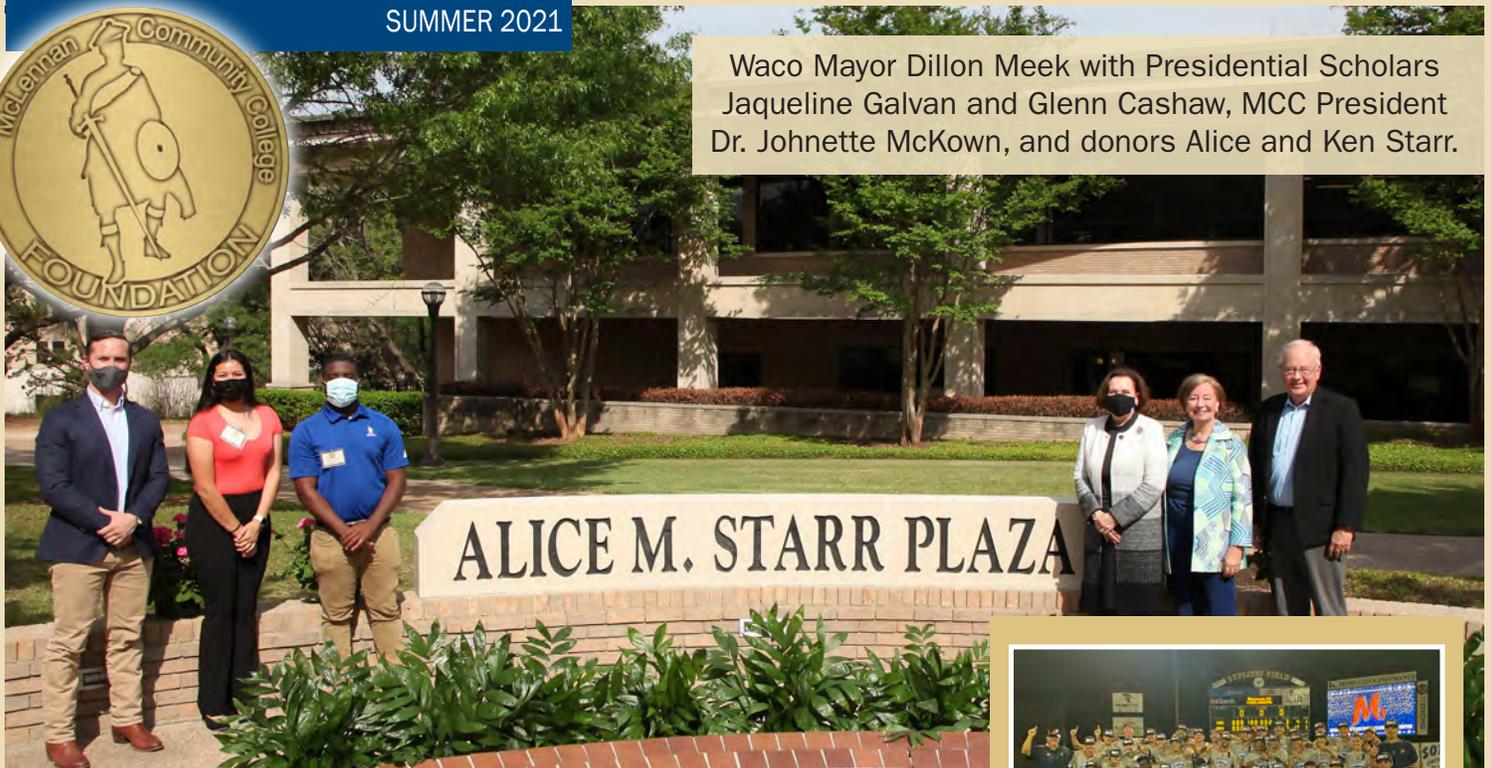




Waco Mayor Dillon Meek with Presidential Scholars Jaqueline Galvan and Glenn Cashaw, MCC President Dr. Johnette McKown, and donors Alice and Ken Starr.



ALICE M. STARR PLAZA UNVEILING CEREMONY



Congratulations to McLennan Baseball for winning the 2021 NJCAA National Championship!

A dedication ceremony for the Alice M. Starr Plaza on the McLennan Community College campus took place on April 19 at center campus by the college's Administration Building. The event began with a performance by the McLennan Bosque Singers and presentations from McLennan Presidential Scholars, college administrators, and the Starr family. The unveiling was followed by a reception for more than 100 guests in attendance.

The plaza naming is in honor of Alice Starr's support of and enduring work with many community organizations in the Waco area. She and her husband Ken Starr have generously given both their time and financial support to the college. They have been extraordinary hosts for MCC Presidential Scholars on their study tours to Washington, D.C., affording them the opportunity to meet with Supreme Court justices and to have an insider's tour of Mount Vernon where Alice served on the Advisory Board. Their most recent gift to the MCC Foundation will fund Presidential scholarships. For these reasons and so many more, we are delighted to make Alice's name a permanent part of the McLennan Community College campus.

Please enjoy pictures of the ceremony on pg. 2, or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/McLennanFoundation.

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Alice M. Starr Plaza Unveiling Ceremony

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AN EVENING WITH U.S. SENATOR TOM COTTON



U.S. Senator Tom Cotton visited McLennan Community College on May 6 as a guest of the McLennan Honors College. The Senator is an authority on U.S. and China relations and the author of the New York Times bestseller “Sacred Duty: A Soldier’s Tour at Arlington National Cemetery,” which offers an extraordinary look behind the scenes at Arlington National Cemetery as well as an intimate and inspiring portrait of “The Old Guard.”

In the afternoon, Cotton participated in a Q&A session with MCC Honors College and Presidential scholars at the Michaelis Academic Center (MAC). This event provided the opportunity for students to meet and hear from a Senator and fits the purpose of the College: to engage, educate, and enrich its community. Approximately 40 friends of the MCC Foundation attended a special cocktail reception at the Northwood House. During the reception, Cotton discussed his extraordinary active duty service in the Army and gave a behind-the-scenes glimpse of his service guarding the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. Following the reception, Cotton was transported to the MCC Conference Center for the community event, “A Conversation with U.S. Senator Tom Cotton.” More than 100 attended the discussion, led by history professor Ashley Cruseturner and government professor Andrew Clayton. Waco Mayor Dillon Meek introduced the Senator. After the lecture concluded, Cotton signed copies of his book. A video of the community lecture may be accessed [here](#).

The MCC Foundation is grateful to the following friends for helping create a new endowed scholarship in honor of Cotton’s visit, the **Honors College Leaders Scholarship**: Chana and Brett Beene, Carolyn and Rick Brophy, Carla and Tom Clowe, Community Bank & Trust (Nancy and David Lacy), Tommye Lou and Don Davis, Virginia DuPuy, Sue Getterman, Anne and Earl Grinols, Monte Hulse, Nancy Logan, Carol and Paul McClinton, Elizabeth and Drayton McLane, Jr., Drs. Johnette and Stan McKown, Nelwyn and Dr. Ross Reagan, Debbie and Jim Sartain, Loren and Martin Schwartz, and Alice and Ken Starr.

An Evening with U.S. Senator Tom Cotton

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WOODWAY DONATES FIRE TRUCK TO MCC FIRE PROTECTION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM



In April, the City of Woodway donated a 1995 E-One fire vehicle to the MCC Foundation for the benefit of the MCC Fire Protection Technology Program. In exchange, the college will provide 10 Woodway cadets with training in the program. On April 8, Woodway delivered the truck valued at \$25,000 to the Emergency Services Education Center to be used for training purposes. The truck was re-branded for MCC Fire Training and will be put in use with the next academy.



Pictured above, from left to right:
Miranda Gatica (MCC Fire Academy graduate)
Larry Adams, City of Woodway PSD
Kim Patterson, MCC Foundation Executive Director
Steve Cook, MCC Fire Protection Technology Program Coordinator
Bret Crook, Chief, City of Woodway Public Safety Department
Khalil El-Halabi, City of Woodway PSD
Jason Graves, City of Woodway PSD
David Patenaude (MCC Fire Academy graduate)



Church Gift to MCC Foundation to Fund Certification Exams



Michelle Deivanayagam, front left, and other members of Central Presbyterian Church present a \$4,000 gift to MCC Foundation Executive Director, Kim Patterson.

Members of Central Presbyterian Church in Waco recently gave a donation of \$4,000 to the MCC Foundation to fund certification exams for students completing workforce programs at the College.

About 20 workforce programs at MCC in the areas of health professions, public safety, and health and human services have state-required certification examinations for employment that range in cost from \$250-\$500. Students completing degree or certificate programs sometimes struggle to cover this cost and therefore don't pursue the exams to gain employment.

"We recently learned this need existed and are so glad our efforts can help students achieve their career goals," said Central Presbyterian parishioner Angela Ceccato. Working through the MCC Foundation, the group plans to send notes of encouragement and prayers to the students who receive scholarships from the gift.

The MCC Foundation's purpose is to raise support for scholarships, professional development, capital improvements, and student support at McLennan Community College. Since its inception in 1990, the MCC Foundation has awarded more than 6,000 student scholarships totaling over \$5.9 million. This gift for certification exams marks the first time support has been provided to students for this unique purpose.

For more information on how you can help MCC students achieve their career goals, contact Executive Director, Kim Patterson at 254-299-8606 or kpatterson@mclennan.edu

Eleanor Smith Morrison Eagle Scout Presidential Scholarship



Ellie Morrison, Korbyn Peaslee, and MCC Foundation Executive Director Kim Patterson at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony at First Methodist Church of Waco.

Dr. Eddie Morrison recently established the Eleanor Smith Morrison Eagle Scout Presidential Scholarship at the MCC Foundation in honor of his wife, Ellie Morrison. Ellie has been a longtime advocate of MCC and the MCC Foundation, where she served on the board from 2015-2020. During her time on the MCC Foundation Board, Ellie and Eddie have been advocates for Hearts in the Arts, a program that provides financial support for Visual and Performing Arts students and programs. Ellie also served on the Foundation's Nominating Committee, where her wisdom proved vital to the long-term success of the Foundation.

Ellie also served on the board of Boy Scouts of America. In 2018, she made history by being the first woman to serve as a national commissioner for Boy Scouts. During her role as national commissioner, Ellie helped recruit new members, developed leadership trainings, launched new units, and aided the integration of girls into BSA.

This scholarship combines two of Ellie's passions: supporting MCC students and ensuring the success of Eagle Scouts. The first scholarship from the fund was awarded to Korbyn Peaslee, who will attend MCC this fall. We are incredibly grateful to the Morrisons for endowing this presidential scholarship and for their ongoing support of MCC and our students!

MCC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE



Most scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year have been awarded. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, so far, 470 students have been chosen to receive \$496,325 in MCC Foundation scholarships! The students are excited, appreciative, and ready to tackle a new semester this fall.

Due to the recent surges of COVID-19 cases locally, the MCC Foundation has made the difficult decision to remain in a virtual format for our Scholar, Donor, and Alumni Appreciation event. Please plan to login to <https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/special-events/scholar-event.html> on Sept. 15 to recognize our donors and the students who benefit from their generosity. We also will announce the 2021 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Leader awardees.



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DONATION OF N-95 MASKS



The Waco-McLennan County Office of Emergency Management recently donated 10,650 N-95 Particulate Respirator masks valued at \$42,067.50 to the MCC Foundation for the benefit of the college's Health Professions programs. These masks, which are NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) approved, are widely considered to be the gold standard of protection in health care settings because they block 95% of airborne particles. They will be used by MCC health professions and emergency medical students during their clinical rotations in hospitals and on ambulance ride-outs.

Special thanks to Waco-McLennan County Emergency Management Coordinator Elizabeth Thomas and Assistant EMC Ryan Dirker, as well as MCC Emergency Management Director Frank Patterson (pictured above) for making this gift a reality!



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MCC FOUNDATION GRANTS UPDATE



McLennan Community College was recently awarded an additional \$300,000 as part of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant Program, bringing MCC's total award amount to \$412,500. This program aims to help Texans affected by COVID-19, including displaced workers needing to gain new skills to re-enter the workforce and also support students that left their pursuit of higher education before receiving a credential. MCC students who are interested in this program should complete the Reskilling Fund Application during the Advising process.

MCC also received a \$10,440 grant from THECB's Nursing Shortage Reduction Program. The plan is to use the NSRP grant funds to purchase software that will provide realistic electronic medication dispensing capability for students in a simulation setting. It is rare for students to have access to these types of systems in the clinical setting. Simulation provides a realistic opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience with the goal of increasing competence in health informatics and technology that will begin to narrow the gap between student learning and professional nursing practice.

MCC's Child Development Center received a grant for \$58,322 from the Texas Workforce Commission to provide funding relief for Texas child care providers. This grant will help cover costs incurred due to COVID-19.

Resource Development Director Kathy McLendon has been selected to participate on the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Federal Funding Taskforce. Kathy will join other CASE volunteers, the vast majority of whom represent two-year institutions, and federal program officers responsible for grant competitions and programs that are essential to higher education, especially in the community college sector. This provides insight into grant competitions that are on the horizon and how community colleges can help accomplish agency goals.

For more information regarding McLennan grants, contact Resource Development Director Kathy McLendon at kmclendon@mclennan.edu or 254.299.8663.

Highlander

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13TH ANNUAL MCC HIGHLANDER ALUMNI & FRIENDS REUNION



The MCC Foundation's Highlander Alumni & Friends Association hosted its 13th Annual Alumni & Friends Association Reunion on June 17 at Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux. About 70 guests enjoyed the new location along with appetizers, entrees, games, and door prizes. Alumni and friends who attended received free Highlander Alumni Association t-shirts. This annual event is free to members of the Highlander Alumni Association and is a wonderful opportunity to rekindle friendships and to reminisce about experiences as students at MCC.

Membership in the Highlander Alumni & Friends Association is free and open to all alumni and friends of McLennan Community College. Click [here](#) to learn more! If you have questions, contact alumni@mcclennan.edu or (254) 299- 8481.



100% LICENSURE PASS RATES FOR 2019-2020 GRADUATES



The McLennan Community College Office of Institutional Research submits the pass/fail rates of graduates on their licensure and certification exams to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Nine McLennan programs achieved 100% rates for the 2019-2020 academic year—congratulations to these programs and their graduates for exemplifying McLennan Excellence!

The programs with a 100% pass rate are:

- Certified Medical Assistant*
- Interpreter Training
- Law Enforcement Academy*
- Long-Term Care Administration*
- Massage Therapy
- Occupational Therapist Assistant*
- Physical Therapist Assistant*
- Radiologic Technology
- Surgical Technology

*100% for two or more consecutive years



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SUMMER MEMBERSHIP DINNER

2021- 2022 Hearts in the Arts Honorary Chairs Virginia and Dr. Donald Lewis, left, with Carolyn and Rick Brophy (MCC Foundation Board Chair) at the Annual Hearts in the Arts Membership Dinner.



Arts lovers from around the community gathered July 21 for the MCC Foundation's Hearts in the Arts Summer Membership Dinner at the Ball Performing Arts Center. This event is held each summer to thank our Hearts in the Arts patrons and recap the past year in events and support. We were delighted to announce that, even during a pandemic year when performances and attendance were limited, our net Gala and Hearts in the Arts revenue increased by 27 percent over the 2019-2020 year! This is such a tremendous tribute to our 2020-2021 Honorary Chairs Ellie and Eddie Morrison and our arts supporters who recognize the value of a strong arts education, even when they might not be able to see the shows or exhibits.

We are hopeful that this fall will bring a return to normal as we look forward to another wonderful season. This year's Hearts in the Arts Gala production on Feb. 24, 2022 will present the fun musical *Little Shop of Horrors*, featuring well-known melodies from Howard Ashman and Alan Menken, the musical minds behind Disney classics *The Little Mermaid* and *Beauty and the Beast*!

Hearts in the Arts began in 1997 when several arts supporters in our community learned that MCC theatre students were struggling to make ends meet. Today, Hearts in the Arts funds scholarships, emergency grants, professional accompanists, guest lecturers, equipment, and more. We are delighted to announce that the 2021-2022 Hearts in the Arts Honorary Chairs will be our amazing friends Dr. Donald K. and Virginia Lewis! Please watch for your Hearts in the Arts season membership mailer in September.

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SUMMER MEMBERSHIP DINNER CELEBRATES THE ARTS



MCC Foundation Executive Director Kim Patterson with MCC Visual and Performing Arts Chair Lise Uhl and Hearts in the Arts Patrons Susie Farley and Marsha Green.

MCC Foundation Board Treasurer Betsy Reeder with Drs. J. Clay and Dianne Sawyer.



MCC Theatre Assistant Professor Joseph Taylor with wife Julie.

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Dates to Remember

Please mark your calendars now for the following 2021-2022 arts events! Watch your mail in mid-September for your 2021-2022 Hearts in the Arts membership packet!

McLennan Theatre & Opera Season:

September 30 - October 2, 2021

She Kills Monsters

November 18 - 21, 2021

Passage

February 24 - 26, 2022

Little Shop of Horrors

February 24, 2022

MCC Foundation Gala featuring *Little Shop of Horrors*

March 31- April 3, 2022

McLennan Opera TBA

April 28 - May 2, 2022

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead



McLennan Steinway Series Presents Bill Howard

performing classical, jazz, and original works

September 17, 2021

7:30 p.m.

Ball Performing Arts Center

1400 College Drive • Waco, Texas 76708

Doors open at 6 p.m.

The Fall Steinway Concert features McLennan faculty member Bill Howard. Howard has both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of North Texas in composition, and he is beginning his 40th year of teaching at McLennan Community College. He has performed with numerous bands and ensembles across the Central Texas area, including the MCC Faculty Jazz Ensemble, for most of those years. His classes at McLennan have included Songwriting, Arranging, MIDI, Sight-Singing and Classical Piano.

Away from the keyboard, Mr. Howard is an avid comic book collector, a frustrated Dallas Cowboys aficionado, and a huge fan of Great Danes.

There is no cost for All-Steinway donors or Hearts in the Arts members. Contact the McLennan Box Office at 254.299.8200 to reserve your tickets.



A Home Field Advantage in More Ways than One

by Kim Patterson, MS, APR, MCC Foundation Executive Director

In June, the McLennan Highlanders baseball team made NJCAA history by being the only team in recent years to dominate the national tournament by going undefeated in tournament games. It has been 38 years since McLennan last won the tournament, a sign of how difficult it is to triumph over the 10 best junior college programs in the nation. But the team's hard work under the leadership of Coach Mitch Thompson and his staff paid off, and they brought home the national championship!

Clearly, excellence is the hallmark of McLennan athletics, and it shows: at the tournament, fans commented on the outstanding conduct of the McLennan players: how polite they were, how kind they were when signing autographs for their youthful fans, and how proudly they stood for the national anthem. They represented our community with excellence, both on the field and off.



One area where the team struggles, though, is with its home field. The McLennan baseball field is nearing 50 years old and suffers from drainage and turf issues and no lights for night games. Softball has a good grass field but cannot host tournaments without lights. As a result, McLennan teams consistently find themselves at a disadvantage. Poor field conditions mean missed practices and scheduling issues. Keeping natural grass fields in top shape is expensive, and a lack of lights severely limits the ability to play when fans can actually watch! Recruiting, too, is affected

by dated facilities that are not in keeping with other top-level programs in the state.

For these reasons, the McLennan Community College Foundation has launched an ambitious fundraising campaign to bring the fields to a competitive advantage by correcting persistent drainage issues and adding artificial turf and lights.

This initiative is not just about the quality of the student-athlete experience or the school's ability to win championships. With its central location in the state, upgraded facilities will enable McLennan to host tournaments, high school and college playoff games, and camps to put the fields in use almost year-round. According to a recent Perryman Group study, these improvements will have significant annual economic impact on the Waco economy and will give Waco another point of pride for visitors to our city to enjoy.



We hope you will take a few minutes to review the "[Home Field Advantage](#)" story and consider supporting this important project. Multi-year pledge and naming opportunities, including for the entire ballpark and each field, exist for major donors to this effort. We hope you will join us and others on our team who will continue to put excellence within reach at your community college.

Kim Patterson



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Save ^{the} Date

Friday, October 1, 2021
Bear Ridge Golf Club



Proceeds benefit athletic student scholarships at McLennan!

Contact the Foundation at **299-8604** or reservations@mclennan.edu.

Accepting sponsorships & team registration through Aug. 31, 2021

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April 1 - June 30, 2021

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