000. (Since inception in 1990, the MCC Foundation has awarded over \$4.6 million to 4,900 students.)

The MCC Foundation office has been buzzing with scholarship students this spring! Once students accept their scholarship, they must come to the MCC Foundation to write a thank you note to the scholarship donor(s). As always, the MCC Foundation extends its appreciation to the MCC Foundation Scholarship Committee. Whether you donate, serve on the committee, the Foundation Board, or attend our events, we extend our sincere appreciation to you. Thank you, again, for helping MCC students achieve their educational goals!

2015-16 Annual Report

From leading the College's 50th Anniversary activities to raising new funds for student scholarships, 2015-16 was a very exciting time to be a part of the McLennan Community College family. We invite you to review our 2015-16 Annual Report, which is available now. Please click [here](#) to access the report in flip-book format.

Campus News: U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas to Visit McLennan Community College

McLennan Community College is pleased to present "A Conversation with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas" at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 7, in The Highlands gym on the MCC campus. **The event is free and open to the public, but tickets will be available starting August 1, 2017.**

For 25 years, Justice Thomas has helped shape important decisions for the country. He also tells a compelling personal story of being raised by his grandparents in a poor, rural setting in Georgia and rising to serve on the highest court in the land. Providing the opportunity for MCC students to meet and hear from this type of historic figure fits the purpose of the college: to engage, educate, and enrich its community.

Joining in the conversation will be former Baylor University President and Chancellor Kenneth Starr and MCC government faculty members Ashley Cruseturner and Andi Ramon. Copies of Justice Thomas' book, "My Grandfather's Son," will be available for purchase and signing after the event. For more information or to reserve tickets on Aug. 1, visit www.mclennan.edu/clarencethomas.

Campus News: McLennan Dance Director Receives Achievement Award

Sandy Hinton, director of the MCC Dance Company, was presented with a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Texas Dance Educators Association (TDEA) at its annual convention in January. TDEA and the Awards Committee promote merit in career and education by recognizing individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to TDEA, dance education and programs that exemplify the highest standards for students in the state of Texas. Award finalists and winners serve as inspirational leaders to TDEA; they embody the core values of serving students and are committed to the progress of dance education.

Under Hinton's direction, the MCC Dance Company has won 17 American Dance/Drill Team School (ADTS) National Championships and five ADTS Academic Championships. In April, the squad claimed the National Dance Alliance (NDA) Jazz Division III National Championship, the sixth NDA Collegiate National Championship title in program history. Hinton's squads have featured 34 NDA All-Americans.

Hinton earned her bachelor's degree in physical education and speech from Baylor University in 1969 and her master's degree in physical education from Baylor in 1970. For the next five years, Hinton was the drill team director, volleyball coach and cheerleader sponsor at La Vega High School in Waco. She joined the McLennan staff in 1975 and began directing the dance team the next year.

In addition to being a member of TDEA, Hinton is also a member of Dance/Drill Team Directors of America and is a DTDA-certified judge for drill team contests and tryouts. Hinton is a long-time member of the MCC Foundation Golf Committee; an event where her squad performs each year. *Congratulations, Sandy, on your achievement!*

Campus News: Professional Development Awards

The McLennan Community College Foundation, at the direction of the MCC Professional Development Committee, awarded \$29,405 in funding during Jan. 1 - March 31, 2017. These awards helped the following staff and faculty attend various conferences and trainings around the nation.

- Jessica Abeida: Southwest Pop/American Culture Association Conference
- John Baughman: NaBITA Case Management & Intervention Certification
- Drew Canham: Title IX, Behavior Intervention (Care Team) & ADA Training
- Heather Carter: National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers Conference
- David Davenport: Teaching Economics: Instruction Based Research
- Glenn Downing: International Sculpture Conference
- Sondra Dubowsky: National Association of Biology Teachers Annual Professional Development Conference
- Glynnis Gaines: Creating Healthy Work Environments Conference
- Katelyn Hiatt: Gehring Academy – Student Conduct
- Paul Hoffman: NASPA Annual Conference
- Brandon Hoye: NASPA Annual Conference
- Brittany Kuehne: Administering System Center Configuration Manager and Intune
- Missy Kittner: 2017 Higher Education Law Conference
- Jerry Knutson: TAIR Conference
- Stacey Kuehn: AMATYC Annual Conference
- Elizabeth Mitchell: Big Genomic Data Skills Training for Professors
- Jennifer Norman: CASE Leadership in Advancement Management Conference
- Kelly Parker: Keith Johnston Improvisation Summer School
- Mike Searight: Ellucian Live
- Holly Surginer: Ellucian Live
- Elizabeth Talbot: Maxient Training
- Bradley Turner: Grand Canyon Rim-to-Rim
- Karen Werner: South Central Modern Language Association
- Kelly White: Technology, Knowledge & Society Research Network 13th Annual Conference
- Laura Wichman: Gainful Employment
- Lisa Wilhelmi: CASE Leadership in Advancement Management Conference

Highlander Alumni News: Call for Nominations: 2017 MCC Alumni Awards

The MCC Foundation's Highlander Alumni & Friends Association at McLennan Community College is accepting nominations for its 2017 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Leader awards. Nomination forms for both awards are available online at www.mclennan.edu/foundation under "Quick Links and Forms." The deadline for nominations is July 15, so please submit your nomination today!

The MCC Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Award is presented to an alumnus or alumna of MCC who has demonstrated a record of distinguished service and extraordinary achievement in a particular discipline, organization, or cause that brings distinction to the college. To be eligible, nominees must have successfully completed a minimum of a one-year certificate or two-year associate degree program or have earned a minimum of 60 transferable hours (without a degree) from MCC.

The MCC Distinguished Leader Award is presented to a 2017 graduating or completing student of MCC who has demonstrated a record of distinguished service and extraordinary achievement in academic and extracurricular realms, shown remarkable leadership, or provided service to a cause that brings distinction to the college.

Honorees will be recognized at the MCC Foundation's Scholarship, Donor, and Alumni Recognition Luncheon on September 14 and will be presented with an award and a brick paver in the Highlander Legacy Plaza.

Highlander Alumni News: 10th Annual Reunion Picnic

Join the MCC Foundation's Highlander Alumni & Friends Association for the 10th Annual Reunion Picnic on June 1 at the Bosque River Stage. Free hamburger meal and alumni t-shirt prior to the RiverSounds concert featuring Grammy-nominated blues artist Marcia Ball! Register online by May 24 to reserve your free meal and t-shirt! Late and on-site registrations will not be accommodated. Click [here](#) for free registration! *Membership in the Highlander Alumni & Friends Association is free and open to all alumni and friends of McLennan Community College! Not a member? Register for FREE at alumni.mclennan.edu. For more information, contact Jana Bland at jbland@mclennan.edu or 254-299-8481. Note: In the event of inclement weather, registered guests will be notified of a location change via e-mail.*

Spring at the MCC Foundation

To all our friends of the MCC Foundation,

Happy Spring! "Spring" is a great metaphor for the flurry of activity that has been happening at the MCC Foundation since our transition in January. First, we had moving-in activities, followed by becoming familiar with the ebb and flow of life at the Foundation, including learning the intricacies of the scholarship funds, organizing special events, preparing the new budget, and managing the oh-so-important scholarship awarding process. Even with all the changes occurring, I can unequivocally state that the MCC Foundation is in a marvelous position to support the college's students and its future needs.

I can also confirm that MCC's friends are incredibly generous! We began February with preparations for the Hearts in the Arts Gala, which has become a tradition for our arts supporters to show their love for MCC performing arts. This year's Gala, while intended to be a lower-key event at an on-campus location, ranked as the fourth highest income-producing event in Gala history. In February, we also heard from friends of MCC who wished to support our college in a very significant way. Thanks to the collaboration of faculty and staff in the nursing, certified nurse assistant, veterinary technology, and police and fire academies, we presented this donor with a plan to fulfill their wish to support these programs for years to come. These friends told us they had quietly watched MCC for many years and appreciate all we do at the College; their incredibly generous gift was an affirming way to start the year! We have also set up numerous other new scholarship agreements in the past months and are deeply grateful for the trust placed in the Foundation.

Looking ahead, the staff has done an amazing job analyzing how the Foundation can best implement a strategic, donor-centric software solution for our outreach and record-keeping needs. Our research has indicated that moving to Blackbaud Raiser's Edge from Donor Perfect will enable us to replace four software subscriptions with one at a savings of more than \$6,000 per year. Raiser's Edge will provide enhanced data management, and donor and alumni outreach capabilities. You may see the results of this change in the coming months, but we will be careful to ensure that the migration is seamless from your perspective.

Other exciting updates in the works include a new luncheon format for the Scholarship, Donor, and Alumni recognition event, which will be Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017 at the MCC Conference Center. This event will encourage meaningful connections between donors with their scholarship recipients, as well as recognize our outstanding alumni and our new donors for 2017. It will be a great day for MCC!

Thursday, June 1 marks the 10-year anniversary of the Highlander Alumni & Friends Association Reunion Picnic at the Bosque River Stage! Can it be that is has been that long since we launched the Alumni Association? We plan to make this annual event the best ever, featuring a concert by Grammy-nominated artist Marcia Ball. Heavy spring rains and flooding at the stage the last two years have dampened our efforts to celebrate our alumni network, but this year looks like it will be a perfect time for alumni and friends to gather to celebrate our dedication to MCC.

It has been a whirlwind few months in our office, but that whirlwind has been an exciting time of discovery and planning for a very promising future for the MCC Foundation. We are very blessed to have you all in our MCC family, and look forward to working together for the mutual benefit of our beloved college.

With gratitude,
Kim Patterson, APR
MCC Foundation Executive Director

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