

Mountain Empire
Community College Foundation

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE



ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14

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It is my pleasure to present the Mountain Empire Community College/MECC Foundation Annual Report for 2013–14, which highlights the important work of the Foundation in support of MECC students.

The Virginia Community College System has set a goal to double the number of students in the Commonwealth that complete a college degree or credential. MECC is working hard to do its part in meeting this goal, with an eye toward the larger vision of developing a culture of education in Southwest Virginia that will be critical to the long-term economic health of the region.

Within a challenging economic environment, MECC is focusing its resources on the core mission of teaching and learning, emphasizing programs that provide our students with the support they need to stay in school and succeed in reaching their educational goals. The MECC Foundation and its donors play an essential role in this mission, working to ensure the long-term sustainability of critical student success initiatives and the continued availability of scholarships to help make college more affordable for southwest Virginia students.

The MECC Foundation is well on its way toward meeting its Building for the Future Campaign goal. The success of this campaign will be critical to providing a stable base of support for programs, like the AIMS Higher Scholarship, that promote enrollment and retention at MECC, contribute to the development of a culture of education, and change lives for the better in the Mountain Empire.

Dr. Scott Hamilton
President, Mountain Empire Community College



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MECC KEY FACTS

Headcount Enrollment

3,834

FTE Enrollment

1,862

1,028

**STUDENTS
COMPLETED
Dual Enrollment Courses**

**518
GRADUATES**

MALE FEMALE
41% 59%

72%
under age 25

87% *receive
financial aid*

A SOLID FOUNDATION

Building For the Future campaign targets student success

The MECC Foundation is well on its way toward meeting its \$9 million “Building for the Future” campaign goal, targeting support for scholarships and student success programs. At the campaign kick-off celebration in July 2014, Foundation Chair, Gary McCann announced that \$7.8 million had been raised to date and announced that Foundation Board Members Bob Isaac and Leton Harding, Jr. had graciously agreed to serve as the Campaign Chair



Left to right, Bob Isaac, Dr. Scott Hamilton and Leton Harding.

and Vice-Chair. Ms. Nancey Smith, trustee of the C. Bascom Slemple Foundation, was named Honorary Campaign Chair.

“The MECC Foundation is raising funds for endowment to support scholarships and student success initiatives that benefit large numbers of students. Those

initiatives cannot be sustained with college operating funds,” says MECC President Dr. Scott Hamilton. The highest campaign priority is to provide long term support for the AIMS Higher Scholarship program, which guarantees high-achieving students the opportunity to earn an Associate’s Degree at MECC, tuition-free. More than 1,100 students have benefited from the program in the last decade.

The Foundation is also seeking support for high school Career Coaches, who assist high school students in making plans for post-secondary education; and the Great Expectations Program, which provides outreach and assistance to foster youth.

“The campaign will enable us to expand support for students who need additional help to enroll in college or complete college,” said Foundation Chair Gary McCann.



MECC Student Ben Yates speaks about the benefits of the AIMS scholarship at the Building for the Future campaign launch.



The Slemple Foundation

The MECC Foundation launched its Building for the Future Campaign with the announcement of a \$2 million unrestricted endowment pledge by the C. Bascom Slemple Foundation. The Slemple Foundation has served as a valued partner in meeting the educational needs of MECC students, awarding more than \$4.1 million in charitable grants and pledges since 1986. Slemple Foundation Trustee, Nancey Smith serves as Honorary Campaign Chair.



*Mrs. Buchanan &
her husband Senator
John C. Buchanan*

Buchanan Gift: A Remarkable Legacy

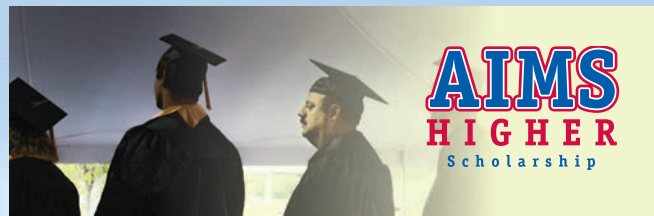
Largest gift in campaign history

The late Carol Phipps Buchanan has been described as a highly intelligent, quiet, and private person. But the legacy she has left at Mountain Empire Community College is an incredibly bold statement of her support for education and the future of Southwest Virginia.

MECC, along with The University of Virginia's College at Wise and Southwest Virginia Community College, were named beneficiaries of Buchanan's \$12 million estate in May 2014. MECC will receive approximately \$4 million, the largest gift to the Building for the Future Campaign to date, and the largest gift in the college's history. The unrestricted endowment will be used to support scholarships, as well as student success and outreach initiatives at MECC.

"Mrs. Buchanan was a strong believer in education," noted William Sturgill, Estate Executor. "This was demonstrated in her work with the Columbus Phipps Foundation, an educational foundation which bears the name of her grandfather. She committed her own wealth to her belief in education and left a lasting legacy which will benefit future generations."

Buchanan was the daughter of Dr. Rufus L. Phipps and the wife of Dr. John C. Buchanan, a former Virginia senator. Mrs. Buchanan served as a trustee on the Columbus Phipps Foundation until her death in 2011 at the age of 86.



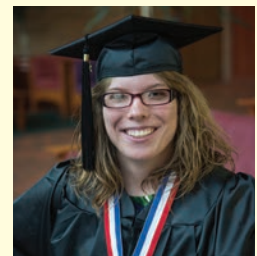
AIMS Higher Scholarship recipients

Total AIMS Higher Scholarship recipients	1128
Percentage of AIMS Higher students testing into 1 or more developmental course	28.5% (vs. 69% of all program-placed students)
Fall-to-fall retention rate for AIMS Higher students	75.3% (vs. 56.3% for all program-placed, first-time, full-time students)
Graduation rate (within 3 years) for AIMS Higher students	50.9% (vs. 28.3% for all program-placed, first-time, full-time students)

Since 2003, MECC has expended more than \$2 million dollars in Tobacco Commission grant funding to support AIMS Higher recipients. Not only has the AIMS Higher program fostered increased access to higher education, but the scholarship has served as a motivator for high school students to complete more rigorous coursework, therefore reducing the need for remediation once they enter college. AIMS Higher scholars also demonstrate a higher retention rate, as well as increased graduation rate as compared to their peers.

Great Expectations

Mountain Empire Community College student Katie Wolle had a tough start in life. But she's not letting her beginning define her end. Because she had been served by the foster care system, Katie qualified for the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education's Great Expectations



Katie Wolle

Program, which also receives support from the MECC Foundation. Katie, who graduated in May 2014 with an Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree in General Studies, says the program provided her with additional counseling, financial aid, and a support system.

Katie plans to complete a Bachelor's degree in biology so that she may pursue a career teaching high school science. Her Great Expectations Counselor, Jayne Stamper, says "Katie is a dedicated, hardworking student who is always a joy to interact with, socially and professionally. I know she will be a fantastic teacher who will enrich the lives of all her future students."

PROGRESS IN ACTION

The Ida Bonicelli Trigiani book fund



Ida Bonicelli Trigiani

Fund to assist MECC college students in purchasing needed textbooks.

Oral and musical tributes to the honoree were presented by daughters Lucia Trigiani, Adrianna Trigiani; grand-daughters Anna Noone, Mary Alessandra Noone, Ella Trigiani and Lucia Stephenson; and sons Michael Trigiani and Carlo Trigiani.

Mrs. Trigiani was a former librarian at the University of Notre Dame and has been an active member of the cultural and business community of Big Stone Gap for many years. She and her husband, Anthony, were among the founders of the Lonesome Pine Community Concert Association, which brought world class musical programming to the region for 25 years. She is a member and past officer of the

Dogwood Garden Club, and achieved the designation of Master Gardener. She has served as a flower show judge and as an officer in the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs. She was also a member of the Wise County Clean Committee and owned and operated two small businesses.

The book fund will meet a pressing need at MECC. With the rapid rise in the cost of textbooks, and with financial aid not keeping pace, many students struggle to purchase course materials. Students who can't purchase textbooks quickly get behind in their classes and are at risk of dropping out. The new Ida Bonicelli Trigiani Book Fund will provide an additional resource to the MECC Financial Aid Office, or Emergency Assistance Committee, in serving students with insufficient funds to purchase textbooks.



MECC FOUNDATION KEY FACTS

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.

Number of scholarships
provided in 2013–2014

355

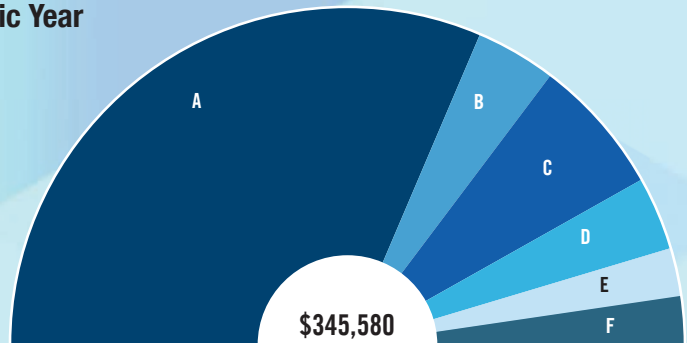


75

Number of students
who received Dreamkeepers
Emergency Assistance
(grants or loans) in 2013–2014

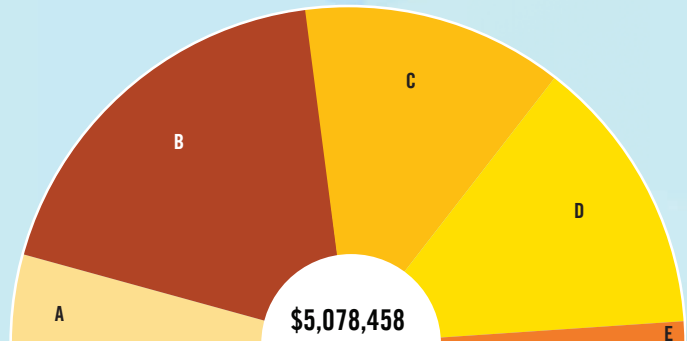
Programmatic Expenditures for 2013–2014 Academic Year

A. Student Assistance (Scholarships, emergency aid)	\$ 289,137
B. Academic Support for Students	19,512
C. Governor's School for High School Students	25,000
D. Cultural and Humanities Programming	8,931
E. Faculty Recognition for Outstanding Teaching	1,500
F. Other (President's Fund)	1,500
Total Expenditures	\$ 345,580



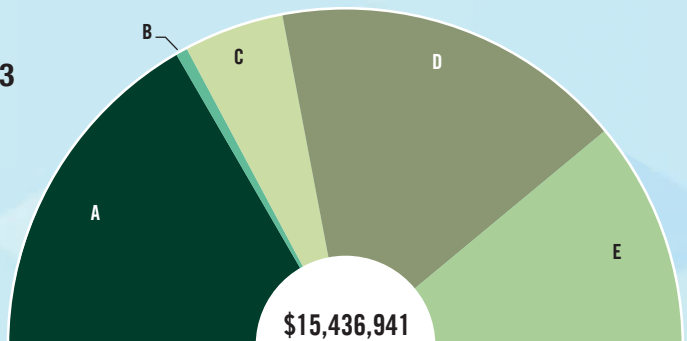
Revenues, Gains, and Other Support, 2013

A. Private Gifts and Grants	\$ 289,936
B. Pledges not yet received	2,000,000
C. Investment Income	1,271,466
D. Unrealized Gains	1,422,734
E. Other Income	94,322
Total Revenue and Other Support	\$ 5,078,458



Permanently Restricted Endowment Net Assets, 2013

A. Scholarships	\$ 4,841,424
B. Student support	72,253
C. General Use, Administrative, Other	1,589,681
D. Temporarily Restricted Endowment Net Assets	4,710,539
E. Unrestricted Endowment Net Assets	4,223,044
Total Endowment Net Assets	\$15,436,941



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The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the following people, organizations, and businesses who contributed from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

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MECC Honors the Life of Rick Campbell

Director of Information Technology

February 8, 1961 – September 8, 2014

Rick Campbell served MECC faithfully for more than twenty years, first as an instructor, and then as the Director of Information Technology. Rick's colleagues honor his life and are grateful to have been the beneficiaries of his humor and professionalism throughout his tenure.

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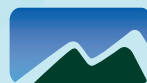




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