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A newsletter for retirees of Schoolcraft College



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# LETTER FROM THE SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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Fall 2022

Dear Friends,

As Fall ends and the weather is getting colder, it's a good time to grab a blanket, sit back with a cup of coffee and catch up on some of the things happening at Schoolcraft.

Working with the Retiree Committee has been a great experience. We are enjoying getting together in-person for more activities and our dynamic committee is active in planning activities for Schoolcraft retirees and helping the Foundation and College as volunteers.

While times are challenging, Schoolcraft and its retirees remain committed to helping support students and the communities served by the College.

This year, Stuart Baker has volunteered to lead the Retiree Committee not only as a retiree, but also as a liaison in his role as a Schoolcraft Foundation Board Member. I would also like to thank Deb Dani for stepping up as *The Henry Herald* Editor.

Thank you all for your service to Schoolcraft and, please, ENJOY!

All the best,



Dawn Dyer Magretta, CFRE  
Executive Director, Development &  
Schoolcraft College Foundation



## RETIREE COMMITTEE LIST

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## ARTIST LINDA FENTON'S WORK SELECTED FOR ARTPRIZE 2022

Schoolcraft College alum, Linda Fenton retired from the Foundation department where she worked fulltime for 13 years, starting in 2008. She is currently working an on-call part-time assignment for the Foundation department. Linda has a talent and love for art watercolor painting.

In middle school, Linda created oil paintings, but watercolor painting was always her favorite. When she got older, she had exhibits in watercolor displayed with the Visual Arts Association of Livonia.

Schoolcraft College art classes offered through the CES department, (now known as the PPL department), caught her eye and peaked Linda's interest in watercolor painting and led her to continue her educational path to earn her BA in Fine Arts from Madonna University. Linda likes to "paint color that gives people a spark of joy. There are beautiful things here."

Started in 2009, ArtPrize is an international art competition event in Grand Rapids, Michigan, that celebrates artists working in all mediums. Linda's

entry "Colored Glass," was on exhibit at Grand Rapids City Hall. She has entered her series of acrylic paintings in the competition. There were over 1,000 artists involved in the ArtPrize interactive art installations over three square miles of downtown Grand Rapids displayed from September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.

Linda's exhibit may be viewed at: [ArtPrize.org](https://artprize.org). Her art may be for sale and she can be contacted at [LLFenton@gmail.com](mailto:LLFenton@gmail.com).

*We are always looking for cool stories about our Retirees! Let us know what you're up to at [foundation@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:foundation@schoolcraft.edu)*





## SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$1M GRANT TO SUPPORT TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING SPACE

The Foundation has made a multi-year \$1 million grant to support the expansion and renovation of the Vistatech Center. The project provides experiential learning space for Schoolcraft's renowned Culinary Arts program and the addition of a high-tech demonstration space offering unique opportunities for academic, professional development, and community programs. The \$6 million, 15,000 square-foot project includes the addition of 10,000 square feet and the renovation of an additional 5,000 square feet. The Foundation is proud to be the first funder to step up and support this exciting, student-centric initiative.

This funding maximizes the impact of the Foundation, and President Glenn Cerny stated, "I believe it goes to the heart of the Schoolcraft Foundation's purpose. Donors will be able to see first-hand how their contributions truly impact creating high-end educational facilities that will enhance our mission of providing transformational experiences to our students, businesses, and the community-at-large."

Besides expanding the American Harvest Restaurant, additions include a culinary classroom and an innovative space that can serve as a demonstration kitchen, multipurpose lab, and high-tech educational theater. Renovations will offer a more welcoming space for students and community guests, including an expanded Café retail space and Brewpub.

"This investment is an opportunity to support the forward-thinking vision for students and the community served by Schoolcraft College," shared Lois McEntyre, President, Schoolcraft Foundation Board of Governors. "This is the largest single grant commitment made through our Vision 2025 Campaign and a way for the College to leverage this support for future investments."

Construction started this summer with a completion date of Fall 2023. For details, contact the Foundation at 734.462.4455.



## RETIREES GATHERED IN JUNE TO TOUR THE HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

In June, Schoolcraft retirees and their guests came together to tour Schoolcraft's new Health Sciences Center. Hosted by the Retiree Committee, over 60 retirees and guests toured the 20,000 square foot expansion to what is now 110,000 square foot formerly the Applied Sciences Center.

In attendance, Trustee President Joan Gebhardt, COO Steve Kaufman, Associate Dean of Health Sciences Dave Kessler, and Executive Director of Construction John Wright were on hand for the tour and to answer questions about the College.





## JACK WASHKA . . . 55 YEARS AND COUNTING!

Jack Washka grew up in Elyria, Ohio and came to Schoolcraft through a recommendation from his cousin. He got the call from Marv Gans to interview for a teaching position in the physical education department less than two weeks before school started in the Fall 1967. Obviously, he was hired and has been part of the College fabric ever since!

A collector of history and antiques, Jack himself is a book of knowledge – especially about the College. Jack continues to teach as an adjunct, having retired in 2004. Jack started when Haggerty was a dirt road and has had the privilege of working for all five Schoolcraft presidents

During his tenure here, Jack has seen a lot over his 55 years of teaching. While things have changed, some things are very similar. Most students had other jobs besides going to school, much like our students today. It was a different time, though. Cell phones, and video games have replaced television which was the ‘in thing’ back in the 1970’s.

Students back then tended to be more involved in school activities. Jack reminisced about Schoolcraft’s strong intramural program – Schoolcraft’s football team even played under the lights in Dearborn’s Ford Field. But, he states, “Kids are still good kids.”

Jack has kept up with the times. Weight training, fitness and conditioning have changed over time. Now, he balances fitness with popular games like Pickle Ball and Wally Ball in

classes which encourages interaction with classmates. He still introduces students to music in his classes, but most don’t know anything before the 2000’s! (LOL)

Many of you may know Jack as “The Barefoot Professor.” With the addition of a fabulous Fitness Center, he is usually not barefoot, but still as active in the classroom as when he began. When asked if full retirement is on the horizon, Jack smiles and says he is “Simply not ready to leave his students.”

When asked what was one of his fondest memories, Jack responded, “When I was invited to the Foundation’s Donor Appreciation Dinner and received his Bell Tower Society Award.” The award was presented for Jack’s lifetime giving to Schoolcraft.

“I had no idea that I had given so much,” reflected Jack. “It was a real special moment.”

In his spare time, you may see Jack ‘antiquing.’ He loves to collect nearly anything, but especially antique kerosene lamps, Christmas items, and advertising signs/memorabilia. The one thing that Jack also collects is Schoolcraft memorabilia from 1967 through today. He is the College’s unofficial historian when it comes to Schoolcraft.

When asked ‘What would you say to students of the future?’ Jack responded, “Be totally aware of taking good care of yourself physically, mentally and spiritually. If we don’t have this, we will never achieve our goals.”

# JEAN PIKE REMEMBERED

For more than 30 years, Dr. Jean Pike was an important part of the fabric of Schoolcraft College, serving a variety of roles supporting student success, including Assistant Dean of Students, the position she retired from in 1997. Jean passed away in January of this year at 87, but her legacy of serving students continues through the Jean Pike Endowed Scholarship Fund.



One of the first employees of Schoolcraft College, Jean started as a full-time counselor on August 24, 1964 – just one week before the first day of classes. From there, she moved to Director of Career Planning & Placement, then to Director of Counseling before becoming Assistant Dean of Students from July 1, 1982, until her retirement on July 1, 1997. One of her favorite legacy stories about Schoolcraft was about how before we had culinary arts



or food service there was a vendor who parked on our property and built what she called “a plywood palace” where he offered food service like a food truck. It was cold, muddy and leaked, but hey, her point was always, we have come a long way from those humble early beginnings.

In addition to her emeritus status at SC, she was a SC honorary degree recipient, a member of the retiree committee, (hosting committee meetings at Fox Run), and the Pacesetters Circle in the Schoolcraft College Foundation’s Belltower Society. Jean established an endowment in 2017 to continue her desire to help students in pursuit of higher education. Jean will be remembered for her kind smile, her generous nature, and for her love of the students and programs at SC.

We know she is looking down with a smile and twinkle in her eyes saying, “All is well.”

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*Retiree Holiday Luncheon*

*Friday, December 16*  
*11 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

**The Inn at St. John's**  
**44045 Five Mile Road**  
**Plymouth, MI 48170-2555**

**Cost: \$25 per person through November 21,**  
**\$30 per person after**

**Cash bar available**

**Register Today at: <https://bit.ly/scfretparty22>**  
**or mail a check payable to:**  
**The Schoolcraft College Foundation**  
**18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI 48152**

## THE WILKIE FAMILY MATCH IS BACK!

This year, the Wilkie family has once again allocated \$60,000 to match all gifts to the Greatest Needs Fund between Giving Tuesday on November 29th through December 31st or until funds are depleted. If you are thinking of making a yearend charitable gift, this is a great way to maximize your donation. Check out [scf.schoolcraft.edu](https://scf.schoolcraft.edu) for information or to make a gift during that time!

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## SC FUN FACTS

**1. In what year was Schoolcraft Founded?**

*Answer: 1961*

**2. What four buildings were honored at a groundbreaking ceremony on June 8, 1963?**

*Answer: Grote Administration Building, Forum, Bradner Library, and the Service Building*

**3. What College President worked for the Mr. Rogers Show?**

*Answer: Conway Jeffress*

**4. What does this tilework**

**located in the original part of the Health Sciences Center represent:**

*Answer: It is a map of the original four campus buildings.*



**5. What was the name of the first student newspaper and when was it first published?**

*Answer: The Commuter; February 21, 1966*



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