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Assistant DOL Secretary Formally Announces \$6.4 Million in Grants

The Assistant Secretary of Labor pledged her continued support of workforce training and economic development initiatives in the Delta, and Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe announced state support as well during a reception at Mid-South Community College on Feb. 23.

The guest of honor, Emily Stover DeRocco, formally announced more than \$6 million in funding to aid in the economic revitalization of the Delta.

“As a second generation WIRED (Workforce Innovations in Regional Economic Development) region, the Bush Administration’s Labor Department will invest \$5 million in the Arkansas Delta,” she said. “These funds are obviously not meant to pay for the entire plan but are instead to act as seed capital, catalyzing and leveraging other resources.

“I will also take this opportunity to announce another grant of \$1.3 million to the state and to Mid-South Community College for the development of curriculum and training of workers in the transportation and logistics industry. The Labor Department has now invested over \$12 million in transforming the economy of the Arkansas Delta,” DeRocco said. “And when combined with other awards such as from the National Science Foundation, the federal commitment to this region is significant. I am very proud that the



Big Checks Presented—From left, Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Labor Emily DeRocco, Congressman Marion Berry, and MSCC President Dr. Glen Fenter, participate in the check presentation ceremony.

U.S. Department of Labor is able to support the work in this area.”

Dr. Glen Fenter, MSCC president, thanked Assistant Secretary DeRocco on behalf of the ADWIRED partners who include Mid-

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Rep. Berry Commends MSCC President in Congressional Record



Congressional Record Recognition—Congressmen Marion Berry presented Dr. Glen Fenter with a framed and signed copy of the entry he authored for inclusion in the Congressional Record. Also pictured are Dr. Fenter’s wife Jody, his daughter-in-law Sara, and his son Jerry.

In recognition of a man he considers “a strong leader, a true friend, and a great American,” Congressman Marion Berry has included MSCC President Dr. Glen Fenter in the permanent history of the country.

Congressman Berry recently presented Dr. Fenter with a framed plaque that features the declaration he made in front of fellow members of the U.S. House of Representatives during the 109th Congress.

“This is something I’ve been trying to get done for a good long time,” Congressman Berry said. “Members of Congress lead a life,

other than running around all over the place, that’s not much different from anyone else. We go through that aggravating line at the airport just like everybody else does. We don’t have chauffeured limousines that pick us up and take us places. And you would probably be shocked at the some of the apartments that we have in Washington D.C.”

“But the one thing we can do that no one else can do is put something in the Congressional Record. Once this is done, it becomes a permanent part of the United States Congress

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Annual Fund Employee Match



Ritter Arnold

The 2006–2007 Annual Fund Campaign aims to gain the support of all College employees, members of the Foundation Board of Directors and members of the College Board of Trustees. This goal was given a tremendous boost last fall by Ritter Arnold of the Foundation Board. Arnold pledged to match, dollar for dollar, all new employee gifts to the Foundation. Spurred on by this challenge, the College's employees have so far tripled their rate of giving as compared to 2005–2006. We thank Ritter Arnold for providing an extra incentive for our fund-raising efforts, and thanks also to the MSCC employees who have stepped forward!

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South, Arkansas Northeastern College, Arkansas State University-Newport, East Arkansas Community College, and Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas.

"I'm not really certain how you say 'thank you' for a little over \$6 million, but we'll give it our best shot," he said. "Obviously, we're humbled by your faith in our efforts. I know that my colleagues share with me our pledge to do everything we can to make certain that your faith in us is well placed." ♦

Rep. Berry Commends MSCC President in Congressional Record *continued from page one*

and will endure for as long as this nation endures, and you will be able to go to the Library of Congress or the Internet and look it up a thousand years from now. Then you can look back and see what I had to say about someone I think is very special. I do this for people that I think have made a significant contribution to making life better in our communities."

Dr. Fenter, who has been president of MSCC since its inception, said the honor is overwhelming.

"I consider this an incredibly significant honor," Dr. Fenter said. "The sincerity of this gesture is deeply moving to me and my family. It is made all the more meaningful because it comes from a man who is so clearly focused on serving the people in such a selfless and professional manner. I consider Congressman Marion Berry the consummate role model and recognize that the great things happening in the Delta are coming as a direct result of his unwavering commitment and dedication to the people he serves." ♦

New Scholarships News



Mr. Bart Turner, a newly appointed Director of the Foundation, has established the **Ford Turner Scholarship** fund. This fund will support one or two deserving students in 2007–2008.



The **Jim and Shelley Pugh Scholarship** fund was established by Stewart Title Company in honoring Jim Pugh's service to that firm. It will be awarded for the Fall 2007 semester.



The **John Gammon Endowed Scholarship** fund has been established with funds given in memory of John Gammon, one of the community's most influential citizens. It will support at least two students in the 2007–2008 academic year.

THANK YOU

to our outgoing board members for their years of service and dedication.

Randy Catt
Sally Denton Saig
Donny Underwood

William W. Clarke
Ness Sechrest

WELCOME

to our new board members.

We look forward to working with you.

Dr. Daniel L. Bird
Charles Elliott
Charley Sorrels
Wm. Bart Turner
Brian Williams

Candy Carlson
David Jett
Marvin Steele
Stewart Weaver

IN MEMORY OF PAUL GRAY

Mid-South Community College has lost a dear friend and long-time employee 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 Paul Gray family. A Paul Gray Memorial Bench will be placed in front of the Workforce Technology Center. Those wishing to contribute to this memorial should send donations to Anna Marotti at the Foundation Office.



Maxine Neri Memorial Scholarship



Todd Allen Scholarship



Mary Meux Toney Scholarship



A. L. and Verneil Reed Scholarship



Jimmie C. Barham Scholarship



Robert Crittenden Chapter NSDAR Scholarship



Roy L. Gray Working Man Scholarship



Reverend and Mrs. Zilmon E. Barr Memorial Scholarship



Centurions for Christ Sgt. Glen Bailey Memorial Scholarship/Centurions for Christ Michael Waters Memorial Scholarship



Jimmie Ladd Richardson Scholarship



Southland Greyhound Park Employee Dependents Scholarship



Hattie M. Kemp Memorial Scholarship



Crittenden National Bank Scholarship



Roberta Jackson Memorial Scholarship



Crittenden County Farm Bureau Scholarship



Ralph W. Sloan Memorial Scholarship



La Coterie Scholarship



Rotary Partners in Education Scholarship

2007 Scholarship Luncheon

A Message from the Director



In October 2006 I extended a fifty year academic career by joining the MSCC Foundation as Director of Advancement.

These last few months have been all I could have hoped for. The College Community, Foundation Directors and College Trustees have been most welcoming and cooperative. As the Foundation's chief fund raiser I have focused on Annual Giving, whether it is for scholarships or general support of the College. Dollars count, but the number of donors is also a measure of an institution's health. I'm gratified to report that both are up substantially over 2005–2006. This Newsletter reports on three new scholarship funds and a pledge challenging all employees to become donors. I hope many more members of this community will add their names to the donor list.

Calendar of Events

March

26 *Snoopy as the World War I Flying Ace*
Reynolds Center, through April 27

April

2 **Crittenden Arts Regional Art Show**
North Campus, through April 21

12 **President's Reception**
Reynolds Center, 6:30pm

21 **Regional Art Show Reception**
North Campus, 1:00-2:00pm

April 2007 Career Expo
Reynolds Center, 10:00am – 2:00pm

May

9 **Graduate Luncheon**
Magruder Hall, 12:00 Noon

10 **Graduation**
Civic Auditorium, 7:00pm

Snoopy Flying in for Visit to Mid-South Community College

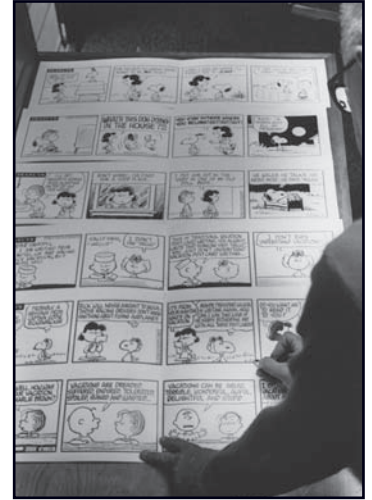
Snoopy as the World War I Flying Ace

A collection of 40 comic strips depicting the beloved beagle's most exciting adventures, will be on display at Mid-South Community College beginning March 26 through April 27.

Viewing hours are 8:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m. Monday–Thursday, and 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. on Fridays in the Donald W. Reynolds Center for Educational Excellence.

Snoopy as the World War I Flying Ace is organized by Exhibits USA and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, The Charles M. Schultz Museum & Research Center and supported locally by the City of West Memphis Advertising & Promotion Commission and Southland Park Gaming & Racing.

For more information on the exhibition or other special events at the college, please call 870.733.MSCC.



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