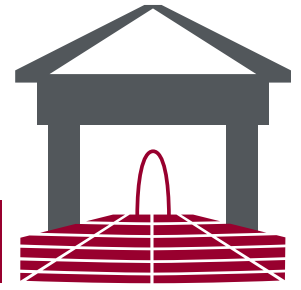


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## W. L. Barbour Courtyard Dedication

Mid-South Community College recognized the significant contributions of long-time Foundation Board Chairman William L. Barbour during a dedication ceremony on the North Campus on Wednesday, Nov. 14. The W. L. Barbour Courtyard features a professionally-sculpted sun dial as well as a pedestal-mounted plaque that recognizes his unwavering service to the college.

"When we began searching for an appropriate way to acknowledge Mr. Barbour's contributions on this campus, we wanted something that would remind us of his most endearing and enduring qualities," said Dr. Glen Fenter, MSCC President. "With a little bit of help, we came



up with something we think everyone will agree is a great expression of the talents and characteristics that Bill Barbour has brought to Mid-South Community College."

Mary Meux Toney, chair of the MSCC Board of Trustees; William Clarke, a former trustee as well as a former member of the college's Foundation Board; and longtime board member Alex Coulter recognized Mr. Barbour's contributions during the ceremony.

"We are all here today because there were some people in our community who planted a foundation," Ms. Toney said. "We look around, and some time ago we would have all said 'Never!' and we would have chuckled and laughed. 'In West Memphis? In Crittenden County? You've got to be kidding.' But look at us; we are here today because of people like Mr. Barbour."

Mr. Clarke described the honoree's leadership and dedication to Mid-South Community College as "immeasurable."

Mr. Coulter said Mr. Barbour's influence has been painted with a wide brush in Crittenden County.

"I thank you sincerely for the honor you have bestowed upon me today," said Mr. Barbour at the close of the ceremony. "I find myself lacking in words to adequately express how much I appreciate this. I am deeply grateful and always will be. This is a great day; it is a day that my family and I will cherish and remember as long as we live." •

## MSCC to Name Meeting Rooms in Memory of Mary and John Wilson

Mid-South Community College will name its three large meeting rooms in Magruder Hall the Wilson Conference Center in memory of Mary and John Wilson. The Wilsons left \$156,435 to the MSCC Foundation in their will. The Wilson Conference Center includes 2,750 square feet of space that can be divided into three



MSCC President Dr. Glen Fenter poses with Patsy and John C. Wilson, name sake of his uncle, after showing them the rooms that will be named in memory of Mary and John P. Wilson.

separate sections using moveable walls. The rooms are equipped with numerous multimedia options and a 512 square-foot serving area.

The Mary and John Wilson Memorial Scholarship fund was also established to help deserving students pursue their higher learning dreams. The six-figure bequest is the largest estate gift the college has received. MSCC has been the benefactor of several major gifts from foundations, families, and businesses, and it is hoping that more people will begin to include the college in their estates. •

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Patti Coleman, Director of Advancement | Donna Shaull, Advancement Officer

# Message from the Director



This summer marked an amazing new direction in my career by being named the Director of Advancement at the Mid-South Community College Foundation. I am grateful for the opportunity to assist MSCC in its fundraising endeavors, from encouraging donations for scholarships to seeking financial support for new and innovative faculty programs to funding needs related to the new Information Technology/ADTEC University Center.

With the 2007 fall enrollment figures again breaking old records, the need for more scholarship dollars is urgent. For as little as \$250 annually, an individual or business can establish a scholarship in honor or memory of a loved one. All it takes is a phone call to the Foundation Office to make a difference in someone's future!

Improving someone's quality of life through education is an important step in improving the overall human condition in the Delta region of Arkansas. Education generally determines income, and income largely defines the American standard of living. Because education costs money, the opportunities available to some people are, unfortunately, determined by the circumstances of their birth. We can change that!

As we move forward, the focus of the Foundation will be to reach deeper into our local community—individuals, businesses, and industry—for monetary support. We continue to need your financial assistance, and whether you donate \$1 or \$1 million, your gift to the Annual Giving Campaign will enable your community college to continue its growth and tradition of excellence.

When making your year-end charitable giving decisions, please consider a tax deductible gift to the MSCC Foundation. I want to personally thank those who have contributed to our efforts in the past—you have truly made a difference to the lives of many in our community.

*Patti Coleman*



**One of Many MSCC Foundation Scholarships**—Shelley and Jim Pugh pose with Ashton Taylor, second from right, the recipient of the award named in their honor. The Shelley & Jim Pugh Scholarship is one of 32 administered by the MSCC Foundation, which is under the direction of Patti Coleman (pictured at right). To give to the Foundation's Annual Fund or to contribute to a named scholarship, please contact Ms. Coleman at 870.733.6764 or by email at [pdcoleman@midsouthcc.edu](mailto:pdcoleman@midsouthcc.edu). For information on applying for scholarships and other financial assistance at the college, please call MSCC's Financial Aid Office at 870.733.6729.

## In Memory of MSCC employees

In recent years, Mid-South Community College has lost two dear friends and long-time employees of the College. The faculty, staff and students of the College join the Foundation Directors and College Trustees in expressing our deepest sympathy to the Charley Bartholomew and David Jacob Herren families. Those wishing to contribute to the Charley Bartholomew Memorial Scholarship or the David Jacob Herren Memorial Scholarship may send donations to Donna Shaull at the MSCC Foundation office.

## Mid-South Community College Foundation Scholarships

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| Todd Allen                               | Robert Crittenden Chapter DAR    | Shelley & Jim Pugh                     |
| Jimmie C. Barham                         | John Gammon Jr. Memorial Endowed | Verneil & A.L. Reed Endowed            |
| Reverend & Mrs. Zilmon Barr Memorial     | Donna & Fred Goodfellow          | Jimmie Ladd Richardson                 |
| Charley Bartholomew Memorial             | Paul Gray Memorial               | Rotary Partners in Education           |
| Centurions for Christ                    | Roy L. Gray Working Man          | Ralph Sloan Memorial                   |
| Sgt. Glen Bailey Memorial                | David Herren Memorial            | Southland Park Gaming & Racing         |
| Centurions for Christ                    | Roberta Jackson Memorial Endowed | Marvin Steele                          |
| Michael Waters Memorial                  | Hattie M. Kemp Memorial          | Mary Meux Toney                        |
| Sean Coulter & Jennifer Coulter Memorial | LaCoterie                        | Ford Turner Memorial                   |
| Crittenden County Farm Bureau            | MSCC Working Student             | Mary & John P. Wilson Memorial Endowed |
| Crittenden Hospital Auxiliary            | Maxine Neri Memorial             |  |
| Crittenden National Bank                 | Molly Whistle Paudert            |  |

## DID YOU KNOW...

- ...that an individual or business can establish a scholarship with as little as \$250 a semester?
- ...that the Foundation established nine new scholarships this year alone?

This fall, MSCC awarded 135 Goldsby Scholarships, providing the best and brightest concurrently enrolled high school students in our region an opportunity to get an invaluable head start on their college experience. The demand for these scholarships far exceeds the resources currently available. Take pride in being an integral part of MSCC and contribute to the Goldsby Scholarship fund or any scholarship fund listed above.

As you consider your year-end tax planning, we hope you will consider making good use of the income tax charitable deduction. Your 2007 year-end gift can significantly reduce your income taxes, while providing meaningful support for Mid-South Community College. Giving to MSCC is much more than a tax break; your charitable gift makes an important difference in what we are able to accomplish. It's easy, just complete and return the form included.

# MSCC, Fidelity National Bank, Crittenden Publishing Salute Barry Baldwin



**SALUTE TO BARRY BALDWIN**—Friends and associates of Barry Baldwin gathered at The Fidelity Carlson House to formally recognize him for his contributions to the community. Pictured from left are P. Michael Murphy, chair of the Mid-South Community College Foundation Board and president of Fidelity National Bank; Alexander P. Coulter, MSCC Board of Trustees member and president/publisher of The Times; Dr. Glen Fenter, MSCC president; Janie and Barry Baldwin; West Memphis Mayor William H. Johnson, and William Carlson, co-owner of Fidelity National Bank. Event sponsors included Mid-South Community College, Crittenden Publishing Company, and Fidelity National Bank.



## Message from the Foundation Chair

Good news continues to abound at Mid-South Community College, and the future of higher education in our region looks brighter than ever.

Among the good news is another enrollment increase for the fall semester. MSCC's headcount surpassed 1,600 for the first time as the college experienced 4.9 percent growth. That number is encouraging for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is the understanding that more of our citizens are taking advantage of high-quality, relevant educational opportunities in Crittenden County.

We have also experienced growth in the fund-raising area as more people are making significant contributions to the MSCC Foundation. Participation in Foundation-related activities has also increased, and we are hoping that translates into an even broader base of donors in the years to come. I am excited that 100 percent of our Foundation Board members are contributing at some level this year, and we believe that sets an example that others will want to follow. MSCC employees are also participating at a higher level this year, and we are thankful for that.

The new Information Technology/ADTEC University Center is nearing completion, and that will begin another new chapter in the great story of MSCC. The IT building will allow the college to offer enhanced learning services, and the University Center will create a whole new set of opportunities for people in our region. With everything going so well, the temptation might be to ease up on the gas pedal and coast a little, but this is no time to rest on our laurels. Momentum is on our side; let's keep it going.

*P. M. Murphy*



**New Southland Park Scholarships at MSCC**—Southland Park Gaming and Racing recently announced a \$25,000 grant to the Mid-South Community College Foundation to establish a scholarship program for West Memphis residents and Southland employees. The program will assist high school graduates and GED candidates and will provide financial assistance for students needing remedial and writing classes. Southland also awarded \$10,000 to MSCC for equipment that will facilitate enhanced emergency medical technician training at the college. The company announced a total of 30 grants, with a value of \$170,000, during its first biannual funding awards ceremony in September.

## Mid-South Community College Foundation Giving for 2007

Yes, I want to make a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help MSCC students.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(as it should appear in publications)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is designated for:

Scholarships     Workforce Training Center

Library Holdings     Where the need is greatest

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: VISA | Mastercard

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Card Holder \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in receiving more information about how I can include MSCC in my will.

**Contributions should be mailed to:**  
MSCC Foundation, Inc.

2000 West Broadway, West Memphis, AR 72301.

For more information, contact Donna Shaull at 870.733.6775.

Contributions are tax deductible as provided by law.

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# Exhibit News

## “Cotton Harvest” Exhibit Great Success

Dr. Glen Fenter presents Mike Murphy from Fidelity National Bank a print of *Township II*, by Artists' Link member Jane Croy.



The “Cotton Harvest” exhibit opened with a crowd of as many as 200 participating in the festivities at Mid-South Community College. Sponsored by MSCC, Fidelity National Bank, the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Crittenden County Farm Bureau, and The Rockie Smith Endowment for the Arts and supported by the City of West Memphis Advertising & Promotion Commission, National Cotton Council of America and Cotton, Incorporated, the exhibition featured creative works by members of Artists' Link of Memphis. Visitors from around the Mid-South enjoyed the exhibit displayed in the Donald



Dr. Fenter makes a presentation to Llana Smith and her father, A.B. Smith, who represent The Rockie Smith Endowment for the Arts.



W. Reynolds Center, which included paintings, textiles, and three-dimensional works that focused on the history of cotton. •

Front left to right: Charlene Reed, Stanley Reed, President of Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Lynn Allen, member of MSCC Board of Trustees, and Todd Allen, Arkansas Farm Bureau Board member.

**Save the Date | Harry Benson | March 29—June, 2008**

**For more information about special events, contact Diane Ayres at 870.733.6777.**