

Providing and Managing Resources for Student Success

Dear Friends,

I invite you to join with us in supporting education in Mercer County through the Mercer County Community College Foundation. We are a nonprofit organization with a two-fold mission: to rally community support to help students achieve their goals through scholarships, and to assist the college with meeting vital needs that further student learning.

Many students struggle to cover the cost of tuition and books. The Foundation raises dollars to assist these students, who may be single parents, part-time students not otherwise eligible for financial aid, or in need for a variety of reasons. Other students, including many high-achievers, receive endowed scholarships through the Foundation which have been established by individuals, community groups and businesses.

In this report we will tell you more about the work of the Foundation in the past year, and outline the many ways you can help.

The members of our Foundation Board are volunteers from the community who freely give their time to help with this important cause. They contribute their expertise on various committees and take their work very seriously. I would like to recognize in particular the chairpersons of our committees, whose names are listed in this report.

I heartily thank those contributors whose thoughtful gifts have enabled us to enhance the educational opportunities for students at Mercer this year.

Sincerely,



Timothy J. Losch
Chair
The MCCC Foundation, Inc.

Executive Committee of the Foundation Board

Seated, from left, Vice Chair Marjorie Blaxill, Scholarship Committee Chair Karen Kennedy, and Chairman Timothy Losch

Standing, from left, Finance Committee Chair Tom Kull and Nominating Committee Chair Jim Floyd



In Brief

The MCCC Foundation is an independent nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to establish and carry out enrichment activities that support the mission of the college and the community it serves. The Foundation's volunteer board members are college ambassadors who seek to develop community understanding and support of the college, its programs and services.

Annual activities have featured a Dinner Dance and a Golf Classic. The Foundation also manages scholarship funds and accepts new donations on a continuous basis.

New Initiatives

Funding Gymnasium Renovations



▲ This year the Foundation Board approved funding to replace the college gymnasium's aging bleachers and lighting. In use for approximately 100 hours each week, the gym is utilized for physical education classes, sports team practices, and student activities and enrollment events. Additionally, more than 600 children use the facility for summer camps. Community use includes the winter indoor soccer youth league, which attracts nearly 2,000 people, and the Mercer County High School Basketball Championships held annually.

"Mercer On The Go" Van Brings College to the Community



▲ Potential Mercer students in under-served communities can now learn about and register for classes right in their own neighborhoods. The Foundation has provided funding for a van that travels to neighborhoods where access to transportation and the Internet may be limited.

Labeled "Mercer On The Go," the recently equipped van is staffed with MCCC representatives who inform potential students and parents about the full array of opportunities at Mercer, not only in credit programs but in career training, GED, English language and youth services. On-site registration services make access to programs even easier. Funding for the van came from the Foundation's "Urban Initiatives" program.

Fundraising Efforts

Dinner Dance Raises Funds for Student Scholarships



▲ Four students who received named scholarships this year are pictured with Foundation Board Chair Timothy Losch of Yardville National Bank, at right, and 2007 Dinner Dance Chair Nina Melker of The Bank of Princeton, second from right. In the front row, from left, are Emmanuel Kwarfo and Keiko Ishida; back row from left are Erik Rojas and Lindsey Weigand.

The Scholarship Dinner Dance is the Foundation Board's primary fundraiser. In 2006-07 the Foundation allocated \$170,000 in scholarship dollars from the dinner dance, plus investments, to 235 high-achieving and financially qualified students. An additional 107 students benefited from endowed or named scholarships established by donors through the Foundation.

Community members are invited to participate in the Scholarship Dinner Dance through corporate sponsorships, advertisements in the program book, silent auction donations, and tickets to the event.

Golf Classic Assists Student Athletes



▲ Each year the Foundation Board partners with MCCC's Athletics Department to host the Golf Classic, which provides scholarships to student athletes. For the past several years the event has been dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. Cynthia Schaffer, a Foundation Board member committed to supporting student athletes. Pictured as they planned for the 2007 event are Golf Classic committee members Dave Fraytak, Doug Perlman, Steve Ritzau, and MCCC Athletics and Student Services Director John Simone.

New Scholarships

Latina Women's Council Teams with MCCC's Foundation to Provide Scholarships



Ten students who received \$1,000 scholarships from the Latina Women's Council and MCCC's Foundation Board were honored at a reception on July 17. Pictured, from left, are County Executive Brian Hughes, MCCC President Patricia Donohue, MCCC Executive Dean Diane Campbell, Rider student Ashley McKinnis, and Mercer students Erika Espinal, Jennifer Guzman, Jennifer Salguero, Cirilo Aparicio, Sandra Feijoo, David Palacio and Eswin Flores. At right is Nilda Garcia, president of the Latina Women's Council.

AIDS Scholarship Established



The Rick Rednor AIDS Foundation (formerly the Rick Rednor AIDS Library) has established an annual \$5,000 scholarship for a student interested in working with people with HIV/AIDS. Rick Rednor was an attorney committed to AIDS education. Pictured, from left, are Rednor's mother Beverly Rednor, MCCC Professor and former Dean Andrew Conrad, MCCC Foundation Coordinator Elaine Stout and Vice President Beverly Richardson (seated).

The scholarship will be applied to tuition costs for a deserving student's continuing education. Applicants are required to write an essay expressing their interest in working with people with HIV/AIDS in their future career.

New Scholarships Established This Year

William Doerler has established a new scholarship in memory of Mary Monroe Doerler, designated for a female student of Ornamental Horticulture/Plant Science.

The Culinary Chef's Jacket Scholarship was given by several area hotels and restaurants to provide for "chef's whites" for students in culinary studies.

The Lance Hansen Memorial Scholarship was given in memory of Lance Hansen for an Aviation student.

The Robert Negrón Memorial Scholarship was given in memory of a New Jersey state employee by family and colleagues for a Computer Technology student.

The James Tolin Memorial Scholarship was given in memory of James Tolin by family and friends for a Theatre student.

The Wachovia Foundation Scholarship was given for a Business student.

The Nursing Exam Fees Scholarship was given by Dr. Thomas N. Wilfrid to help graduating Nursing students pay for board exams and licensing fees.

The Anastasia Soller Scholarship was given to an Aviation student who is a flight attendant and is studying for a pilot's license.

Education Scholarship



Theresa Elan, left, accepts the Mercer County Retired Educator's Scholarship from Dean of Liberal Arts Robin Schore during a recognition ceremony. The scholarship is given annually to an Education major who is continuing at MCCC.

Ways of Giving

Through direct giving to the MCCC Foundation, the community is invited to assist the college in meeting the vital needs that further student learning.

- Make a general donation for use as needed.
- Designate your gift to a particular program, or for a specific purpose. For example, you may designate a gift to improve facilities or equipment.
- Consider establishing a scholarship(s). Individuals or groups may want to consider donating in memory or honor of someone.
- Establish an endowed scholarship. At levels of \$10,000 or more, endowed funds are invested; only the interest is used to provide a scholarship(s) annually.
- Create a non-endowed scholarship. Generally established with funds under \$10,000, these named scholarships also earn interest, but provide a scholarship at a designated amount.
- Make a matching gift by asking your company to match your donation.

To find out more, contact the Foundation office at 609-570-3607.

Take the Challenge

Double the impact of your donation. In recognition of the critical need for health care professionals in the county, the Charlotte C. Newcombe Foundation has awarded Mercer a \$50,000 challenge grant to raise funds for MCCC's Health Profession programs. To learn more about how you can help us achieve our goal for matching funds, call the Office of College Advancement at (609) 570-3250.

Financial Overview

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2007

Donor Contributions \$295,625

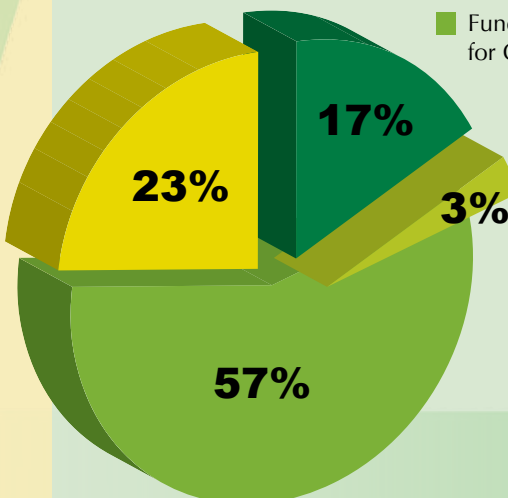
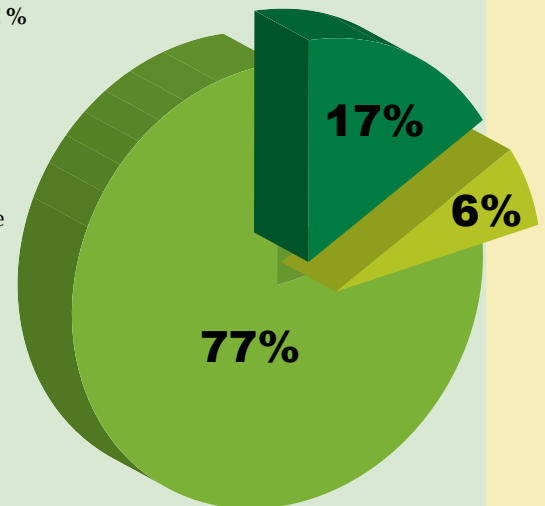
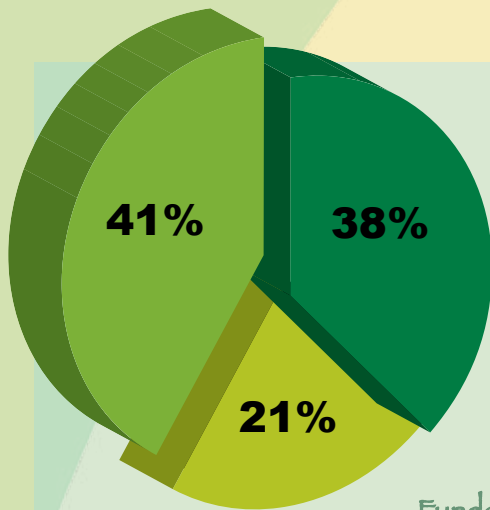
- Named or Designated Scholarships - 38%
- Proceeds from Fundraising Events - 21%
- Designated Program Support - 41%

Funds Committed \$456,382

- Funds added to March 2006 Dinner Dance Proceeds for Scholarships - 17%
- Funds to Purchase "Mercer On The Go" Outreach Van - 6%
- Funds to Purchase Bleachers and Flooring for Gym Renovation - 77%

Distribution of Funds for Scholarships \$298,565

- Named or Designated Fall 2006 - 17%
- Named or Designated Achievement Awards to 2007 Graduates - 3%
- General Scholarships from Dinner Dance and Investments - 57%
- Athletic Scholarships - 23%



Data as of October, 2007.