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HCC Foundation Receives Anonymous Donation of More Than \$1,000,000!!

This significant anonymous gift will be directed to the Foundation's Major Gift Campaign "*Growing for Tomorrow... Changing Lives Today*" that supports the Ray and Betty Stamm Health Science Nursing Wing and the Wind Turbine Technician program.

The gift brings the Major Gift Campaign total to more than \$3.6 million. The Foundation has set a goal of \$6 million to be raised from private contributions to reduce the debt incurred by the College to construct and equip both instructional facilities.

Todd Weegens, Foundation board president, observed that this gift and others reflect positively on the impact Highland College has on northwest Illinois. "Despite a down economy and unemployment concerns, our community citizens recognize the importance of Highland's contributions to education, training and job development. Their contributions are important."

Highland Community College President Joe Kanosky said that the recently signed agreement with Olivet Nazarene University, which will permit Highland nursing grads to earn a four-year nursing degree on the Highland campus, "was positively influenced as a result of our building a state-of-the-art nursing and allied medical arts facility."

A peek at the Celebrating the Oscars... for more details, please see page 2.



The HCC Foundation would once again like to thank our sponsors who helped make Celebrating the Oscars... A Night of Stars a four-star event.

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Celebrating the Oscars...

When Hank and Linda Fortney roll out the red carpet, they literally do so! After stepping out of one of the three limousines in front of the Fortney's amazing home, guests walked the red carpet complete with photographers, paparazzi, and loads of laughter. There were dashing lead actors in tuxedos and suits; leading ladies were decked in sequins, sparkles, and other fineries.

After making their way down the red carpet to Oscar show tunes, the excited nominees received their bidding numbers and made their way into the silent auction tent where over 80 creative and unique items were up for bid. Guests were also encouraged to tour the Fortney's fantastic home



and take in the grounds. There were delights in every room of the house.

Jim Berberet, Executive Director of the HCC Foundation, proclaimed, "The night was perfect! Guests loved the idea of being Oscar nominees for the evening. We had a great turnout from throughout the college district."

As the nominees strolled the grounds, perused auction items, and mingled with fellow nominees, they enjoyed the unique cuisine prepared by The Rafters (Lena). Included in the fare were oysters on the half-shell, shrimp and gazpacho shooters, and a divine potato station. Keith Jakel of Pikant Dessert Co. (Scales Mound) made guests' mouths water with his array of cheesecakes, tortes, and cakes.

Every effort was made by the volunteer planning committee to secure vendors, food, beverages, equipment, tents/tables, supplies, and services from within HCC's district.

After the silent auction concluded, Doug Munda of Munda Auctions kicked off the live auction – and the bidding was lively and competitive... with unique experiences stealing the show, including a jet flight to and dinner in a mystery city, private dinners, sporting events, and weeks in condos exploring warm and sunny places. Each live auction winning bidder was even presented with an Oscar trophy.

Berberet stated the importance of this fundraiser to the College, "This on-going campaign continues to support a wide variety of college programs, including the Ray and Betty Stamm Health Science wing, medical training programs, the wind turbine technology initiative, additional career training, and educational programs for students." Proceeds from the event will benefit HCC Foundation's *Growing for tomorrow... Changing lives today* campaign.

During the summer of 2011, the HCC Foundation held its first charity auction fundraiser, Shindig at the Stables, with hosts Don and Janey Morse. In 2012, Dr. Keith and Diane Martin hosted a roaring 20s fundraiser at their private residence. Plans are underway for next year's event. Stay tuned!



One of the highlights was an Oscar Statue carved from Cheddar Cheese and sponsored by Berner Foods.

Alumni Round-up: Jo Daviess County

The HCC Foundation, in cooperation with the HCC Alumni Association, plans to hold regional "Alumni Roundup" gatherings throughout the district. The first such gathering will target alumni living in Jo Daviess County, though ANY interested alumni are welcome to attend.

On October 30, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, an informal get-together will be held at Woodbine Bend Golf Course Clubhouse in Woodbine. Appetizers and soft drinks will be provided, and a bar is available for those who would like to purchase other beverages.

This inaugural gathering is part of the Foundation's efforts to reach out to Highland's alumni, provide updates on HCC, and gather updated contact

information so that alums can be kept "in the loop" and remain connected to HCC. According to Pat Dunn, Director of Operations and Alumni Relations, "Our alumni are often an untapped resource for Highland. We find that they are some of the best ambassadors for HCC, and are helpful in promoting the school—whether directly through their encouragement of potential students, or indirectly through the HCC success stories they embody."

"We consider anyone who has taken classes for a term or more to be an alumnus," adds Jim Berberet, Executive Director.

"Even those who don't complete a full degree or certificate cite educational benefits or a change in life direction, as the result of their time at HCC."



So, regardless of what classes you took at HCC or when you attended, we'd love to meet you and hear your stories! And you may run into some former classmates or instructors!

Foundation staff, the Foundation's Alumni Relations Committee, and the Alumni Association Board are looking forward to getting out and meeting HCC's alumni. Stay tuned for information about a future "Alumni Roundup" in your area!

Matching Campaign Hits \$38K since May!

The Highland Community College Foundation's "Double Play" matching gifts challenge has reached \$38,215 since kickoff on May 1. This exciting opportunity to support Highland Community College was made possible by an anonymous donor from Jo Daviess County who pledged \$50,000 per year for five years to HCC, provided the Foundation can raise another \$50,000 from other donors to match it. Then three additional donors stepped up to add to the "match pool" for the first year (2013) of the program. The resulting matchable dollars are as follows:

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| \$50,000 | anonymous donor from Jo Daviess County |
| \$10,000 | anonymous donor from Stephenson County |
| \$10,000 | Ultrasonic Power Corporation, Freeport IL |
| \$ 5,000 | Mr. Matt Marvin, emeritus Foundation board member |
| \$75,000 | TOTAL 2013 MATCH POOL |

This means that the first \$75,000 the Foundation team raises between May 1 and December 31, 2013 will be matched by these donors—making the potential yield \$150,000. To be eligible for the match, donations must be designated to the Major Gift Campaign or HCC's "area of greatest need." The Major Gift Campaign supports the Ray and Betty Stamm Health Science Nursing wing, nursing and allied medical training programs as well as the Wind Turbine Technician program.

What an opportunity for Highland Community College! To pledge or make a gift online, go to highland.thankyou4caring.org. Or please contact the Foundation Office at 815-599-3413 to make a gift by check or credit card.

Save the date for...

Shindig IV

August 16, 2014

a charity event to benefit Highland Community College.



THE BUCKET

HCC Foundation

R. Todd Weegens, President
Jim Berberet, Executive Director
Pat Dunn, Director of Operations
Kim Rampenthal, Director of Fundraising
Joanne Kasprzak, Secretary



*Jewel Shockey (left)
with her mother,
J. Rosemary Shockey
(right), at the dedication
ceremony.*

J. Rosemary Shockey HCC Bookstore Dedicated September 26

The J. Rosemary Shockey HCC Bookstore was dedicated on September 26, 2013, in honor of Mrs. J. Rosemary Shockey, a lifelong educator and advocate for the pursuit of knowledge. Mrs. Shockey graduated from Illinois State University (the Illinois Teachers' College) in 1941. Rosemary married Donald Shockey, a returning Air Force veteran, on July 15, 1948. The couple was blessed with three children: Joan, who became a psychologist in Seattle; David, who became an attorney in Freeport, and Jewel, who became a special education teacher in Freeport District 145.

Mrs. Shockey retired from teaching in 1983, after 30 years of service at various schools in the Freeport and Ridott areas. She was elected to the HCC Foundation Board in 1988, where she served for 15 years, and remains an Honorary/Emeritus Member. She continues to be a member of the Stephenson County Retired Teachers' Association, and is a Lifetime Member of local, state, and national education associations.

The honorary naming of the HCC bookstore was facilitated by a generous "naming gift" to the Foundation's Major Gift Campaign in Mrs. Shockey's honor, by her son David Shockey. The bookstore naming is an example of the numerous "naming opportunities" available at Highland Community College. Across the campus, a variety of types and sizes of instructional spaces and student support facilities are available for naming, in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

The Foundation maintains a list of available spaces and the suggested donation amounts for naming. Please contact Kim Rampenthal at 815-599-3724 if you'd like to discuss "leaving your mark" on HCC's campus facilities.