



Mountain Empire
Community College Foundation

Annual Report 2012



Building On Our Legacy

A Message from the President



Dr. Scott Hamilton
President, Mountain
Empire Community College

I am pleased to present the first ever combined Mountain Empire Community College and Mountain Empire Community College Foundation Annual Report, covering the year 2012. It is fitting to join these progress summaries as the Foundation's work is inextricably linked to the progress of the college.

In this report, you will find highlights of how Mountain Empire Community College continues to build on our legacy, demonstrating progress in student academic success, capital projects, fundraising and community engagement.

Student success is our primary mission. In 2012, MECC continued to make progress in key initiatives aimed at improving our student graduation rate. Our developmental

math curriculum was substantially overhauled, and our students already benefit from these changes. In addition, MECC has partnered with local high schools to offer college-preparation mathematics courses. These courses have allowed more students to enter college ready to succeed in math.

In terms of facilities, our campus continues to grow and evolve with several major capital projects being completed in 2012. In addition, I am proud to announce that Mountain Empire Community College's Foundation has exceeded its fundraising goals for two consecutive years and is recognized by the Virginia Community College Association as the third largest community college foundation in the state of Virginia. The college has experienced growth in student and community programs such as Governor's School, Mountain Music School

and Workforce Development non-credit programs. Mountain Empire Community College is truly making a difference . . . contributing to the economic development and educational attainment of our region.

2012 marked the 40th anniversary of Mountain Empire Community College. Although the college has changed considerably since 1972, our commitment to the region, its heritage and its future, remains steadfast. Mountain Empire Community College is indeed building on our legacy, looking toward the future as we are firmly grounded on an extraordinary heritage of educational excellence.

Dr. Scott Hamilton

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Our Campus Evolves . . .

Signs of progress were highly visible on the Mountain Empire Community College campus in 2012 with several major capital projects underway.



(above) A stair terrace project between Godwin and Holton Halls to the north end of Phillips-Taylor Hall is expected to be completed in early 2013. This project will provide additional pedestrian access between facilities. A project to provide better access to the lower level of Phillips-Taylor Hall and the Goodloe Center is expected to begin in March 2013. The Goodloe access project will include provision for handicapped parking adjacent to the building.

(Left) One of the most anticipated additions to the college, a second access road to the campus along U.S. route 23, was approved in 2012. The road, to be constructed approximately 1/3 mile south of the existing main entrance, will provide an additional entrance to the college as well as alleviate traffic congestion. The primary goal is to reduce the number of vehicular accidents at the main entrance. Construction of the new road, which will be named College Way, should begin in March 2013. The road will be open to traffic by the end of 2013.



(right and above, right) The renovation of Dalton-Cantrell Hall is scheduled for completion at the end of 2012. This \$9M project, designed by The Lane Group and contracted by Quesenberry's, Inc., will upgrade instructional facilities for the college's Industrial Technology occupational/technical programs, and provide office space for the college administration and the foundation. A complimentary project to the Dalton-Cantrell renovation is the addition of two solar arrays and a wind turbine, supported by a stimulus grant from the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, and funding from the Virginia Tobacco Commission. Located in the lower parking area, these sustainable energy initiatives are expected to produce an annual saving for the college in energy consumption and utility costs.



Meeting Today's Challenges

for a Better Tomorrow

Mountain Empire Community College is a recognized *Achieving the Dream* Leader College. The *Achieving the Dream* initiative works to close achievement gaps and accelerate student success at community colleges nationwide through efforts on four fronts: 1) guiding evidence-based institutional change; 2) influencing public policy; 3) generating knowledge; and 4) engaging the public. MECC has launched eight initiatives in an effort to close these gaps, including the re-engineering of math developmental courses and a K-12 math partnership with local high schools.

Mathematic skills are a crucial component to succeeding in college and in life. The Virginia Community College System recognized that students enrolled in developmental courses are more likely to drop out of college, and launched an initiative to redesign developmental math courses to increase success rates. MECC was on the forefront of these changes, implementing a new developmental math program in spring 2012. The redesign is producing promising results in its initial two semesters. Students are progressing through the developmental sequence more quickly and with more success.

Community colleges know that non-developmental students are almost twice as successful in completing college as those that require developmental education. In fall 2011, MECC launched the K-12 Math Partnership Initiative with Wise County Public Schools and Norton



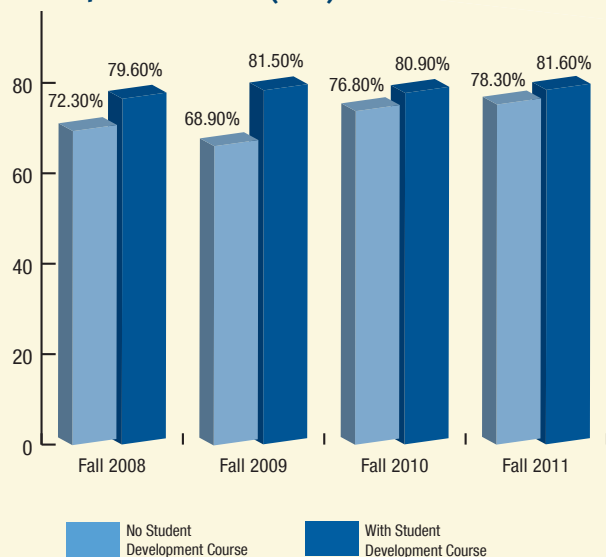
MECC is working with our student honors organization, Phi Theta Kappa, to improve student graduation rates. In September 2012, more than 200 MECC students gathered to sign the "I WILL GRADUATE" pledge, part of a national community college movement to improve completion rates by encouraging students to finish their college degree.

City Schools with a goal to reduce the amount of development mathematics needed by students when they enter MECC. The results of this initiative are inspiring. Upon completion of the course, 83% were eligible to enroll in a non-developmental college mathematics course. These results are even more promising when considering that without this intervention, 100% of the participants would have been placed in a developmental math course.

Our college is committed to making sure that every student is successful in completing their educational goals. In 2002, MECC implemented student development courses (SDV) aimed at helping first-time, full-time students transition to college. SDV courses give students an opportunity to learn about college services, ask questions about navigating campus processes, and seek guidance/support from the course instructor. The results of this initiative, illustrated in the graph, consistently show that students are more likely to remain in college by completing the SDV course, ultimately leading to attainment of a college degree or certificate.

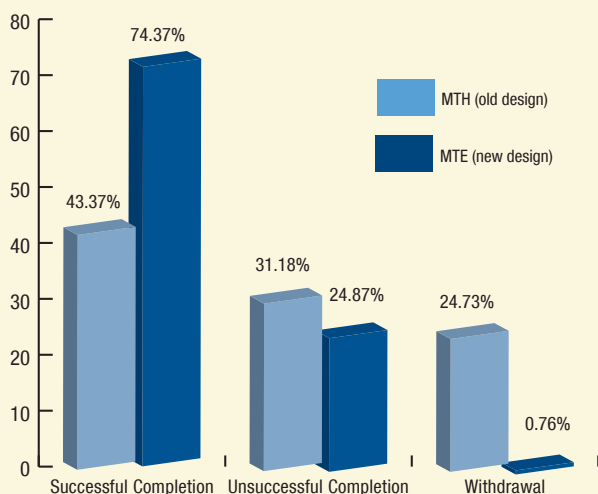
A History of Excellence

Retention of Students Completing Student Development Course (SDV)



Students who take the SDV course are consistently more likely to stay in school.

Comparison of Students Completing Re-designed Developmental Math



The redesign of the Development Math program has resulted in 31% more successful completions, 6.3% fewer unsuccessful completions, and significant decrease in withdrawals by participating students.

You could say that Mike Strouth has teaching in his blood. His grandparents taught in adjoining classrooms at a two-room school in Dickenson County and his mother is a retired history teacher. For the the last 32 years, Strouth has taught history to thousands of students in Southwest Virginia, first at Clintwood High, and more recently as a full time professor at MECC.

Strouth's exemplary service was recognized in 2012 with the W.H. and Callie Anne Coughlin Clark Master Teacher Award at Mountain Empire Community College. His passion for excellence, his keen ability to bring history alive for students and his creation of learning opportunities contributed to his recognition.



2012 Master Teacher, Mike Strouth

At Mountain Empire, Strouth created the International Education program, providing hundreds of students with a once-in-a-life-time experience of traveling and viewing history abroad. Strouth has also brought numerous notable veterans to the MECC campus with the Living Legends program. Students have heard first-hand the experiences of Medal of Honor winners and WWII survivors.

"I try to make history come alive," said Strouth. "The trips and speakers can do that in a way a lecture can't."

The W.H. and Callie Anne Coughlin Clark Master Teacher Award is awarded annually to one faculty member who demonstrates excellence in teaching and supporting students, contributes to their academic discipline, and engages in service to the college and their community. In addition to being recognized for his achievement, Strouth received a \$1,500 cash award.

2011–12 Teaching Excellence Award Recipients

Gary Jessee
Mathematics

Terri Lane
Information Systems
Technology

Lena Whisenhunt
Nursing

MECC recognizes three faculty members annually with the NISOD Teaching Excellence Award. Award winners are exemplary professors who are effective, innovative, and committed educators, emphasizing excellence in the teaching and learning process.

Building the Foundation *of a great community*

The Mountain Empire Community College Foundation recognized several outstanding leaders in 2012 that have not only contributed to the college and its mission, but have also had a positive impact on the Southwest Virginia region.

The Buccaneer Scholarship Committee was honored for their work in establishing scholarships for Union High School students. Established by alumni of the former Big Stone Gap High School, the Buccaneer Scholarship Committee assisted in the collection of more than \$150,000 in alumni contributions and have awarded 31 renewable \$1,500 scholarships to MECC students. The committee has facilitated the establishment of four endowed scholarships and has the goal of establishing six endowment scholarships to enable the Buccaneer Scholarship to continue through perpetuity. Buccaneer Scholarship members include Roger Daugherty, Chair; Nancey Smith, Roy Laster, George Litton, Bill Locke, and Jack Howard.

Alpha Natural Resources Executive Vice President Donald Ratliff was inducted into the Mountain Empire Community College Foundation's Hall of Honor in 2012 and awarded an honorary degree by the Virginia Community College System (VCCS). Ratliff, who serves on the Foundation's Board of Directors, was honored for exemplary volunteer service on behalf of MECC, the VCCS, other community colleges in the region, and numerous community organizations.

Dreamers. Innovators. Leaders. These words are just a few that describe Dr. Brownie and Barbara Polly. Barbara's continued involvement with the Trail of the Lonesome Pine Drama, the John Fox, Jr. House and the MECC Literary Festival, along with Brownie's service in the Kiwanis Club and the MECC Advisory Board, are examples of true servant leadership. The Pollys were recognized for their tremendous contributions at the 2012 Home Craft Days Annual Breakfast.



(above) Dr. Brownie and Barbara Polly were recognized for service to the community at the 2012 Home Craft Days Annual Breakfast.

(right) MECC president Dr. Scott Hamilton (left) presents Hall of Honor recognition to Donald Ratliff, Alpha Natural Resources Executive Vice President.

(far right, from left) President Scott Hamilton, Pat Howard, Buccaneer Committee member Jack Howard, Debbie Daugherty, and Buccaneer Committee member Roger Daugherty celebrate scholarship success.




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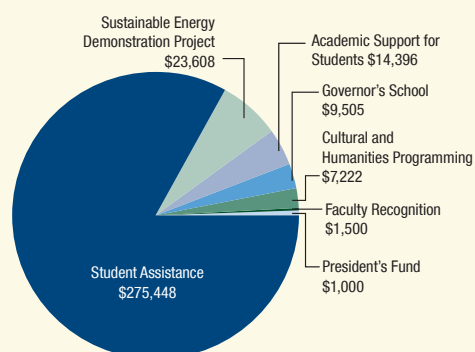


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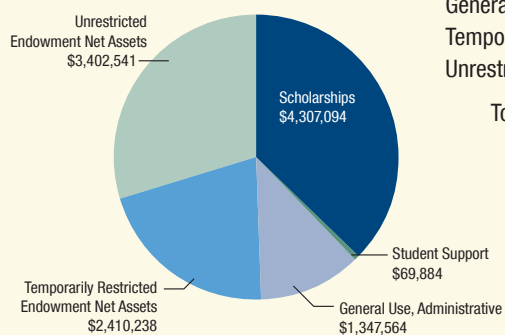
Established in 1983, the Mountain Empire Community College Foundation, Inc., is a non-profit organization that supports the mission of the college by providing scholarships, faculty and staff development and recognition programs, cultural programs and events, campus improvements, educational programs, and other projects.

The Mountain Empire Community College Foundation reached a significant goal in 2011, raising \$1.67 million, and becoming the third largest community college foundation in the state of Virginia with endowment net assets of \$11.5 million. Thank you to all of our donors, volunteers and supporters who made this achievement possible.

Total Programmatic Expenditures



Total Endowment Net Assets



Key Facts

Number of scholarships provided in 2011-2012

369

Number of students who received Dreamkeepers Emergency Assistance (grants or loans) in 2011-2012

37

Programmatic Expenditures for 2011-2012 academic year

Student Assistance (Scholarships, emergency aid)	\$	275,448
Construction of Sustainable Energy Demonstration Project		23,608
Academic Support for students		14,396
Governor's School for High School Students		9,505
Cultural and Humanities Programming		7,222
Faculty Recognition for Outstanding Teaching		1,500
Other (President's Fund)		1,000
Total Expenditures	\$	332,677

Revenues, Gains, and Other Support, 2011

		For Endowment	For Other
Private Gifts and Grants	\$ 1,687,438	\$ 921,831	\$ 765,607
Investment Income	497,509		
Unrealized losses	(181,450)		
Other Income	62,749		
Total Revenue and Other Support	\$ 2,066,246		

Permanently Restricted Endowment Net Assets 2011

Scholarships	\$ 4,307,094
Student Support	69,884
General Use, Administrative, Other	1,347,564
Temporarily Restricted Endowment Net Assets - 2011	2,410,238
Unrestricted Endowment Net Assets - 2011	3,402,541
Total Endowment Net Assets	\$ 11,537,321

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The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the following people, organizations, and businesses who contributed from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

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Engaging Our Community

From its beginning, Mountain Empire Community College recognized the importance of preserving and promoting the unique art, music, and cultural heritage of our region. The college hosts a number of community events throughout the year that allow young and old to experience Southwest Virginia at its finest.

The John Fox, Jr. Literary Festival, April 24, 2012, featured Robert Morgan, author of *New York Times* best seller *Gap Creek* and Ted Olson, Grammy award-winning producer of *The Bristol Sessions, 1927–1928*.

Celebrating its 41st year, MECC's Home Craft Days Festival is the premier festival of our region. Thousands visited the campus October 19-21, taking in the rich entertainment and artisan offerings.

MECC's Mountain Music School, in its 8th program year, boasted its highest enrollment to date with more than 90 students participating in 2012. Students from ages 10 and up learned to play an instrument of their choice, including beginning "old-time" fiddle, claw-hammer banjo, folk guitar, mandolin, dulcimer, and dog house bass. This program continues to preserve the rich musical heritage of our region, exposing students of all ages to traditional sounds of Old Time music.

Providing opportunities for high school students to explore educational and career pursuits is critical to the future of our economy and community. MECC's Governor's School serves as one such opportunity. The three-week event offers select high school students from Lee, Scott, Wise and Dickenson counties, as well as the city of Norton, the opportunity to earn eight free college credit hours. Students participate in programs including Forensic Science, Art Illustration and Animation, Marketing Using Social Media, Entrepreneurship/Regional Tourism and Drama Theory and Performance. The program has continued to expand, with an enrollment of 66 students in 2012, compared to 54 students in 2011 and 46 in 2010.





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