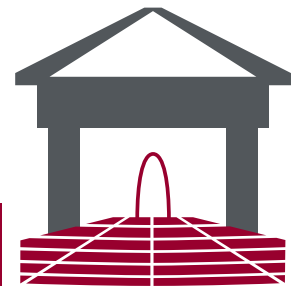


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MSCC Recognizes Goldsby Family, Scholars at Annual Reception

Mid-South Community College recognized the contributors and participants in a unique and innovative scholarship program during the annual President's Reception honoring the Thomas B. Goldsby Scholars on Thursday, April 2.

"In 2001, through the amazing generosity



STUDENTS THANK SANDRA, THOMAS B. GOLDSBY JR.—Scholarship recipients Charles Preston Pugh, Charleen Yvonne Lewis, and Emily Anice Patey made a special presentation to Sandra C. and Thomas B. Goldsby, Jr. during the reception program.

of Tommy and Sandy Goldsby, we were able to create a scholarship program that is unique not only to our region but to our country," said MSCC President, Dr. Glen Fenter. "It is indeed an honor and a privilege to celebrate the unprecedented opportunities that are available to our young people as a result of this program."

The Goldsby Scholarship Program provides funds for high school students to attend MSCC classes and earn a substantial number of hours toward their college degrees. It also serves to streamline and enhance the transition from high school to college.

Since its inception, the program has resulted in 1,527 individual awards, and recipients have earned more than 7,500 credit hours. Goldsby Scholars have transferred their MSCC classes to approximately 100 prestigious colleges and universities throughout the state and nation.

"To date, the Goldsby Scholarship Program has saved our local students, and most importantly their parents, an estimated \$4.8 million dollars

in tuition and fees," Dr. Fenter said. "That is a tremendous blessing for our region."

"I think it would be impossible for us to fully acknowledge the impact that the Goldsby Scholarship Program is having on our community. Obviously, we can put a dollar value on what it has saved our parents and students, but there is truly no way to fully appreciate the value, the importance, or the significance of what the Goldsby family has made possible."

Dr. Fenter said the investment "far exceeds \$4 million worth of return when you think about the lives that have been touched, the careers that have been shaped, and the futures that have been so positively impacted. We are all greatly blessed by the Goldsbys' philanthropy."

Students from Christian Brothers High School, Earle High School, Marion High School, Turrell High School, West Memphis Christian High School, West Memphis High School, and home-schooled students received Goldsby Scholarships for 2008-2009. ■

College Dedicates Campus Streets in Recognition of Ingram, McCuiston

Working together as a powerful two-man team, the late State Sen. W.K. "Bill" Ingram and State Rep. Lloyd McCuiston laid the groundwork for what has become Mid-South Community College. On Friday, Feb. 6, the College formally dedicated two of its main roads in honor of their efforts.

"Together they had a vision...a vision to create new educational opportunities in our community," said Dr. Glen Fenter, MSCC president. "Both of these men had many hopes and dreams for Crittenden County. They valued and appreciated education as a tool to bring a better way of life to the communities that they so loved and served."

Kent Ingram, the older son of the late state senator, spoke on behalf of the Ingram family.

"I'd like to thank everyone involved with the college for this fine honor for our father," he said. "My father was an engineer, a builder...that was his

life. He also felt a responsibility to build for his community. With the help of people like Lloyd McCuiston and other people in this community, that's just what he did."

"I'm just thankful that I could be of some help to see that students in Crittenden County have the opportunity for higher education," McCuiston said. "I've always been a strong advocate for higher education and particularly community colleges." ■



Pictured above from left are Keith Ingram, Lloyd McCuiston, Kent Ingram.



President's Message

With the help of what can only be described as “divine intervention,” Mid-South Community College continues to flourish in spite of uncertain economic times in our state and nation. We remain tremendously blessed by local support from individuals and businesses who understand the importance of higher education and are willing to invest in it.

One of our most powerful tools is the Thomas B. Goldsby Jr. Scholarship Program which gives our high school students a great head start on their postsecondary education. Our young men and women are earning dual credit for courses taken at MSCC and funded by Mr. Goldsby and the College -- at no cost to the students or parents. We estimate that scholarship recipients and their families have saved approximately \$4.8 million by taking advantage of this innovative program. Because this is a very powerful model, we want to do everything we can to improve it. To do that, however, we need additional support from the community. The tremendous growth of the program has required a \$120,000 investment from the College, and that is in addition to the generous amount the Goldsby family has committed to the effort. We need your help if we are to continue to make the scholarship available to every student who meets the criteria.

We remain confident that with your continued support we can meet the challenges before us and continue our commitment to invest in the future of our region.

Director's Spotlight: Charles Elliott

Mid-South Community College Foundation Board of Directors

Born in Jonesboro, Ark., Charles Elliott is a long-time resident of Crittenden County and West Memphis. “It is imperative that we have an educated citizenry and a trained workforce if we expect to attract industry and bring jobs to this community,” stated Elliott, MSCC Foundation Board of Directors member.

Elliott graduated from Lambuth University with a degree in Business Administration, and began working as a management trainee with the original Union Planters Bank in Memphis. He has successfully used that experience to develop his own business in real estate investment properties and currently owns Town and Country Realty.



In addition to serving on the MSCC Foundation Board, Elliott serves as president-elect of the West Memphis Rotary Club, as a board member of the West Memphis Chamber of Commerce, and as a member of the Crittenden County Board of Realtors.

Serving on the MSCC Foundation board “has made me aware of the efforts of a lot of good people to bring educational opportunities to the citizens of Crittenden County. Our board is a diverse group, but one that is united and sincere. We all want everyone in our community to have the opportunity to become educated and to possess the skills necessary to gain meaningful employment and to grow and prosper.”

Elliott has been married for nineteen years to the former Gloria Bryson, a teacher at Richland Elementary School in West Memphis. Living just across the bridge in Memphis are their son and daughter-in-law, Blake and Leigh Anne, along with their two beautiful granddaughters.

SENATOR MIKE EVERETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP — This scholarship was established to honor the memory of the late Senator Mike Everett of Marked Tree, Arkansas. The award provides \$250 each fall and spring semester to students who maintain a 3.0 GPA. Pictured are Mrs. Laurel Everett, widow of the late senator, and Mary Lacina, the first recipient of this award.



New Scholarships



SAM T. HEUR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—Polly and Matthew Glass have established a scholarship in memory of her father, Sam T. Heur, a prominent Little Rock attorney. The award provides \$250 each semester for students interested in a career in law. Pictured are MSCC Foundation Director Patti Coleman, Matthew Glass, Polly Glass, and MSCC Foundation Officer Donna Shaull.



EARLE GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP— Jean Burns presented a check to MSCC Foundation Director Patti Coleman to establish a scholarship. The award provides \$250 each spring and fall semester for students living in the city of Earle, Arkansas. Pictured with Burns and Coleman are from left: Christine Littlejohn, Elleene Holloway, Eveline Vaughn, Earlene Brooks, Mary Davis, and Helen Belue.



GENE ARNOLD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP — MSCC employee Beth Arnold and her husband Guy have established a scholarship in memory of his father. This award provides \$250 each semester for non-traditional students ages 30 and older. Pictured from left: MSCC Foundation Officer Donna Shaull, Chip Arnold and Paxton Arnold, grandson and great-grandson of Gene Arnold, and MSCC Executive Vice President Dr. Barbara Baxter.



MAC D. HOLMES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP — Debbie Holmes has established a scholarship in memory of her husband, former West Memphis fire chief, Mac Holmes. The award provides \$500 each fall semester for students interested in pursuing a career as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Pictured are MSCC Foundation Director Patti Coleman, Debbie Holmes, Kim Holmes Sturch, and MSCC President Dr. Glen Fenter.

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MSCC Web Design Instructor Wins Barbour Family Award

Information Systems Technology faculty member Chris Davis has been named the first winner of the W.L. Barbour Family Award for Innovative Instruction at Mid-South Community College. Davis coordinates the Certified Internet Web Professional program at MSCC.

"I am honored and very humbled by this award," Davis said. "I just come to work and do my best to make sure that my students learn something new every day. My goal is to make classroom learning as relevant as possible to what today's workplace requires."

Dr. Barbara Baxter, MSCC Executive Vice President, and Lynne Sharp, Vice President for Learning and Instruction, said Davis is an excellent choice for the award.

"Chris Davis epitomizes what we want to see in the Mid-South Community College classroom," Baxter said. "He understands the technical aspects of the courses he teaches, but he also recognizes that students need a variety of communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills to be successful."

"We are very proud of Chris," Sharp added. "He engages students in active learning, and he helps them understand the importance of teamwork and professionalism. Chris takes learning to a higher level in his classrooms, and



DAVIS WINS INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTOR AWARD—Chris Davis, middle, accepts a check from W.L. Barbour Jr. as winner of the first Barbour Family Award for Innovative Instruction at Mid-South Community College. Also pictured are, from left, Diane (Barbour) Ayres, MSCC College and Special Events Coordinator; Lynne Sharp, MSCC Vice President for Learning and Instruction; and Dr. Glen Fenter, MSCC President.

we really appreciate the way he connects with our students."

Davis earned the award for creating and refining a project that requires students to master a variety of tasks related to creating a website.

The Barbour award selection committee received several good submissions, "but Chris was selected because he engages his students in project-based learning," Baxter said.

The \$500 award is the result of a generous donation by the Barbour family to honor faculty members who generate new ideas that enhance the already exceptional learning opportunities available at MSCC.

"You can't have academic excellence if you don't have good teachers," Barbour said. "Good teachers inspire their students, and students remember their experiences for a lifetime. Through this award, we hope to bring extra recognition to MSCC's teachers who are doing such a fine job..."

For information about creating an employee award or a named scholarship at MSCC, please contact Patti Coleman, MSCC Foundation Director, at (870) 733-6764 or pdcoleman@midssouthcc.edu. ■



The MSCC Foundation Board of Directors would like to express our sincere appreciation to the outgoing board members for their support and dedication. Pictured with MSCC President Dr. Glen Fenter are from left, Clara Ferron, David Dodd, Hasselle McCain, Shelley Pugh, and Rickey Nicks. Outgoing members not pictured are Kay Brockwell, Buddy House, Michael Marconi, Melissa Pierce, and Susanne Sorrell.



The MSCC Foundation Board of Directors welcomes its newest board members. From left are Bruce Williams, Foundation Director Patti Coleman, Murphy Smith, Sandy Goldsby, Jimmie Barham, Dr. Marian Barr, Foundation Chairman Mike Murphy, Foundation Officer Donna Shaull, and MSCC President Dr. Glen Fenter. New members not pictured are Grover Bowers, Mike Ford, Jimbo Hale, Paul Kelly, and David Pike.

2009 Scholarship Luncheon



Sean and Jennifer Coulter Memorial Endowed Scholarship Bryant Huntley, Patti Coleman



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Rotary Partners in Education Scholarship Donnita Sanders, Cindy Robb, Jennilyn Hardin



Marvin Steele Endowed Scholarship Eugenia Nicolle Seals, Marvin Steele, Michael Cozzi



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Mary & John P. Wilson Memorial Endowed Scholarship Francisco Mendoza, Jacklyn Miller, Dr. Fenter



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Robert Bosch Tool Corporation Technical Scholarship Marion Littlejohn, Alma Cruz



Roberta Jackson Memorial Endowed Scholarship Shauntesse Cross, Theresa Brown



Jimmie C. Barham Scholarship Angela Branch, Jimmie Barham, Charles Covington



Southland Park Gaming & Racing Endowed Scholarship Audrey Bradley, Kristy Sandusky, Lacey Ladner, Kandis Rodgers, Colt Springhart, Crystal Burger



MSCC Working Student Scholarship David Watkins, Dr. Fenter

In Deepest Sympathy

The faculty and staff of Mid-South Community College would like to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Kent Rubens, Lib McCuiston, and Patricia Warden Nichols. They will be truly missed.

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College Events

Thursday, May 14, 2009 | 7:00pm

MSCC Commencement

West Memphis Civic Auditorium

Graduates received their diplomas at the annual Mid South Community College Commencement held this month at the West Memphis Civic Auditorium. Guest speaker was Rear Admiral Sonny Masso with the United States Navy.



Monday, June 8, 2009 | 1:30 pm

Master Gardener Luncheon & Tour

MSCC South Campus | Magruder Hall
The Mary & John Wilson Conference Center

In cooperation with members of the Crittenden County Master Gardeners



More than 500 Master Gardeners will be in Crittenden County for the 2009 State Master Gardeners Convention June 7 – June 9. The local chapter will host members for workshops, area garden tours and lectures. Mid-South Community College will host a luncheon and tour. Members of the Crittenden County Master Gardeners meet monthly at MSCC.

Thursday, June 25, 2009 | 11:30am

Chamber Lecture Series

MSCC South Campus | Magruder Hall
The Mary & John Wilson Conference Center

In cooperation with the Marion & West Memphis Chambers of Commerce

Mid-South Community College partners and serves as the site for this luncheon which was designed to promote continued economic growth and prosperity in Crittenden County. The goal is to create a better quality of life in the region, and collaborations like this Lecture Series only enhance those efforts. Guest speakers will be Dr. Steven Bares, President and Executive Director of the Memphis Bioworks Foundation and Stephen C. Reynolds, President & CEO of Baptist Memorial Health Care Corporation. Their topic of discussion will be Memphis Bioworks and how advanced technology is meeting business,



Steven Reynolds



Dr. Steven Bares

financial and customer demands with the development of advanced technologies. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available by calling the Marion Chamber at 870.739.6041 or the West Memphis Chamber of Commerce at 870.735.1134.