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NEWSLETTER OF THE SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE FOUNDATION - SPRING 2014 EDITION

Dear Friends of the Schoolcraft College Foundation,

Because of you we are able to provide scholarships to students who otherwise would not be able to study at Schoolcraft. We often say that "Schoolcraft changes lives," and there are countless stories that cause this statement to ring true for our students.

In addition to scholarships, the Foundation funded over \$90,000 in specific grant requests from faculty and staff this year, enabling them to implement projects that enhance the teaching and learning process for our students.

The Foundation has also been engaged in a Strategic Planning Initiative that will take us well into the summer and possibly beyond. One of our major goals is to create ways to keep you better informed about everything happening at Schoolcraft College.

Another key focus of the Foundation is to make it easier for students to access scholarships through the implementation of a new online scholarship application system provided by Academic Works. We have included an article about this initiative below.



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 through Beth Kohler, our Director of Development at (734) 462-4619 or at *bkohler@schoolcraft.edu*.

Gary Gabel, Ed.D. President Schoolcraft College Foundation

### College Launches New Scholarship Application System for Students

The Schoolcraft College Foundation and the Student Financial Services Department have partnered to improve the scholarship application process for students through the implementation of the the online Schoolcraft Scholarship Search and Application Service (SSAS), provided by Academic Works.

Current and prospective students can easily view Foundation, institutional, and departmental scholarships from anywhere using a computer or mobile device. A single application will automatically match students to scholarships based on their profile.

Implementation of the system will simplify the application process and streamlines the awards process, too.

"We are excited about the new system and what it will mean for our students," said Marjorie Lynch, events and scholarship coordinator. "This will help us provide greater access for students pursuing their education."

The next phase of implementation of the SSAS will include a portal containing information about scholarship donors, their generosity, and their intention for the scholarships they fund.

Visit **www.schoolcraft.edu/scholarships** for more information about the SSAS and available scholarships.

For information on how to create a scholarship, please call the Foundation at (734) 462-4455.

Donors, College & Community Partners Create Unique Community College Research Program

The Undergraduate Biological Research Internship (UBRI) created by adjunct faculty member Dr. David O'Hagan, provides students with early and practical exposure to biological research, under the mentorship of faculty and industry leaders.

Through funding by the Schoolcraft College Foundation Grants Program, and rent-free laboratory space at the Michigan Life Science and Innovation Center (MLSIC, operated by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation), the initiative has helped to formulate biological research projects that have received considerable interest from the research community and has launched the careers of several of its participants.

Most notably, five Schoolcraft students, Lydia Austin, Hossein Zabihian, Daniel O'Hagan, Cayla Lockard, and Megan Krajewski, received support from leaders in the field for their genetic engineering design to produce gasoline from algae, that has lead to a tri-state collaboration with pioneers in bio-fuel development and has led to collaborations with Arizona State University and Michigan State University to scale up the biofuels initiative to explore its commercial viability.

As the project grew, the need for resources grew with it, catching the attention of Art (Rocky) and Diane Rockall, creators of the Rockall Fund at Schoolcraft College. After a presentation by UBRI participants and faculty, the Rockall's generously provided the resources to fund the URBI for the remainder of the 2013-2014 academic year.

The combined efforts of Schoolcraft College, the Schoolcraft College Foundation, the MLSIC, and the generosity of Art and Diane Rockall and other donors who have provided unrestricted gifts, will allow the UBRI to continue to provide students with the opportunity to pursue research and provide access to technical training inspiring a new generation of innovators and scientists who will shape the future of biotechnology.

Photos Top to Bottom:

UBRI students McKenzie Hayes and Heather Gill purify RNA from Mcf7 breast cancer cells.

Dr. David O'Hagan and student Hollie Amburgey culture the breast cancer cells.

Student Justin Robinson looks at the breast cancer cells.





Dr. Gary Gabel, 1969 Schoolcraft College alumnus, donor and Schoolcraft College Foundation President, addresses guests at the Annual Scholarship Luncheon.

Brittany James, recipient of Jodi Latuszek Life Transformed Scholarship, and Marguerite Kirby, Alumni Advisory Committee Member, listen to the program presented at the Annual Scholarship Luncheon.

### Scholarship Lunch Brings Together Students & Donors

The Annual Scholarship Lunch on March 13 brought together donors, students, staff, alumni and faculty to celebrate the generosity of our scholarship donors and the accomplishments of their student recipients. Foundation Board President and 1969 alumnus, Dr. Gary Gabel, spoke about his experiences as a high school student in Detroit and as a first generation college student at Schoolcraft. Dr. Gabel went on to earn his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan Dearborn, master's degree in economics from the University of Detroit, and a doctorate in human resource development from George Washington University. He and his wife, Lisa, wanted to give back to the institution that meant so much to their success and have established the Gary and Lisa Gabel Scholarship Endowment.

Chelsea Roach, Schoolcraft nursing student and scholarship recipient spoke about what it meant to receive a scholarship. (Read more about Chelsea's story on page 5.)

Victoria Rexius, manager of alumni and donor relations, discussed "Life Transformed," a scholarship program created in celebration of the college's 50 year history of transforming lives. Alumni submitted essays describing the way in which their lives were transformed by Schoolcraft College. Two alumni authors received the honor of having a one-time scholarship awarded in their name. Brittany James received a \$1,000 scholarship in honor of Jodi Latuszek, class of 2001, and Stephen Weldon received a \$500 scholarship in honor of Alfred Walgenbach, class of 1967.

For more information about creating or donating to a scholarship fund call (734) 462-4455.

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CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE STUDENTS



Full-time Schoolcraft College nursing student, Chelsea Roach spoke to donors, faculty, students and staff at the Annual Scholarship Luncheon on March 13. She is pictured with 2008 Schoolcraft College alumni and friend Dinnes McGill.

# Scholarship Lessens Burden of Student Loans for Schoolcraft Student

Schoolcraft College nursing student Chelsea Roach's parents saved throughout her childhood for her college education. When her mom passed away, the family income was cut in half and her college fund was needed to keep the family home. Chelsea chose to come to Schoolcraft because it is close to home, affordable, and her sister had also earned her nursing degree from Schoolcraft. Attending part-time for four years prior to being accepted into the nursing program, Chelsea paid for her college tuition by working part-time at a nursing home in Westland and secured an interest bearing student loan. "I wish I had known about scholarships sooner," stated Chelsea. "I had no idea."

Chelsea was able to cancel \$1,500 in student loans this year when she was awarded the Father Wojcik Memorial Scholarship Endowment, created in 1970 to honor Father Francis Wojcik as a tribute to his good work. The endowment provides scholarships for deserving students.

"I was thrilled to learn I would receive a scholarship," said Chelsea. "It's going to be a long and difficult road, but success is my only option and support of the Foundation made it that much more possible."

Chelsea plans to attend Eastern Michigan University to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. She hopes to earn a Master of Science degree in nursing from the University of Michigan and become a pediatric psychiatric nurse practitioner and help children with mental health challenges.



# Donors & Volunteers Honored at Annual Appreciation Dinner

In the spirit of generosity, celebration and achievement the Foundation hosted more than 200 guests at the Annual Appreciation Dinner. New members of the Henry Rowe Schoolcraft Society and the Bell Tower Society were honored and the efforts of the many volunteers who make the Foundation a success were celebrated.

The Henry Rowe Schoolcraft Society was established to honor and recognize donors who support Schoolcraft College through planned gifts. The Bell Tower Society recognizes individuals and organizations that have donated cumulative gifts of \$10,000 or more to the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

The program featured Dee Tait, Schoolcraft College nursing alumni and Foundation Scholarship recipient, who spoke about her life experience and appreciation for what Schoolcraft College represents to people who are looking for a second chance. Todd Stowell, director of student activities, and members of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) presented "A Perfect Match", describing how members of PTK were able to secure funding from donors Art (Rocky) and Diane Rockall and the Rockall Fund to attend their PTK national leadership conference.

Guests were treated to a performance by Terri Lamb, aka "Math Mom," faculty facilitator and mathematics learning specialist for the Learning Assistance Center, about the Jump Start Math Program and the Peer Assisted Learning program.

The Schoolcraft College Foundation was honored to recognize the Foundation's most generous benefactors and those individuals who dedicate their time in support of The Foundation and student success.

#### Photos Top to Bottom:

Terri Lamb, Learning Assistance Center staff, and students from the PAL program perform for guests at the Appreciation Dinner. Schoolcraft College Foundation Scholarship recipient and 2013 nursing alumna Dee Tait speaks to donors and volunteers in attendance.

Guests of the Appreciation Dinner enjoy food prepared by the Schoolcraft Culinary Program students.



# 2014 Golf Classic Fore Scholarships

Register now for the Annual Golf Classic Fore Scholarships Monday, June 2, 2014 at the beautiful Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon, Michigan. Join us for a fun and challenging day on the links followed by a banquet, awards presentation and silent auction. The golf outing supports scholarship opportunities at Schoolcraft College and academic excellence for our students. To register a team or become a valued sponsor visit *scf.schoolcraft.edu/golfscholarships* or call Marjorie Lynch at (734) 462-4518.



Schoolcraft College Foundation President Dr. Gary Gabel, John N. Santeiu, Jr., Judy Santeiu, and Schoolcraft College President Dr. Conway Jeffress.

# Donors Plan for Foundation Future & Their Own Through Charitable Gift Annuity

We know that leaving a legacy for your family and loved ones is important. We also know that donors understand the importance of planning for the future of Schoolcraft College to ensure that the needs of the college and the students and communities it serves will be met now and in the future. Planned giving is a way to make a charitable gift that is not only favorable to you, but may also provide financial benefits to you and your family. One such vehicle is a Charitable Gift Annuity.

A Charitable Gift Annuity is created through a gift of cash or property to the Schoolcraft College Foundation. In exchange, the Foundation guarantees a fixed interest rate and payment to you for one or two lives. This allows a donor to make a gift to the Foundation and receive a fixed income from that gift for the future.

Long-time supporters of Schoolcraft College, John and Judy Santeiu, realized the benefits of such a gift and established a Charitable Gift Annuity with the Schoolcraft College Foundation last fall with a gift of \$25,000.

"Schoolcraft College's ability to assess evolving needs and in short order create programs to fulfill them has kept us enthused about its mission," said John Santieu, Jr. "We were impressed early on with its ability to provide a quality and affordable education to our surrounding communities."

For more information about establishing a charitable gift annuity with the Schoolcraft College Foundation or information on other planned giving vehicles, please call (734) 462-4455 or visit *scf.schoolcraft.edu/give-planned*.



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