Three New Scholarships Support Culinary and Welding Programs

Grants Support Veterans Center and Unique Art Projects

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Dear Friends of the Schoolcraft College Foundation,

Thank you for another great year for the Schoolcraft College Foundation. It is because of your efforts that our students are able to pursue their dreams.

In addition to scholarships, the Foundation is currently in the process of funding over $100,000 in specific requests from faculty and staff for the 2015-2016 year to enable them to implement projects that have enhanced the teaching and learning process. As a result of this type of funding arrangement, we are currently providing needed support to the Veterans Center and to the Music and Art Kinetic Project.

We have been fortunate to receive some new scholarships from individuals closely affiliated with the school. We have two new Culinary Scholarships, one from Chef Leopold Schaeli, a former faculty member, and a bequest from the Stefani Family Endowment. A new Welding faculty member has also established a scholarship.

Effective July, I will be ending my term as President. It has been a distinct honor to serve the Schoolcraft College Foundation in this capacity. I will be succeeded by Elizabeth Johnson, Esq. Elizabeth has been devoted to Schoolcraft College for many years and will provide great leadership as we move into the future.

Thank you so much for your support. Should you at any time wish to discuss the direction of the Foundation or provide feedback, please feel free to contact me or Elizabeth through Beth Kohler, our Director.

Gary Gabel, Ed.D.
President
Schoolcraft College Foundation

Planned Giving is a Great Way to Leave a Legacy and Help Future of Schoolcraft College

There are a variety of ways to donate to the Schoolcraft College Foundation, but one method that may provide you with additional financial benefits is Planned Giving.

A planned gift is a present decision to make a future gift to the Schoolcraft College Foundation, either a number of years from now or at death.

Planned givers can use a variety of financial vehicles to donate, including:
- Charitable bequests made in a will or trust.
- Gift annuities or charitable remainder trusts.
- Naming the Schoolcraft College Foundation as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy.
- Gifts of stocks, bonds, mutual funds or real estate.

In addition to establishing a legacy in your name through planned giving, some of these donations may help lower your estate taxes, avoid some capital gains taxes and even enable you to receive a charitable deduction.

For more information on planned giving options, please contact the Schoolcraft College Foundation at (734) 462-4455 or via email at bkohler@schoolcraft.edu.
This past year, the Schoolcraft College Foundation received two donations that will benefit students—a $50,000 scholarship endowment for Culinary students and an annual named scholarship fund that will be available to students in Schoolcraft College's Welding program.

The $50,000 Stefani Family Scholarship Endowment was created through a bequest from the estate of Schoolcraft College supporter William R. Stefani and will be used to provide assistance to students in Schoolcraft College's culinary program who are enrolled in at least six credit hours and have a minimum 2.5 grade point average. The annual Foundation Welding Scholarship will provide similar assistance for welding students who are enrolled in at least three credit hours in a welding course.

“These types of endowments and named scholarship funds can make the dream of getting an education at Schoolcraft College a reality for many students, and we appreciate the on-going support that members of the community and Schoolcraft family continue to provide,” said Beth Kohler, director of development for the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

If you are interested in establishing an endowed or named scholarship fund at Schoolcraft College, please call the Schoolcraft College Foundation at (734) 462-4455 or visit scf.schoolcraft.edu.
The Schoolcraft College Foundation provided financial support for two very different happenings at the college in 2014—the grand opening of the Veteran’s Resource Center, located in the McDowell Center on campus, and the unique Music and Art Kinetic Installation Project, a collaboration of art and music classes.

The new Veterans Resource Center provides a variety of services to military members and veterans who are prospective or current students. These services include assistance with the VA educational benefits application process, planning a program of study in accordance with Schoolcraft and VA policies and guidelines, and acting as a liaison between the veteran and the VA, to name a few. A $3,400 grant from the Schoolcraft College Foundation helped fund the purchase of artwork for the new Veterans Resource Center, host a luncheon and celebration for all student, staff and faculty veterans on Veterans Day (November 11) and purchase shirts for students in the newly created Student Veterans Club.

The Music and Art Kinetic Installation project, funded with a $4,300 grant, represented a rare cross-disciplinary activity for Schoolcraft art and music students and provided an opportunity for them to be creative in a high-tech environment and share their creative efforts with the entire campus. This was a Fall 2014 semester collaboration project among students from Professor Sarah Olson’s Painting class and Professor Barton Polot’s Synthesizer Ensemble.

During the course, the painting and music students worked together to create an improvisational, kinetic work. After several plenary meetings, a process took form; each music student would compose a short 30-second piece based on a color featured in one of the four panels jointly created by the painting students.

Polot said this project highlights the concept of synesthesia, where a sensation is produced in one modality when a stimulus is applied to another modality, as when a certain sound induces the visualization of a specific color.

The students were supplied basic construction materials for the project, such as lumber, piping, fabric, lighting, computer and audio technology, wiring and other miscellaneous hardware. They then had a $500 budget that was used for purchasing other items for their installation.

The kinetic component occurred when the composed music activates the lights installed within the rectangular, welded structure. The lights, in turn, activate the colors painted on the transparent Plexiglas panels. The sounds and rhythms in each musical composition bring the colors to life when they appear to change in response to the music.

Once the project was planned, the students had two months to devote to the creation and construction of the installation. The installation was assembled and installed November 18, 2014 in the VisTaTech Center and remained in place on the campus for a week to allow other students to enjoy this unique project’s results.
Scholarship Helps Student Pursue Dreams of Attending Medical School

Schoolcraft College student Dania Baraka has her sights set on going to medical school one day, and as the Foundation Scholar for 2014, having the majority of her school expenses paid off for two semesters by the scholarship she received really kept her on a path to reach her academic goals.

“The scholarship I was so blessed to receive definitely helped me and my future endeavors,” she said. “Having this scholarship meant I got to spend more time studying for classes rather than picking up extra shifts to help my father pay off my tuition.”

With many of her friends going away to college, Dania was leery at first about going to Schoolcraft College, but that quickly changed when she got involved.

“I am glad I went to Schoolcraft, but my first term I wasn’t very involved,” she said. “But I started to make friends in my classes and became more active and that made a big difference.”

Those activities included becoming a member of the Honor Society and being a mentor in the Freshman Focus component of the University Bound program. She also is the co-founder of the Schoolcraft College Chemistry Club.

Dania plans to attend Wayne State University and earn a bachelor of science in biochemistry before applying for medical school, where she hopes to specialize in pediatrics.

“I hope to help children in any way I possibly can, and by being a pediatrician I know I can make them smile when they are sick or feeling sad,” Baraka said.
Leopold Schaeili, one of the first master chefs in the United States and a retired Schoolcraft College Culinary instructor, has donated $20,000 to the Schoolcraft College Foundation to fund a scholarship in his name for Culinary Arts students.

The Chef Leopold Schaeli Scholarship will provide five deserving Culinary Arts students with $1,500 each to be used for tuition over a two-year period beginning the Fall, 2015 term at Schoolcraft College. The scholarship requires students to be enrolled in the program full-time during both the Fall and Winter semesters in one of the Culinary Core Curriculums.

According to Chef Chris Misiak, an instructor in the Culinary Arts program, the scholarship really mirrors the importance Chef Leopold Schaeili places on learning culinary skills at a young age.

“When he was young, Chef Leopold was in an apprentice culinary program in Switzerland during World War II, and that started him on a career path that led him to be a chef in Istanbul, New York and he was also in the second graduating class for master chefs in the U.S.,” Misiak said.

“Ultimately he came to the Detroit area and was the chef at the popular Machus Red Fox restaurant and also taught here at Schoolcraft,” Misiak added. “But he always looks back at the great experience he gained when he was in the apprentice program, and he wants this scholarship to provide the opportunity for young, talented local students to gain a similar experience here at Schoolcraft College.”

Chef Misiak said that the Culinary Arts Department is placing a lot of emphasis on high school students who have been involved in cooking competitions like the Michigan Prostart Competition when determining which applicants qualify for this scholarship.

“We have so many talented young people in the area involved in culinary, and we hope this scholarship will help continue our tradition of supporting the local community and bringing many of these area students to Schoolcraft to continue their education in Culinary Arts,” Misiak concluded.
Targeted fundraising efforts directed at alumni, friends, staff and faculty helped raise more than $179,000 for the Schoolcraft College Foundation Empowering Students annual giving campaign in 2014, a 70 percent increase over the 2013 campaign.

“So many people have a love and passion for Schoolcraft College, and it really shows when you see how generous they are in their giving each year,” said Beth Kohler, director of development for the Schoolcraft College Foundation. “This was one of the most successful campaigns we have had in the past few years.”

A part of that came from the Schoolcraft College Foundation’s first ever participation in the global initiative Giving Tuesday campaign, a day (Tuesday, December 2) where charities, families, businesses, community centers and students around the world come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give.

Kohler said a total of 266 individuals, businesses and organizations donated to the 2014-2015 annual giving campaign, an increase of more than 17 percent over the previous year. The funds raised provide scholarships, grants and learning enhancements for students and the campus community, including those that are highlighted in this issue.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 20 to make sure you don’t miss the 2015 Schoolcraft College Foundation Culinary Extravaganza. This annual celebration of food and wine is a fundraiser to benefit Schoolcraft College students and the Culinary Arts program.

The event will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the VisTaTech Center on Schoolcraft College’s Livonia Campus. For more information, call the Schoolcraft College Foundation office at (734) 462-4463.
Schoolcraft College Will Add Baseball and Softball Programs in 2016

Schoolcraft College will be adding women’s softball and men’s baseball as two new sports to their intercollegiate athletic program offerings beginning with the 2015-16 school year. The college now will be sponsoring 12 varsity sports under the sanction of the National Junior College Athletic Association. The teams will compete at the Division III (non-athletic scholarship) level. Both teams will be scheduled to play against statewide community colleges belonging to the Michigan Community College Athletic Association in the Spring term of 2016.

“With all of the local high schools in the area that offer softball and baseball to their students, it is a natural fit to offer them at Schoolcraft for those student-athletes who would like to continue their playing career while experiencing a rigorous, attainable and goal-oriented education,” said Sid Fox, Athletic Director at Schoolcraft College.

Rob Fay has been hired to serve as Head Baseball Coach and Rey Linares is the new Head Softball Coach.

Currently recruiting prospective players, both coaches have extensive connections and relationships in the southeast Michigan baseball and softball communities and have run vital baseball programs in high school, demonstrating their abilities to attract and retain student-athletes and manage teams of young adults effectively.

To make a donation to the Athletic Department, baseball or softball teams, please contact The Foundation at (734) 462-4455.

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