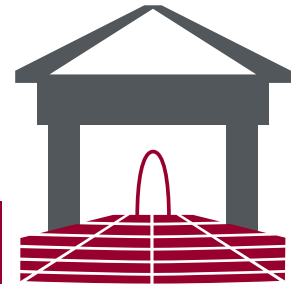


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Local Realtors, Comcast Endow Ralph Sloan Scholarship at MSCC

The Crittenden County Board of Realtors and Comcast Cable have teamed up to permanently endow the Ralph W. Sloan Scholarship at Mid-South Community College. Representatives of the local realtors' organization and Comcast recently presented MSCC President Dr. Glen Fenter with a \$20,000 check to formally fund the endowment.

"This is great for our students and our community," Dr. Fenter said. "We appreciate the Crittenden County Board of Realtors and Comcast for their commitment to investing in the future of our region. Our goal is to make higher education as accessible as possible for the people of Crittenden County, and scholarships of this nature help us provide additional opportunities within our community."

Established in 2003, the Ralph W. Sloan Scholarship recognizes the community contributions of the late Mr. Sloan, a long-time resident of West Memphis and former legal counsel to the Board of Realtors. As an attorney, Sloan served as a mentor and friend to realtors in Crittenden County for many years. Sloan served as the Board of Realtors' attorney until his death in May 1996.

From left to right: Jack Poff, President of the Crittenden County Board of Realtors; Dr. Glen Fenter, MSCC President; Ronnie Sturch, Chairman of the Ralph Sloan Scholarship Committee for the Realtors; George Smith of Comcast; and Patti Coleman, MSCC Foundation Director.



Bosch Tool Corporation Establishes Technical Scholarship

Long-time Mid-South Community College supporter Robert Bosch Tool Corporation recently donated \$5,000 to establish a technical scholarship for high school students involved in Skills USA.

Marion Littlejohn, Bosch Human Resource Manager, and Earl Wilson, Operations Director, presented the check at the October Foundation Board meeting.

"The Robert Bosch Tool Corporation has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to doing everything possible to improve the quality of the workforce in our region," said Foundation Director Patti Coleman. "We are very proud of our association with the folks at Bosch."

Bosch has made significant contributions to the MSCC effort in many ways.

"You can't do what we're doing without great partners, and Bosch Tool Corporation has been one of our most consistent and committed sponsors," said Dr. Glen Fenter, MSCC President.

For information on creating or contributing to a Foundation scholarship, please call Ms. Coleman at (870) 733-6764.



From left to right: Marion Littlejohn, Bosch; Patti Coleman, Foundation Director; Dr. Robert Gunter, MSCC VP of Workforce Technology; Earl Wilson, Bosch; Dr. Glen Fenter, MSCC President; and Mike Murphy, Foundation Chairman.



Ashworth Family Establishes MSCC Scholarship

Foundation Board of Directors member David Dodd and his wife Sherry, have established the Sam G. Ashworth Memorial Scholarship in memory of Sherry's recently deceased father. Mr. Ashworth was a retired farmer and very active in his community. Learn more about Mr. Ashworth and the scholarship in his memory on page two.

Foundation for our Future is published spring, summer, and fall in grateful recognition of loyal alumni, friends and community members who have provided financial support for the Foundation. Through their contributions, these individuals and businesses empower MSCC to provide outstanding educational programs and opportunities to Eastern Arkansas.

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

Message from the Director



It's hard to believe that 2009 is just around the corner! With our nation's economy the lead story on all the news channels, in all the newspapers, and on the minds of all of our citizens, many of us may be feeling somewhat overwhelmed. But we are a nation of strong faith and endurance, and we will emerge from this crisis with renewed hope and strength.

Across the country two-year colleges depend heavily on the generosity of individuals and businesses within their own communities, and right now MSCC needs your support more than ever. Because of today's economic challenges, many folks are out of work and turning to institutions like Mid-South Community College for retraining in a new skill such as nursing, computer networking, or diesel maintenance. Fortunately for our region, the MSCC Foundation offers scholarships in these fields as well as many others.

Additionally, parents are struggling to find the funds to send their children to college. The Goldsby Scholarship program may be the answer for some of these families. The program pays 100% of tuition costs for qualified 11th and 12th grade students to take courses at MSCC and receive both high school and college credit. This is a bonus for both students and parents in today's economy and a fantastic investment in the economic future of our region since post-secondary education is a proven catalyst for economic growth!

If you are the parent or grandparent of a high school student who benefited from the Goldsby scholarship program, you may want to consider making a gift in honor of the success of your child, which in turn will support future Goldsby Scholars.

While tuition at MSCC is among the lowest in the nation, many in our community still cannot afford the cost of higher education. That's where you can help... by making a donation to any of the 38 Foundation scholarships available here at your community college. And your gift is 100% tax deductible!

Finally, and most importantly, I want to acknowledge and thank all the generous folks who continue to support the Foundation. You make Mid-South Community College great! Please remember that no donation is too small and when added all together makes a tremendous difference in the lives of so many right here in our community.

Patti Coleman

Director Spotlight: Clara Ferron

Mid-South Community College Board of Directors



Serving for the last six years on the MSCC Foundation Board of Directors has been "truly inspirational," states Clara Barr Ferron. "What Dr. Fenter and this college have done for our community over the last 15 years is nothing short of amazing!"

Born in Birdeye, Ark., Ferron attended Grambling State University and earned a Bachelor of Science degree. One of her earliest jobs was working with dyslexic children at the Child Study Center in Baltimore, Md. She also served as a congressional representative to Congressman Bill Alexander and is now retired from the Arkansas State Parole Board.

She is active in many civic and charitable organizations in Crittenden County, including the Crittenden Arts Council, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the Department of Human Services SIS Board. Mrs. Ferron is also a past Trustee of MSCC.

"As a black female in an economically depressed region of Arkansas, it has been my privilege to serve for an institution that focuses on the needs of its community," she says. "Preparing our workforce for the jobs that are relevant to our area is a vital piece of what MSCC has accomplished, and I will continue to assist in the growth of this college in whatever capacity I can."

Mrs. Ferron, widowed after 25 years of marriage, has three sons: Ivan, a biology instructor; Karl, a photographer for the Baltimore Sun; and Allen, owner of a trucking enterprise. She is also the very proud grandmother of Alexia, age 4, and Allen, age 3, who live in Marianna, Ark.

Ashworth Family Establishes MSCC Scholarship

The family of the late Samuel G. Ashworth has established a scholarship in his memory through the Mid-South Community College Foundation.

The Sam Ashworth Memorial Scholarship provides a \$500 award each semester with residents of Hughes, Ark., being given special consideration. Mr. Ashworth, a former resident of Hughes, was very active in his community and served as president of the board of the St. Francis Levee District, chairman of the St. Francis County Democratic Party Election Commission, and a member of the board of the Federal Land Bank of Eastern Arkansas for 28 years, including 18 years as its president.

According to Mr. Ashworth's daughters, he loved his community and was always the first to volunteer at local functions within Crittenden County. A long-time member of the Hughes Lion's Club and the Hughes Hunting Club, Mr. Ashworth helped organize the Hughes Rural Water Association and served several terms as president. He also served on the Hughes School District board and the Fidelity National Bank board. In addition, Mr. Ashworth presided over the National Grain Corporation for 10 years.

Mr. Ashworth was married for 59 ½ years to the late Gladys Ashworth, and together they had three children; Samuel Lee Ashworth (deceased), Patsy Ashworth Bedford and Sherry Ashworth Dodd. Mr. Ashworth is also survived by his wife Willadean, 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Goldsby Scholarship Program

Since 2001, approximately 108 degrees and certificates awarded to previous Goldsby Scholars

To say Mid-South Community College is proud of the successful Goldsby Scholarship Program would be an understatement. Thanks to the generosity of Thomas B. Goldsby, Jr., the College is truly making a name for itself nationwide as previous Goldsby Scholars spread their wings. Based on records provided to the National Student Clearinghouse, approximately 657 previously-enrolled Goldsby Scholars have graduated from high school and have attended 99 different prestigious colleges and universities across the United States. Since 2001, Goldsby Scholars have earned approximately 108 degrees and certificates, including 9 certificates of proficiency, 20 associate's degrees, 70 bachelor's degrees, and 9 master's degrees. Students who have benefited from this unique scholarship program are beginning to establish themselves in the workforce, and they owe at least part of their success to Mr. Goldsby and Mid-South Community College. Mr. Goldsby made his initial \$500,000 pledge to this program in 2005, and in 2007 committed an additional \$500,000 to the scholarship effort. Even with Mr. Goldsby's overwhelming philanthropic spirit, the award fund is facing a \$100,000 deficit that will continue to grow as more students qualify for the scholarship. Despite the current and anticipated shortfall, MSCC made 150 scholarship awards for the 2008 fall semester.



Former Goldsby Scholar Jerry McKenzie, currently attending University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Foundation Luncheon Tours



The Foundation staff hosted Realtors of Crye-Leike Realty and leaders of several area civic groups for a luncheon tour of the MSCC campus in October. Foundation tours are designed to heighten awareness of MSCC's growth and needs, to showcase the beautiful campus, and to provide an opportunity for fellowship among attendees. If you would like to attend one of our luncheon tours, please contact Patti Coleman at 870-733-6764 or by email at pdcoleman@midsouthcc.edu.

Pictured left to right: Lydia Marconi, Marion Garden Club; Linda Franks, Crye-Leike Realty; Shirley Grady, Altrusa; Katy Berry, Crye-Leike Realty; and Linda Blair, Crye-Leike Realty.

Did you know... that the MSCC Foundation offices are now located at 350 College Boulevard?

Sanders Scholarship Recipient



The Sanders Family Memorial Scholarship, established this fall, has been awarded to Kacie Addleman, left, by the Mid-South Community College Foundation. Sherry Sanders Gray, right, and her husband Steve Gray (not pictured) established the scholarship in memory of Sherry's recently deceased father, Bobby Sanders. Sherry is a Social Science instructor at the college. The Sanders Family Memorial Scholarship is one of 38 individual and community awards available through the MSCC Foundation.

Buy a Brick... And Show Your Support for MSCC!



The Reynolds Center fountain area displays bricks from supporters of the MSCC Foundation. For a donation of \$250, you can leave your impression on our campus with an engraved brick in honor or memory of a loved one... makes a great Christmas, birthday, or anniversary gift! For more information, contact Donna Shaull at 870-733-6775 or email dkshaull@midsouthcc.edu.

Why Giving Pays

Not only do you receive the satisfaction of giving back to your community, but you can receive favorable tax treatments.

Please consider the following:

If you purchased stock for \$3,000 in 1992, which has appreciated in value to \$15,000, you can avoid the tax on the \$12,000 capital gains realized by a sale. By donating the stock to MSCC you can avoid capital gains tax and receive a \$15,000 charitable deduction limited to 30% of AGI.

If you have purchased stock that has now declined in value, it may be more beneficial to sell the stock and donate the cash proceeds from the sale to MSCC. This may allow you to claim both a capital loss and a charitable deduction.

If you would like further information about deferred gift options, please contact Patti Coleman at (870) 733-6764. Your gifts of support will help provide educational opportunities throughout the community.



As you consider your year-end tax planning, we hope you will consider making good use of the charitable income tax deduction. Your 2008 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 envelope included.



MSCC Foundation Scholarships

Endowed Scholarships

- Sean and Jennifer Coulter Memorial Scholarship
- John Gammon, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
- Roberta Jackson Memorial Scholarship
- Molly Whistle Paudert Scholarship
- Verneil and A.L. Reed Memorial Scholarship
- Ralph Sloan Memorial Scholarship
- Southland Park Gaming and Racing Scholarship
- Marvin Steele Scholarship
- Mary and John Wilson Memorial Scholarship

Annual Scholarships

- Todd Allen Scholarship
- Arkansas Greyhound Owners & Breeders Association Scholarship
- Sam G. Ashworth Memorial Scholarship
- Jimmie C. Barham Scholarship
- Reverend and Mrs. Zilmon Barr Memorial Scholarship
- Charley Bartholomew Memorial Scholarship
- Barbara A. Bird Memorial Scholarship
- Robert Bosch Tool Corporation Technical Scholarship
- Centurions for Christ Walter Bailey Memorial Scholarship
- Centurions for Christ Michael Waters Memorial Scholarship
- Crittenden County Farm Bureau Scholarship
- Crittenden National Bank Scholarship
- Robert Crittenden Chapter NSDAR Scholarship
- Reed C. and Frank G. Fogleman Scholarship
- Thomas B. Goldsby Jr. Scholarship for Concurrent Students
- Donna and Fred Goodfellow Scholarship
- Paul Gray Memorial Scholarship
- Roy L. Gray Working Man Scholarship
- David Herren Memorial Scholarship
- Hattie M. Kemp Memorial Scholarship
- La Coterie Scholarship
- MSCC Working Student Scholarship
- Maxine Neri Memorial Scholarship
- Sanders Family Memorial Scholarship
- Shelley and Jim Pugh Scholarship
- Jimmie Ladd Richardson Scholarship
- Rotary Partners in Education Scholarship
- Mary Meux Toney Scholarship
- Ford Turner Memorial Scholarship

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"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill

Upcoming Events

W.K. Ingram Drive & Lloyd McCuiston Drive Dedication

Dr. Glen Fenter, the Board of Trustees and members of the MSCC Foundation Board will formally dedicate the two main roads on campus with a ceremony in mid-December. The south campus road will honor the late State Senator W. K. Ingram. The north campus road will honor long-time legislator Lloyd McCuiston.

Santa & the All Star Band Concert

WMHS Performing Arts Center

Sunday, December 14, 2008 | 2:00pm

Catch the spirit and enjoy some great music! Students in both the Jazz Ensemble class and the Vocal Music class will perform under the direction of Wally Fowler and Doug Conwill. Held inside the beautiful West Memphis High School Performing Arts Center, the one hour concert will feature some traditional holiday favorites with a new twist. The North Pole has confirmed Santa Claus will be in attendance to greet guests and offer hot chocolate & candy canes for everyone. Cameras are welcome!

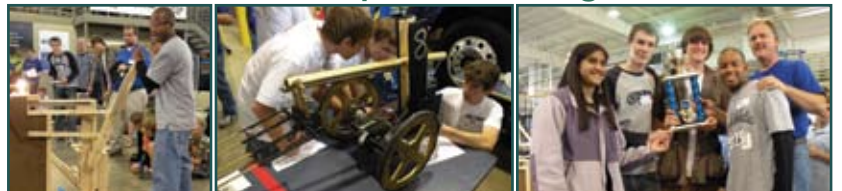
Travelin' Tailgate, Fall 2008

Fans young and old enjoyed hot dogs, chips, cookies, bottled water & lots of fun before the area high school football games this fall courtesy of our partner sponsors.



Special thanks go to Travelin' Tailgate Sponsors: Crittenden County Farm Bureau, Fidelity National Bank, First Community Bank, The Evening Times & Guaranty Loan & Real Estate.

BEST Robotics Competition – Huge Success



For 6 weeks this fall, teams of middle, junior and high school students used science and engineering skills to develop, design, and build robots to compete at MSCC on Nov. 1st. More than 400 spectators gathered inside the Workforce Technology Center to watch schools from across the region compete head to head in challenging tasks of strategy and skill.

Interested in a group tour? Need a program or speaker for your organization?

Want to learn more about the changes on our campus?

Contact Diane Ayres at (870) 733-6777 or dayres@midsouthcc.edu for more information.