



The Great Western Dining team won 1st in the morning flight at the MCC Foundation Golf Classic! Pictured here are Chad Justice, Derek Houser, and Duane Miller. Not pictured is Billy Weaver.

33RD ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC CONTINUES TRADITION OF SUCCESS!

For the 33rd year in a row, the McLennan Community College Foundation's Golf Classic continued to embrace community support to raise funds for student scholarships and college needs not covered by the budget. This year's tournament was Friday, Oct. 4 at the beautiful Cottonwood Creek Golf Course.

McLennan student-athletes and volunteers were present to help support the event, which is the MCC Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year. We want to thank all the volunteers who helped make the day run smoothly! Thank you for dedicating your valuable time to our cause, which brought in more than \$93,000 in cash and in-kind gifts!

Among the exciting highlights of the tournament were hole-in-one contests, including the chance to win a GMC Acadia sponsored by Richard Karr Motors. A raffle and silent auction featured items from dozens of local businesses and brought in several thousand dollars in ticket sales and auction bids.

Our deepest thanks go out to more than 100 businesses and 260 individuals listed on p. 3 that supported the tournament through sponsorships, participation, and donations of cash or prizes. We are especially grateful to our Diamond Sponsors, Hampton Inn and Fairfield Inn & Suites, for their generous support!

Plans are underway for the Foundation's 34th Annual Golf Classic on Friday, Oct. 2, 2020. We'll see you there!



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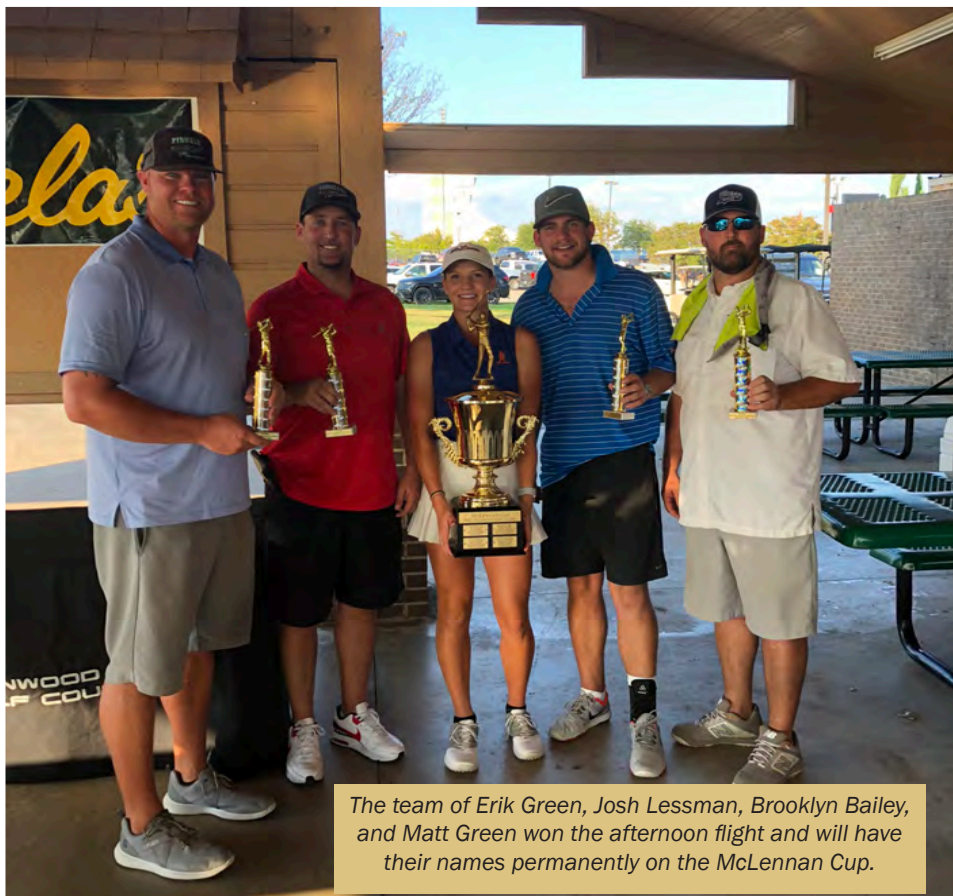
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33rd Annual Golf Classic Continues Tradition of Success



The team of Erik Green, Josh Lessman, Brooklyn Bailey, and Matt Green won the afternoon flight and will have their names permanently on the McLennan Cup.



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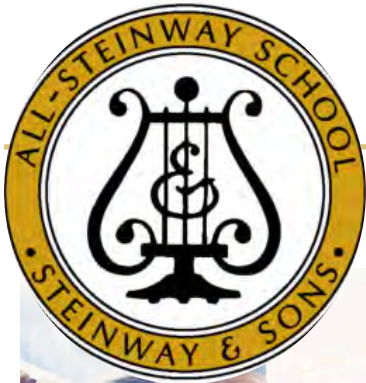
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We are so grateful for this tremendous community support! Proceeds from this tournament benefit scholarships for all students at MCC and capital items not covered by the college budget. Call 254-299-8604 for more information about the McLennan Community College Foundation or to participate in next year's tournament on Oct. 2, 2020.



THE McLENNAN STEINWAY SERIES

All-Steinway School 10th Anniversary Concert features Anderson & Roe Piano Duo



The MCC Foundation was proud to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of being an All-Steinway School at an Oct. 11 concert featuring the acclaimed piano duo Anderson and Roe. Greg Anderson and Elizabeth Joy Roe are known for their adrenalized performances, original compositions, and notorious music videos and are credited with revolutionizing the piano experience for the 21st century. Their performance attracted a full house to the McLennan campus for a night of what one guest called “pure excellence!” Their performance included Variations on a Theme by Haydn Op. 56b, Part I: Adoration of the Earth from Rite of Spring, Ballet from Orphee et Eurydice, and Hungarian Dance in F-sharp minor, WoO.1, No.5. The night concluded with a special dessert reception generously sponsored by Ambassador and Mrs. Lyndon Olson, Jr.

The MCC Foundation is proud to partner with the Visual and Performing Arts Division for Hearts in the Arts™ and Steinway Series performances. For more information on how you can support “pure excellence” in the arts at McLennan please contact reservations@mclennan.edu or call (254)299-8604.



2019-2020
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The McLennan Theatre, Music, and Opera programs bring world-class entertainment to our community, providing both a rich learning environment for talented students as well as thrilling performances for our audiences! MCC Arts graduates go on to study at Julliard, Tish School of the Arts in New York, major Texas universities, and beyond. Many others are performing and teaching on stages and in classrooms around the globe. Your support will ensure that the next generation of performers can achieve their dreams.

Please consider becoming a member of the MCC Foundation's Hearts in the Arts (HIA) affinity group that supports all the visual and performing arts at McLennan. As a 2019-2020 Hearts in the Arts member, you will enjoy a full selection of arts opportunities, tickets to all theatre and opera performances, and a return engagement by acclaimed piano duo **Anderson & Roe** on October 11! Depending on your level of sponsorship, your HIA membership may also include top billing as a presenting sponsor of the February 27, 2020 Hearts in the Arts Gala, featuring the show-stopping musical **Chicago!**

Hearts in the Arts is part of the MCC Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that depends on community support to enrich the academic and cultural life of Central Texas. Thank you for fulfilling that mission through your support of the arts at McLennan in 2019-2020. We'll see you at the show!

Cynthia & Ray Perry
2019-2020 Hearts in the Arts Chairs

Kim Patterson
MCC Foundation Executive Director

Please Select Your Membership Level:

- **Friend of the Arts** (\$100)
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By Fred Ebb, Bob Fosse, John Kander,
and Maurine Dallas Watkins

Feb. 27-29
7:30 p.m.

Ball Performing Arts Center

Special performance: **Thursday, Feb. 27**
MCC Foundation Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala
Call 299-8604 for more information.

The Roaring Twenties sizzle back to life as Bob Fosse's musical masterpiece sashays onto the stage. In the Windy City, chorus girl Roxie Hart finds herself behind bars after murdering a faithless lover. Forsaken by her husband and serving time on death row, all would appear lost. However, this is the Jazz Age, where a little razzle-dazzle can transform tragedy into triumph.

Seeking to capitalize on her newly acquired infamy, and subsequently avoid the hot seat, Roxie enlists the aid of slick, celebrity lawyer Billy Flynn, and her Big House cellmate, the conniving, ex-vaudeville star Velma Kelly. Together, Roxie and the gang, with assistance from Kander's and Ebb's timeless score, fabricate an electric dance of satire and burlesque as they grab for the headlines and shoot for stardom.



SCHOLAR LUNCHEON A CELEBRATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The MCC Foundation honored scholarship students and donors at the Scholar, Donor, and Alumni Appreciation Luncheon Sept. 10 at the MCC Conference Center. At the time, the Foundation had awarded \$498,650 to almost 500 students for the 2019-2020 academic year, a number that has since risen to more than \$503,000. Pictured above is a group of scholarship recipients with a check representing scholarship awards. The Foundation also recognized 24 major donors who collectively gave \$795,000 in gifts during the year. The event also featured an inspiring keynote address by Mary Perez, Senior Associate for Texas Life Insurance Company and the 2016 McLennan Distinguished Alumnae awardee.

The Foundation's scholarship application period for the 2020-2021 academic year opened Oct. 1 at www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships. Applications are due by Jan. 15. For more information about Foundation scholarships, contact Coordinator Shelley Cotten at scotten@mclennan.edu or 254.299.8818.



RUTH ST. CLAIRE MURPHY/SORELLE FAMILY THEATRE SCHOLARSHIP HONORS AMERICAN HEROINE

The Ruth St. Claire Murphy/SoRelle Family Theatre Scholarship at the MCC Foundation has been fully funded, as of September, at the current endowment level (\$20,000) and has had an eligibility change to be awarded each year to a theatre student.

This scholarship was first established by Drs. Jim and Cindy SoRelle in the early days of the Foundation in honor of Jim's Aunt Ruth, who was an artist, an Army nurse, and an avid theatre lover. Born in 1912, Aunt Ruth was the daughter of an Army colonel and attended schools in such diverse places as Pedro Miguel, Panama Canal Zone; Decatur, Illinois; Columbus, Georgia; and Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. She earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1935 at Milwaukee-Downer College (now Lawrence University). Ruth spent some years as a freelance artist (painter and poet), and from her college days had the opportunity to attend professional theatre in Chicago, where she began a lifelong love affair with theatres and museums.

After World War II broke out, she entered the nursing school at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, Illinois. She became certified for military service through the American Red Cross and was sworn into the Army Nurse Corps by her father, Colonel James P. Murphy, in 1942.

Captain Ruth Murphy received the United States Bronze Star "for meritorious service in the European Theater" after opening the first field hospital at Normandy after the D-Day invasion. After the war, Captain Murphy continued her service as a South Dakota Veterans Administration nurse and, of course, perpetual arts aficionado. She moved to Texas upon retiring, where she wrote poetry, patiently taught both SoRelle children to paint, and attended McLennan Theatre productions until her death at the age of 86 in Waco (1999).

Her story is told in the book "Tattooed on my Soul: Texas Veterans Remember World War II" (Texas A&M UP, 2015). She was one of two female veterans who were interviewed about their war experiences.

If you have an older scholarship fund and would like to update the award criteria or raise it to the current endowment level, please contact Foundation Executive Director Kim Patterson at kpatterson@mclennan.edu



This caricature of Ruth St. Claire Murphy was drawn by a grateful soldier in 1946. Captain Murphy earned a Bronze Star for meritorious service in the European Theater after opening the first field hospital at Normandy after the D-Day invasion.



The first award for the Murphy scholarship was made in 1992. From left are Hearts in the Arts Chair C. Ray Perry, MCC art student Ruben Salazar (now an MCC employee!), Ruth St. Claire Murphy, and Jack M. SoRelle.



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LOGAN FISHER FIRE ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP



Logan Wade Fisher graduated from MCC's Fire Academy in 2014. Logan loved life, loved being a fireman, and was a natural born comedian. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, storm chasing, and the outdoors. Logan was a natural protector; he was always there to help anyone in need. Sadly, Logan passed away in an accident on November 28, 2015 in Moody, Texas.

In 2018, Logan's parents, Darla and Keith Fisher, and family friends established the Logan Fisher Fire Academy Scholarship to honor their son and friend. They are planning a washer tournament in the spring to help raise dollars to fund the scholarship permanently. This fall, the scholarship was awarded to academy student Joshua Criss, pictured with MCC Fire Academy Coordinator Stephen Cook and the Fishers.

McKAMEY GROUP AWARDS MUSIC INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP



This fall, the Dallas-based McKamey Group of Companies (MGOC), led by owner Warren McKamey, reached out to the MCC Foundation to fund the new McKamey MGOC Scholarship for students who have proven success in college and show promise to succeed. McKamey, a native of Waco and graduate of Connally High School, wanted to give back to the community where he got his start. The scholarship was funded by the 2019 Waco Music Fest and Car Show, held on Oct. 13 at the Waco Convention Center. Because of the live music concert connection, the Foundation worked with MCC's Music Industry Careers (MIC) Program to select the scholarship recipient, Diane Reimer. Diane is a nontraditional student who has fully embraced her love of music and music production and is seeking a degree in MIC-Audio Technology. Thanks to the generosity of McKamey, Diane will receive a full scholarship valued at \$1,800 for the Spring 2020 semester. She is pictured at the concert with MIC Program Director Jon Kutz, left, and McKamey, right.

2019 DISTINGUISHED LEADER AWARD



MCC President Dr. Johnette McKown, 2019 Distinguished Leader Johnathon Kiebler, and mentor Dr. April Andreas at the MCC Foundation Scholar, Donor, and Alumni Appreciation Luncheon.

The MCC Highlander Distinguished Leader Award is presented to a recent graduating or completing student at 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. There is no doubt that this year's honoree has accomplished this criteria, plus more, during his time at McLennan.

The Highlander Alumni Association presented Johnathon Kiebler with the 2019 Distinguished Leader Award at the Scholar, Donor, & Alumni Appreciation Luncheon Sept. 10. Johnathon arrived at McLennan Community College in 2016. He had a difficult upbringing and was in and out of the foster care system. As a result of this difficult upbringing, he dropped out of school in the 9th grade. He ultimately earned a GED and then started college at MCC. With each passing semester, his confidence and abilities grew. He discovered a love for Chemistry and decided to focus his education in Chemical Engineering. Johnathon's record at McLennan speaks for itself: he has taken some

of the most challenging classes MCC has to offer and has maintained a 4.0 grade average. His nominator, Laura Crapps, says, "Johnathon has already overcome tremendous odds to get where he is today. He has not let his past failures define him, but is working hard to create a bright future for him, his family and his community."

Johnathon's leadership extends beyond the classroom. He served as the Engineering and Physics Club president in 2018. In this position, Johnathon organized a fundraiser that raised over \$1000 in support of the Children's Miracle Network. He also served as the Vice President of TRIO Scholars Association and organized community service events including visiting local nursing homes, hosting homework meetups, and forming other social activities that helped enhance the college experience for his peers.

Johnathon is currently pursuing a Bachelor's in Engineering from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Congratulations, Johnathon!

2019 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



MCC Foundation Executive Director Kim Patterson with 2019 Distinguished Alumna Judge Vicki Menard and MCC President Dr. Johnette McKown.

The MCC Highlander Alumni Association presented Judge Vicki Menard with its 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award. This award is the highest and most prestigious recognition the Association can bestow upon a former MCC student. It is presented to an alumnus or alumna of MCC who demonstrated a record of distinguished service and extraordinary achievement in a particular discipline, organization, or cause that brings distinction to MCC.

Vicki Menard came to MCC in the 1980s as a nontraditional student with two young children. She had big dreams of becoming a lawyer and chose MCC because she could take night classes and balance her family commitments. Vicki attended MCC for five semesters and then transferred to Baylor. At a time when pregnant students were frowned upon at Baylor, she persevered, even missing her last final because she was in labor! After completing her business

degree, she entered Baylor Law School when that baby was just 5 months old. Vicki graduated from Baylor Law School in 1990 and landed a job at one of the most highly respected law firms in Waco; she went on to make a name for herself as a fierce litigator. On Oct. 21, 2005, Menard was sworn in as the first female district judge in McLennan County. Today, her court handles about half of all civil and family law cases in the county.

Vicki says, "MCC really is what started this whole process for me. Had MCC not been here, I don't know that I ever would have started. The obstacles would have been enormous." Her ties to MCC continue. Her two daughters and two stepchildren all attended MCC; son Jacob, who died tragically in an auto accident in 2003, is the namesake for an endowed health professions scholarship at the MCC Foundation. Vicki also serves on the MCC Foundation Board and is an

active member of the MCC Highlander Alumni Association. Menard is a member of the McLennan County Bar Association, and has served on the Waco Family Abuse Center Board, the Waco Coalition for the Homeless, and the city of Waco Animal Control Advisory Board.



Kim Patterson, MCC Foundation Executive Director says, “Menard is an inspiration and role model to anyone who strives for achievement in all areas of his or her life. She has effectively pursued personal and professional goals and achieved success without sacrificing her high personal standards. Truly, Judge Menard’s story mirrors that of many of our students at MCC who juggle job and family commitments and endure unspeakable hardships while staying true to their aspirations. Her story, her example, and her success in her field make her so deserving of this award.”



Vicki was the subject of a profile in the college’s 50th Anniversary history book, *Bricks and Mortarboards: A 50th Anniversary Retrospective on McLennan Community College*.

Membership to the Highlander Alumni & Friends Association is free and open to all alumni and friends of McLennan Community College. Click [here](#) to learn more, email alumni@mclennan.edu, or call (254) 299-8481.



Vicki Menard with nominator Trish Griffin.

WOMEN UNITED FUNDS NEW SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Designated to Serve Underserved Women Pursuing Higher Education



Sherry Smith Dennis, Jan Wengler, Student Olivia Gronado, Student Ashley May, Jessica Juarez, Women United of United Way of Waco-McLennan County Chair Kris Kaiser Olson, Foundation Executive Director Kim Patterson, MCC President Johnette McKown, and Michelle Telg at the MCC Adult Education and Literacy graduation.

The MCC Foundation is very proud of our new partnership with Women United, an affinity group of United Way of Waco-McLennan County (UWWMC). Working with the Foundation, Women United has awarded scholarships to two female graduates from the Adult Literacy and Education Heart of Texas program. Both recipients are working mothers pursuing nursing degrees at McLennan Community College.

“Women United mobilizes a diverse network of women in McLennan County to strengthen the community by investing in local programs that enable women to achieve their goals and positively impact their lives,” said Women United Waco Chair Kris Kaiser Olson. “Money raised by Women United through membership dues and fundraising events provides funding to support education scholarships for women.”

MCC Foundation staff will manage the disbursement of the scholarship funds for the recipients to oversee tuition payment, books, uniform and equipment purchases as needed. Any remainder of the scholarship will be available to the student through an emergency grant application for unexpected barriers.

“This partnership is breaking new ground for us at the MCC Foundation,” said Executive Director Kim Patterson. “Our Adult Education students have shown tremendous perseverance and are perfectly suited to succeed in college. With this new funding from Women United, we can now provide scholarship support for these women, giving them the opportunity to change the social and economic trajectory for their entire family.”

The Adult Education and Literacy program provides English language, math, reading, writing and workforce training instruction to help adult students acquire the skills needed to succeed in the workforce, earn a high school equivalency certificate, and enter and succeed in college or workforce training.

“Attaining your GED as an adult and pursuing college can seem like a daunting task for women already juggling busy lives,” said Adult Education and Literacy Transition Specialist, Michelle Telg. “Scholarships like the Women United Scholarship help traditionally underserved students overcome the barriers that keep them from an education to better their lives and the lives of their families.”

Women United Scholarship recipients will participate in financial literacy training classes taught in partnership with First National Bank of Central Texas. Participants will receive customizable financial literacy training based on their personal needs and financial interests. They also will meet with an MCC Success Coach during the semester to ensure their success in college.

As an integral part of UWWMC, Women United is committed to creating an effective female-driven philanthropic force to improve life for women in McLennan County. The Waco Chapter is part of a growing, global network of women leaders, over 70,000 strong across more than 165 communities in six countries.

For more information about Foundation Scholarships, contact Shelley Cotten at scotten@mclennan.edu or 254.299.8818.



United Way representative Madison Fraser, student Olivia Gronado, Women United Chair Kris Kaiser Olson, and student Ashley May.



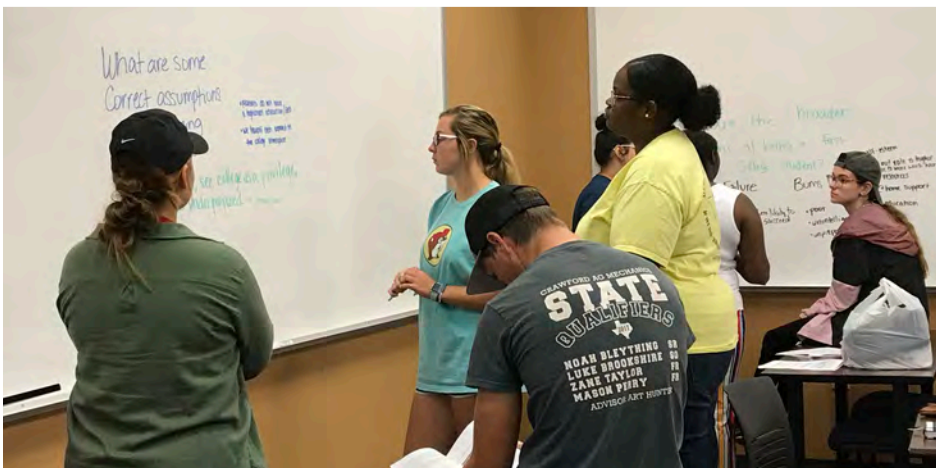
Scholarship recipients Ashley May and Olivia Gronado at their Adult Education and Literacy Graduation.



MCC FOUNDATION RAPOPORT FIRST GENERATION SCHOLARS

The MCC Foundation is delighted to welcome the 2019-2020 cohort of the Bernard and Audre Rapoport First Generation Scholars! In August, these students successfully completed the Summer Transition Enrichment Program that was designed for first-generation students. The goal of this two-week college-readiness intensive program is to build community within the cohort, to aid each student in shifting to a college mindset, and to guide each student in self-awareness. The following topics were covered during the program: self assessments, goal-setting and career exploration, critical thinking exercises, financial literacy, and team building. The program wrapped up with a cultural outing that included dinner at Diamondback's on Aug. 22.

The MCC Foundation Bernard and Audre Rapoport McLennan Community College Endowed First Generation Scholarship Program exists due to a generous \$1 million gift to the MCC Foundation from the Rapoport Foundation in 2011. Students interested in this program can apply by completing the [McLennan Community College Foundation Scholarship application](#) and providing all supporting documentation. The application is available Oct. 1- Jan. 15, 2020.





WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD

Community partnerships help students manage transportation issues

Jordan Thomas plans to be an Anesthesiologist. To make this dream a reality, this MCC student is taking a full load of tough courses focused on biochemistry. Once she finishes her degree at MCC, she plans to transfer to UT Austin to complete her undergraduate degree, and then attend

Dell Medical School for her MD. Jordan has a big dream with a long road ahead.

Life for Jordan is a carefully orchestrated balancing act of study, work, service, and occasionally sleep. When she is not working for Great Western Dining on the MCC campus, she goes to her other job in the TRiO Student Support Services program. This year, she was elected Vice President of the TRiO Scholars Association, a position that provides her a lot of pride but also a lot of responsibility. Even with careful planning, the month frequently outlasts Jordan's budget, so she sells plasma to CSL Plasma to make ends meet.

Like many students, it doesn't take much to throw Jordan's life out of balance. This fall, when her 2013 Chevy Sonic began losing power upon acceleration, she worried about her ability to get to class and work, as well as her safety in traffic. A \$300 car repair bill was just not in the picture.

Thanks to the Stephen and Stuart McKown Emergency Fund at the MCC Foundation, Jordan is back on the road to pursuing her dream. Dr. Johnette McKown and her husband Stan established the fund to provide a safety net for students who encounter unexpected emergencies that can derail their success. While the McKowns are the primary donors, many others from campus and the community support this important work, enabling the MCC Foundation to award more than \$20,000 in emergency grants annually. Needs range from replacing lost or stolen school supplies, to utility bills, to escaping domestic violence. A quarter of all requests surround transportation issues.

To address transportation needs, this year the MCC Foundation entered into two community partnerships that not only provide students with better options, but also better results. Thanks to a recent grant from the Cooper Foundation, we are able to provide free Waco Transit Bus Passes to all MCC students for the year. These passes are valid 24/7, so students may use them to get to school, work, or shopping on any Waco Transit fixed route. In the first two months, the program covered 4,379 individual bus trips!

For those with car repair needs, the Foundation is proud to announce a new partnership with Trinity Auto Haus in China Spring to provide quality car repairs. The Foundation works with Service Consultant Carl Downing, who diagnoses the problem and provides a quote. The student decides if he or she wants the repairs done, and the Foundation pays Trinity directly for all or a portion of the repair.

These new partnerships with Waco Transit and Trinity Auto Haus are just two ways the MCC Foundation is seeking creative ways to assist students with transportation while making smart investments with emergency grant funds.

For Jordan, that fuel injector service was a lifesaver.

"I don't know what I would have done without this emergency grant," Jordan says. "I am so grateful to the Foundation for this assistance, and am proud to study and work at such an amazing college."

With joy!

If you would like to contribute to the McKown Emergency Fund, please visit www.mclennan.edu/foundation and click on "Make a Gift."



Trinity Auto Haus staffers Carl Downing, Bryan Jesko, Arthur Rodriguez, Student Jordan Thomas and Foundation Executive Director Kim Patterson.



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