



Important Dates...

HCC Foundation sponsored events

Rise 'n Shine Breakfast

May 6, 2015
7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Hosted by HCC Alumni Association and Freeport Area Chamber of Commerce

Ray and Betty Stamm Health Science Nursing Wing

19th Annual Leadership Golf Tournament

Monday, June 1, 2015
Freeport Country Club

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Saturday, August 15, 2015



Co-sponsored Estate Planning Workshop a Resounding Success

The Stephenson County Farm Bureau and the Highland Community College Foundation recently sponsored an estate planning workshop, entitled "How to Keep Your Estate Plan Up-to-Date...And Avoid Family Feuds!"

Participants had a choice of coming to an evening workshop at the Farm Bureau on March 23, or a morning workshop at Highland on March 24, 2015. Over 80 people attended the March 23 workshop, while approximately 50 attended the March 24 event.

Keynote speaker for the event was Marc Carmichael, J.D., an attorney who has written and spoken extensively on estate planning to groups of attorneys, fundraisers, and consumers since 1976.

Mr. Carmichael stated: "Having a good estate plan is essential, even for those who have modest assets. It not only helps avoid feuds later on, but allows a person or a couple to engage in planful stewardship of what they do have, and make sure that their hard-earned dollars, land, and other assets are utilized in ways that support the values they held dear during their lives."

After his presentation, Mr. Carmichael facilitated a panel discussion by local professionals with expertise in different aspects of estate planning, including: financial planner Jim Endress, CPA Doug Freidag, trust officer Kam Stake, and attorney David Shockey. Audience members had an opportunity to pose questions to the panel.

The Foundation and the Farm Bureau were pleased to provide this educational workshop free of charge to the public. Both organizations have benefited from estate gifts over the years, and representatives would be delighted to speak further with anyone who is interested in remembering the organizations in their estate plans.



Leadership Golf Outing June 1, 2015

Major Sponsorship Opportunities (multiple opportunities available)

Platinum Sponsor
(Includes 2 foursomes and
name/logo on cart signs) •
\$2,500

Gold Sponsor (Includes
2 foursomes) • \$2,000

Silver Sponsor (Includes
1 foursome) • \$1,500

Bronze Sponsor
(Includes 2 golfers) • \$750

Brat and Burger Lunch
SPONSOR (Includes 2
golfers) • \$750

Heavy Hors
d'oeuvres/dinner
Sponsor (Includes 2
golfers) • \$750

Additional Golf Sponsorships Available

BIG Beverage Buckets
On-Course Sponsor
(beer/soda/water,
one bucket per nine)
2 available • \$250

On-Course Skills
Sponsor, 18 available
• \$150

Hole Sponsor (tee or
green) • \$100

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HCC Foundation Recognizes Distinguished Alumni

The Highland Community College Foundation presented its 20th annual Distinguished Alumni Awards last October 2014 at the Foundation's annual board meeting and dinner at the Freeport Country Club. Each year, alumni are nominated for the awards by friends, colleagues, and family members. Final selections are made by a committee comprised of HCC Alumni Association Steering Committee members,

Foundation board members, and Foundation staff.

This honored distinction is reserved for individuals who exemplify community leadership, demonstrate professional achievement, and believe in the mission of community colleges and higher education.

Shown above (L to R) are the 2014 award recipients: Steve Dornink (Dakota, IL); Steve Kroeger (Freeport, IL); Tina Endress, accepting the award for Lynden Endress (posthumous honor); Jeremy

Monigold (Cedarville, IL); Michelle McFalls-Mills (Lacey, WA); and Jesse Wade Ivory (Des Plaines, IL). The seventh award recipient, Jim Dixon (Johns Creek, GA), was unable to attend the dinner.

In the summer of 2015, nominations will be accepted for the 21st Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards. Watch for an announcement on the HCC website, at highland.edu/alumni !

Dorothy and RC Clock Technology Center October 2014 Dedication



On October 21, 2014, the Freeport Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors cut the ribbon along with Highland Community College, to celebrate the naming of the Dorothy & RC Clock Technology Center. This "naming opportunity" was the result of a generous bequest gift from the estate of Dorothy Clock, who had passed away in 2013. For more information about how YOU might be able to leave your mark on HCC by naming a building or room, contact Kim Rampenthal at 815-599-3724.



Recent Alumni Roundup at Generations Brewing Company

On March 11, more than 40 Highland Community College Alumni attended the HCC Alumni Association “Alumni Roundup” held at Generations Brewing Company in Freeport.

The Alumni Roundup was part of the Alumni Association and the HCC Foundation’s effort to reach out to alumni and re-engage them by providing updates about developments at HCC, inviting them to campus events, and encouraging them to be good ambassadors for the College.

Jeff Cowman, Alumni Steering Committee president, notes, “We

were thrilled to see such a good turnout at this event. It does seem that HCC alumni are all around us! Anytime I mention I’m with the Alumni Association, people tell me that they also attended HCC—or they have a relative, co-worker, or friend who attended. Highland really means a lot to the community, and has made a huge difference for those who have studied there.”

“We consider you to be a Highland alumnus whether you graduated with a degree, earned a certificate, participated in leadership training, or took a few classes,” adds HCC

Foundation Director of Operations Pat Dunn, herself an alumna.

Attendees enjoyed complimentary pizza from Cimino’s and soft drinks. Many of the alumni treated themselves to delicious Generations beer, brewed right onsite!

Proprietor and Brewmaster Steven Winter notes that Generations is the first brewery to open in Freeport since Prohibition. He and his father, Mark Winter, who is a Highland alumnus, opened the brewery and taproom in 2014. Generations has already developed quite a following.

New Chance to Turn a Double Play in 2015 !!

In 2013, a generous donor from JoDaviess County originally pledged \$50,000 per year for five years in matching dollars, which can only be captured if the Foundation raises the same amount each year in donations to either the Major Gifts Campaign or the College’s “area of greatest need.” For 2013 and 2014, the Foundation met or surpassed its Double Play matching goals.

The 2015 calendar year marks the third year of the HCC Foundation’s “Double Play” appeal. Every dollar donated to Double Play, up to \$50,000, will be matched at year-end by this anonymous benefactor.

And we are already on our way—as we head to press, cumulative donations to Double Play 2015 have surpassed \$13,000 so far!

Won’t YOU help us reach our Double Play 2015 goal well before year-end? To donate to this campaign, you can mail in a donation using the special envelope enclosed in this newsletter, or you can give online at highland.thankyou4caring.org. Thanks in advance for your support!!

Graphic Design Students Give Back to Scholarship Donors

Anually the Foundation awards approximately \$350,000 in scholarships to HCC students. Scholarships are available for high school graduates, returning students, non-traditional students, part-time students, and adults seeking to re-enter or attend college for the first time. These awards are presented at the Scholarship Awards Ceremony, which is one of the highlights of both the Foundation and the College year. It is special because it demonstrates to both our students and the Highland communities that the people of northwestern Illinois care about education. It is because of this generosity that the students of the HCC Graphic Design department wanted to “give back” to our scholarship donors by creating a web page that honors and acknowledges their generosity.

The Foundation is proud to unveil the webpage produced by these talented Highland students. To read more, go to the Foundation’s web site at highland.thankyou4caring.org and click on “Meet Our Scholarship Donors.” From there you can click on “Scholarship Stories.” This page lists the donors and their scholarships and has links to each individual scholarship donor’s story. The students would like to express their respect and appreciation for all that the donors and families have done to make this a better world.

*We are nothing
without the previous generations.*

So we would simply like to say,

“Thank You”

to the past, present, and future donors.

*Many of our students yesterday, today, or tomorrow
would not be here without generous donors.*





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Alumni Updates

Autumn Kubatzke, Freeport



"After graduating from Highland Community College with my A.A., I transferred to Illinois State University where I received a B.A. in Public Relations. I moved back to Freeport to work at M45 Marketing Services as a project manager for 7 years. In 2011, I returned to Highland to take several art and graphic design classes. Now, I am the Youth Services Coordinator at RAMP. As part of my position, I work with students with disabilities who are transitioning out of high school and I always let the students know that community college is a great option."

Kyle Grimes, Fountain City, WI



"Attending Highland Community College will always be one of the best educational decisions I could have made, both financially as well as in the quality of an education I received. I graduated from HCC in 2009 and went on to further my education at Palmer College of Chiropractic. I earned my Doctorate of Chiropractic from Palmer in 2013. In November of 2014, I was able to fulfill a huge dream of mine, to open up my own chiropractic office with my fiancée Samantha in Fountain City, WI. I'm proud to say that Highland laid the groundwork for my dream to become a reality."

Ann Frint, Ridott



"After high school, I enrolled at HCC in Business Administration. Since then, I have over forty years of experience and am presently employed as the Administrative Assistant to the General Manager of the Titan Tire Corporation. I am grateful that Goodyear sponsored my participation in HCC's Leadership Institute. Our youngest son was awarded a scholarship from Freeport High School to attend Highland, and he later transferred to NIU to receive his degree in Graphic Design. Freeport and the surrounding communities are very fortunate to have available such a high quality community college."

Cal Wescott, Freeport



"I attended HCC from 1973 through 1975. In 1991, I purchased Rite-Way Furniture and Appliance in historic downtown Freeport. Since then, I have purchased many other buildings in downtown Freeport and I have been active in helping to improve the downtown area by mentoring other new businesses. I am an active member of the Freeport Area Chamber of Commerce, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the HCC Alumni Association Steering Committee, and the Freeport Downtown Development Foundation. I highly recommend Highland Community College to anyone that wants to further their education and receive the schooling that is needed to be successful in life."

Send your alumni updates to foundation@highland.edu