



MID-SOUTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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MSCC Foundation Honors Donors, Scholarship Recipients at Reception

Mid-South Community College’s Foundation honored donors and recognized recipients at the 2015 Scholarship Reception on April 16. The annual event also included special recognition of the recently endowed Grover Lloyd Memorial Scholarship and a tribute to the late Thomas B. Goldsby Jr.

“To the students, today is fantastic day and a tribute to the hard work that you’ve put forward to earn and to maintain these wonderful scholarships,” said Franklin Fogleman, chair of the MSCC Foundation Board of Directors, when addressing the sizeable crowd. “This faculty, this administration, and these donors all believe in you. Do not give up. Continue to focus on yourself and your future.

“To our donors, this event is about the students, but our achievements are all because of you. The generous support that the community gives the Mid-South



Community College Foundation to make 75 scholarships available is a great testament to the future of this institution, this community, and our students. Please take a moment and consider the lives that you are impacting, and let that inspire you to keep up the challenge of changing lives.”

MSCC President Dr. Glen Fenter said the scholarship recognition program is one of his favorite events.

“Next to graduation, I think this is the most profound and important experience that we create on campus. It is our contention that there’s nothing like connecting people who are providing resources that are so vitally important to the future of these young people with the young people, the students, who are being supported.”



“For our donors to meet the recipients, see the positive opportunities that they are creating in our students’ lives, and witness the potential that can occur when folks are given just a little extra assistance to try to overcome significant obstacles is priceless.”

Dr. Fenter also recognized Board of Trustees members for their “great leadership and stewardship of this community’s resources in pushing this effort forward” and Foundation Board directors “whose job it is to get out and help us create the kinds of resources that we’re celebrating.”

Diane Hampton, MSCC Vice President for Institutional Advancement, said the scholarships represent about \$320,000 in annual giving. She mentioned all of the awards by name, asked donors to raise their hands, and then directed students to note their location “so at the end of this event you can connect with them and thank them personally.”

She also addressed the Grover Lloyd Memorial Scholarship, created and endowed by Brenda Lloyd Barber and Cathy Lloyd Rice. Hampton said Lloyd, who spent the

majority of his life meeting the technology and machine maintenance and repair need of area farmers, “epitomized the MSCC slogan, “Start Here. Go Anywhere.””

The scholarship is open to Aviation Maintenance Technology, Process Technology, and Diesel Technology students, “all of which will benefit modern-day farming,” Hampton pointed out.



Dr. Fenter discussed Mr. Goldsby’s efforts to change lives through his concurrent-enrollment scholarship.

“Tommy had a very serious, heartfelt concern for those who were less fortunate. His vision for providing affordable and accessible higher education in Crittenden County is remarkable. You hear a lot

in Arkansas about the El Dorado Promise. The El Dorado Promise touches nowhere near the numbers of lives in nearly as significant a way as the Goldsby Scholarship.”

Since its inception in 2001, the Goldsby program has made 3,803 awards and helped students earn 21,669 college credit hours. Based on tuition at a major Arkansas university, the amount saved by students, parents, and families is more than \$15.5 million.

“I consider it a distinct honor to have had the chance to work with Mr. Goldsby and certainly to help create a model which took his resources and affected so many lives in such a positive way. Tommy did not have to be as generous with his resources as he was; there was nothing to gain for Tommy Goldsby.

“He was giving money in many instances to people who did not know him, would never know him, and who could never in any way, shape, form, or fashion positively

assist him. He did it because he cared. Please thank Sandy and the family for their generosity.”

Dr. Fenter also encouraged the crowd to “recognize the power of the model and help us sustain it. When you’re thinking about how you’re going to invest your money, recognize that there are creative opportunities that already exist on our campus to powerfully impact the lives of others, and the Goldsby Scholarship is one of the prime examples.”

The college is supplementing the Goldsby Family investment with about \$100,000 of its own funds each semester.

“We need your support to be able to sustain this effort,” Dr. Fenter said. “Community colleges in our state today are funded at the same levels they were in 2006. So coming up with \$100,000 a year, even to sustain a tremendous program, is a burden on our institution. We gladly bear that burden, but we certainly need your help to sustain it.”

Fogleman closed the program by announcing the “Campaign for Hope,” a \$250,000 fund-raising effort to endow a scholarship in Dr. Fenter’s honor. The president



will leave his position on June 30 to continue his efforts toward regional economic development as chief executive officer of the Greater Memphis Alliance for a Competitive Workforce.

“I respectfully request that you join me in supporting this campaign,” Fogleman said.

For information about establishing a scholarship or contributing to an existing award, please contact Elizabeth Williams at (870) 733-6764 or ecwilliams@midsouthcc.edu or see the college’s website at www.midsouthcc.edu.