



Mountain Empire
Community College Foundation

THE
FUTURE
IS NOW



2015–2016
Report to the
Community

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE FUTURE IS NOW

It has been deeply gratifying to see the investments from the *Building for the Future* campaign bear fruit. The transformational changes that the Foundation board envisioned in 2013 have been achieved. Over 1,200 donors have provided gifts and pledges that total almost \$9.5 million, allowing the campaign to conclude at the end of December.

The new investments are already making an impact. In spring 2016, the college began renovating space in Robb Hall for a new health care simulation laboratory. By the end of the summer, the renovation was complete and the laboratory was prepared for students this fall.

The Foundation sought to help more students with scholarships. By the close of the campaign, an additional \$2 million for scholarships had been raised.

The college's outreach to students was also improved this year. The campaign provided funding to continue the Great Expectations Program, benefitting students who have formerly been in foster care. The College was also able to hire full-time Career Coaches to serve high school students with career and post-secondary education planning.

Thank you for all that you have done to make the *Building for the Future* campaign a success. Your investment will continue to improve educational opportunities at MECC.

Because of you, our top priorities have been addressed. Because of you, the region is more prepared to address its economic challenges. Because of you, when I retire from Mountain Empire Community College in June 2017, I can leave with confidence that MECC and this region will continue to have a very promising future.



*Dr. Scott Hamilton
President, Mountain Empire Community College*



*Dr. Scott Hamilton, President,
Mountain Empire Community College*

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Foundation Board and Staff.....	3
Campaign	
Close-Out Events	4
Economic Development.....	6
Alumni Activities	7
Awards and Recognition	8
Featured Scholars	10
Financial Report.....	11
Foundation Donors	12
In-Kind Donors	14
Buccaneer Scholarship Donors	15

MECC FOUNDATION BOARD AND STAFF

MECC Foundation Board

Dr. Gary D. McCann, *Chair*
Mr. Bob Isaac, *Vice-Chair/*
Local Board Member
Mr. Ben Allen, *Past Chair*
Mrs. Diana Pope, *Treasurer*
Mr. Ron Vicars,
Vice-Treasurer
Dr. Scott Hamilton, *College*
President
Mrs. Susie Austin
Mr. Roger Daugherty
Dr. Kathleen A. DePonte
Mrs. Bonnie Elosser
Mrs. Ruth Gilliam
Mr. Leton Harding, Jr.
Ms. Sarah Gilliam
Mrs. Karen K. Hall
Mrs. Cynthia Kinser
Mrs. Sandy McGlothlin
Ms. Dorothy Meade
Mrs. Virginia Meador
Mr. Ronnie Montgomery
Mr. Mark Musick
Mr. Donnie Ratliff
Mrs. Doris Rife
Mrs. Martha Spurlock
Mr. W.C. "Buzzy" Witt, Jr.
Mr. Ryan Witt

MECC Foundation Staff

Mrs. Donna Stanley,
Executive Director
Mrs. Jearline Bledsoe,
Annual Fund & Special
Events Coordinator
Mrs. Stacey Miniard,
Financial
Services Specialist
Mrs. Nikki Morrison, *Grants*
Coordinator
Mrs. Brandi McAfee,
Administrative Support
Specialist

Local Advisory Board (2016–2017)

Mrs. Teresa Adkins
Mr. Rodney Baker
Dr. Vickie Brown
Mr. Tim Cassell
Mrs. Gail Elliott
Mrs. Bonnie Elosser
Mr. Robert Etherton
Mr. James David Graham
Mrs. Adrienne Hood
Mr. David Kindle
Ms. Alane Short Lovern
Mr. Burl Mooney
Ms. Stacy Munsey
Mr. R. Dennis Sturgill
Mr. Robert (Bobby) H. Tuck

MECC KEY FACTS



Headcount Enrollment

3,671



WORKFORCE TRAINING PARTICIPANTS

880



614

GRADUATES



Dual Credit Enrollment

1,121

COLLEGE TRANSFER

21%

CAREER/TECHNICAL

40%

OTHER

40%

CAMPAIGN CLOSE-OUT EVENTS



Speakers at the conclusion of the *Building for the Future* Campaign, (from left to right): Dale Clark, Wellmont Health System's President, Mountain View Regional Medical Center and Lonesome Pine Hospital; Olivia Barton, who spoke about the benefits of the Career Coach Program; and Zachary Hall, who spoke about the benefits of the Great Expectations Program.

***Building for the Future* Campaign Closing Celebration**

On November 16, 2016, the MECC Foundation announced the conclusion of its *Building for the Future* Major Gifts Campaign and dedicated a health care simulation laboratory. The laboratory had been renovated during the 2015–2016 academic year and equipped with grants raised during the campaign.

A total of \$9,468,014 in gifts, pledges, grants, and planned giving commitments were received by the date of the announcement. The campaign focused on three main strategic priorities: increasing scholarships, expanding support for student success and outreach programs, and increasing investment in academic programs that have the potential for diversifying and strengthening the local economy.

The MECC Foundation Board of Directors selected Bob Isaac as Campaign Chair and Leton H. Harding, Jr. as Vice-Chair. Nancey Smith, one of the trustees

of the C. Bascom Slemple Foundation, was named the campaign's Honorary Chair.

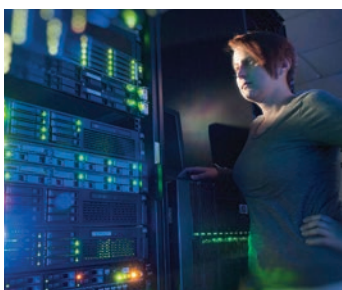
A bequest of \$4 million was received from the estate of the late Carol Buchanan, creating a new unrestricted endowment. The C. Bascom Slemple Foundation provided a lead gift of \$2 million to create a new unrestricted endowment, leverage other gifts, and help launch the campaign. From January 2013 through the end of October, the campaign received gifts and pledges from 1,234 unduplicated donors.

Almost \$6.7 million in gifts or pledges were made for unrestricted purposes. An additional \$2 million was given or pledged for scholarships. The campaign raised over \$87,000 for manufacturing instruction, over \$50,000 for a student success endowment, \$25,000 for student emergency assistance, and \$21,000 for cultural programming.

Southwest Virginia Regional Cybersecurity Consortium Benefits MECC

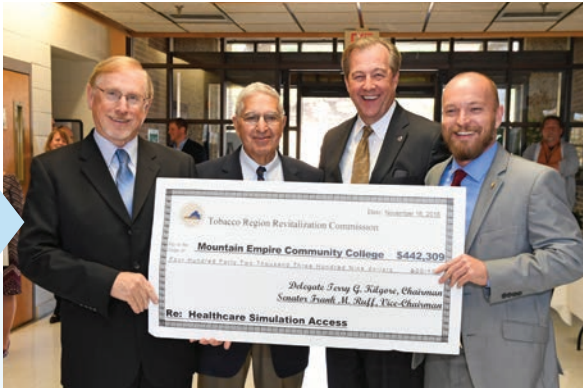
Mountain Empire Community College will receive \$505,317 in grant funds from the recently announced \$1.4 million ARC POWER grant awarded to Southwest Virginia Community College (SWCC.) The project being led by SWCC will bring together the three colleges in Southwest Virginia — SWCC, Mountain Empire Community College, and University of Virginia's College at Wise — to position seven counties in southwest Virginia as a regional hub for the cybersecurity

industry. The ARC POWER funds will be used at MECC to hire a faculty member, support faculty professional development, purchase supplies, and market the program. MECC will use \$91,335 from the Tobacco



Region Revitalization Commission to purchase equipment and underwrite the costs of certification testing for students in the cybersecurity program. MECC plans to pursue becoming a National Security Agency cybersecurity Center of Excellence as part of this initiative.

Dedication of Health Care Simulation Laboratory



Above: (from left to right): Dr. Scott Hamilton, President; Bob Isaac, Campaign Chair; Leton Harding, Jr., Vice-Chair of the Campaign; Chris Piper, Deputy Director of the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission. **Below:** Dr. Hamilton in the simulation laboratory control room with Nancey Smith, the Honorary Campaign Chair.



Simulation-based learning has become a critical part of health care training. Simulation allows hands-on experiences to be scheduled and critical thinking skills to be developed without putting patients at risk. The medical issues which can be simulated are often difficult for learners to observe in clinical settings, especially in small, rural hospitals.

Prior to the creation of this new health care simulation laboratory at MECC, students in the Virginia Appalachian Tri-College Nursing Program traveled to Virginia Highlands Community College (VHCC) for simulation experiences. Scheduling time in the VHCC simulation lab was a significant burden for faculty members. For students seeking to become RNs, travel to VHCC added to the difficulties of balancing school and family responsibilities.

The new laboratory will enable simulation experiences to be integrated in a variety of health care programs at MECC and will allow health care majors (RN, EMT, LPN, RT and others) to work in interdisciplinary teams to address the needs of patients. The new training opportunities and interdisciplinary interaction will better prepare MECC healthcare program graduates for situations they will encounter on-the-job. MECC students will develop strong clinical, communication, and teamwork skills through the experience of simulation training.



MECC Participating in NSF GeoTed-UAS Project

MECC has received a National Science Foundation (NSF) subgrant award of \$118,612 to develop and implement courses and a career pathway to prepare drone technicians. The Geospatial Technician Education-Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project, or GeoTed-UAS, is led by the Virginia Space Grant Consortium and will continue for three years.

GeoTed-UAS will support the professional development of faculty

teaching UAS courses, support curriculum development, fund UAS-themed activities for precollege students, and provide scholarships for students taking courses in the UAS pathway. MECC's GeoTed-UAS subgrant will provide additional support in the deployment of Unmanned Aircraft Systems courses, introduced at MECC more than a year ago.



MECC Delivers Pre-Employment Training to Candidates Seeking Employment with Frontier Secure

On June 29, 2016, Frontier Secure announced that it would be creating 500 new jobs at its new customer care center in the Lonesome Pine Technology Park near Wise. The company's plan included hiring 50 new employees in August 2016, with additional employees being hired in the months following until the target of 500 new employees was met.

The large number of new jobs being created, and Frontier Secure's aggressive schedule for creating its workforce, encouraged MECC to collaborate with the company to deliver pre-employment training. Since Frontier Secure made its announcement this summer, MECC has delivered four courses to prepare three cohorts of job candidates for potential employment with Frontier Secure. Every student who has successfully completed the courses has had the opportunity to be interviewed by the company.

MECC will continue to train prospective Frontier Secure job candidates in the months to come. The college gained experience in delivering IT training in a cohort format when CGI and Northrop Grumman announced the creation of a large number of jobs in Lebanon over a decade ago. MECC is very committed to helping the region continue to attract new information technology jobs that will diversify the local economy.



Health Information Management Degree and Workforce Training Initiatives

Mountain Empire Community College received a federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Health Information Technology Workforce Program grant in 2013 to develop and offer an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Health Information Management (HIM). The degree prepares graduates to become Registered Health Information Management Technicians (RHITs).

Individuals who have earned the RHIT credential hold positions as medical records technicians, coders, and health information specialists. They work in hospitals, nursing homes, insurance companies, consulting firms, and many other health related facilities. Since MECC's program began, 64 students have enrolled in the HIM Program and 27 students will have graduated by spring 2017. The program expects to be accredited in summer 2017. The HRSA grant funded faculty costs, curriculum development, and scholarships for students for a three year period.

The creation of the new degree, and the college's workforce training efforts in coding and clinical documentation, have helped the region hire and train personnel to meet the federal requirements for MIPS by January 2015.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES



MECC Confers First Alumni of the Year Recognition

Dr. Patricia Vanhook was recognized as MECC's first Alumni of the Year at the MECC Foundation's annual Scholars Recognition Night in April 2016.

Dr. Vanhook has had a distinguished career in nursing, beginning as a staff nurse at Lonesome Pine Hospital in Big Stone Gap. She continued her education and continued to be promoted while holding a variety of direct patient care and supervisory roles at Indian Path Medical Center, Kingsport Internal Medicine, Lee County Community Hospital, Physician Access, and Mountain States Health Alliance. In 2006, she began serving as a Magnet Appraiser for Magnet accreditation and joined the staff of East Tennessee State University as an Interim Clinical Director for the Johnson City Downtown Clinic. She has remained at ETSU since 2006, earning tenure and performing many graduate teaching, research, administration, and outreach roles that have brought professional recognition to Dr. Vanhook and to ETSU's College of Nursing.

Dr. Vanhook's grantsmanship skills have enabled ETSU to secure millions of dollars to support outreach clinics that provide clinical experiences to nurses and quality primary care to patients. She has authored many journal articles and book chapters and frequently speaks at professional conferences in the US and abroad on health topics, including stroke

survival, cancer screening, and behavioral health.

Dr. Vanhook's nursing career began at the Wise County Vocational Technical School, where she studied practical nursing. She enrolled as a student in the Virginia Appalachian TriCollege Nursing Program at MECC in 1980, served as President of the Rho Nu Nursing Club, and graduated with an Associate Degree in 1982. Dr. Vanhook continued her nursing education at East Tennessee State University, completing a Bachelor's Degree in 1991, a Master's Degree in 1994, and Ph.D. in 2007. She became a certified Family Nurse Practitioner in 1994 and obtained a Certificate in Aging Studies from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2000.

Patricia M. Vanhook, Ph.D. currently serves as a Visiting Professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas, where she provides practice administration and consultation to the Dean, faculty, and practice staff of nurse-led clinics. Since 2007, Dr. Vanhook has been the Associate Dean of Practice and Community Partnerships in the College of Nursing at East Tennessee State University. She holds two additional administrative roles on an interim basis, including Interim Director of Student/University Health and Interim Director of the Mountain City Extended Hours Health Center.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



MECC Receives Technology Award for Development of UAS Coursework

Mountain Empire Community College was named the recipient of the 2016 Southwest Virginia Technology Council President's Award for the development of coursework in unmanned aerial systems.

The award honors an educational institution in the region that has demonstrated outstanding technology advancements toward the enrichment of students and the community at large.

MECC has successfully developed the only credit-based Unmanned Aerial Systems coursework within the Virginia Community College System. An introductory level UAS class was launched in the summer of 2015, with pilot ground school and ground control also available to students. MECC's goal is to offer a certificate in Unmanned Aerial Systems, more commonly known as drones.

SWVTC President Sam Wolford noted that MECC's efforts have been actively supported by international UAS firm Flirtey. The UAS curriculum project was funded in-part by the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Virginia Space Grant Consortium.

"Mountain Empire Community College is already

playing a leading role in the recruitment, training, and job placement as unmanned systems avionics, pilot-operators, remote sensing operators, and electronics manufacturing and installation takes root locally and throughout the Central Appalachian service area of the technology council," said Wolford.

The economic potential of unmanned systems has been a Commonwealth of Virginia focus. In 2015, the first ever successful use of a drone as a delivery agent occurred in Wise County during the Remote Area Medical event.

Dr. Scott Hamilton, President of MECC stated, "This award recognizes Mountain Empire Community College's commitment to innovation and utilizing the latest technology in all of our programs where appropriate. Our faculty, staff and administrators are committed to offering high-quality, state-of-the-art programs that prepare our students for success and enhance the economic development of our region."

For more information on MECC's Unmanned Aerial System courses or the SWVTC award, contact the MECC Office of Community Relations at 276.523.7480.



MECC Receives VCCS Excellence in Education Award for Development of Mobile Solar Energy Unit

Mountain Empire Community College was selected as the Virginia Community College System's 2016 Recipient of the Excellence In Education Award for innovative use of technology in face-to-face and online classroom. The award recognized the college's development of the first mobile solar-powered energy system in Southwest Virginia.

MECC's SPARC-E (Solar-Powered Alternative Renewable Clean Energy) was designed and created by students and staff in the college's industrial electronics, solar energy, and welding degree programs. The unit includes 12 solar modules that are capable of producing approximately 5,000 watts of power for use as a direct power-source or as a back-up generator for any power grid.

SPARC-E can serve as an energy provider to community events and potential emergency response assistance. The unit powered two major events at MECC in 2015 — the Home Craft Days Festival and the Haunted Forest attraction.

The VCCS Excellence in Education (EIE) Award: Innovative Use of Technology in the Face-to-Face and Online Classroom provides individuals or teams an opportunity to showcase their use of a technology-based idea, tool, or process created for direct use in

the classroom or online. MECC's SPARC-E project was selected as one of four finalists, competing with three other Virginia community colleges in the innovative use of technology category. MECC representatives were presented with the award during the annual VCCS New Horizons Conference in Roanoke, April 12.

"We are thrilled that our students and staff were recognized for their efforts," said MECC President Scott Hamilton. "This innovative project not only provided a hands-on learning opportunity for students in industrial technology programs, it will also be used as a recruitment and educational tool for our electromechanical, energy, and advanced manufacturing programs."



MECC Student Reaches for the Stars in NASA Scholars Program

Emily Hjulstrom's favorite inspirational quote, "shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars," is entirely appropriate, as her hard work and persistence have earned her a spot in one of the top aerospace science programs in the country.

Hjulstrom was one of 200 students nationwide selected to participate in the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars Program, a five-week online learning experience, which culminated with top scholars attending a three-day workshop at one of NASA's facilities.

Hjulstrom, who has a 4.0 GPA and serves as a supplemental instruction leader and tutor at MECC, was nominated to participate in the program by MECC Science Instructors Carol Burkart and Tony Russo.

"After observing how much Emily put into her work study duties, class work and spending time in the lab to study, I had no doubt that she would succeed," said MECC Biology Instructor Tony Russo.

(continued, pg. 10)

Hjulstrom, continued from page 9

Born in Blacksburg, Virginia, Hjulstrom's path to college is atypical. Describing her high school grades as "terrible," she decided not to attend college after graduation and went straight into the job market. She lived in Long Island for a year and worked as a nanny and in other education-related positions before deciding to go back to college. Hjulstrom met her future husband, who is originally from Pound, Va., and moved to Southwest Virginia last summer. She enrolled at Mountain Empire Community College in the fall of 2015.

"I came here interested in astronomy and ended up really liking biology," said Hjulstrom. "I was able to get a work study position with Dr. Burkart and I also tutor students in biology in the Learning Center and teach supplemental instruction. So, I'm a full-time student, and I work two jobs. It can be stressful and I've had a few breakdowns along the way. But I'm so happy to be here."

As if she wasn't busy enough, Hjulstrom had to enroll in a four credit web-based course at Oklahoma State University this spring to qualify for the NASA Scholars program. The course involved approximately 20 hours of work online, webinars with NASA engineers and scientists, and a group project planning a mission to Mars.

Hjulstrom was among a select group of the top students in the online class chosen to visit NASA's Stennis Space Center April 11–14, where she worked on a team project mentored by NASA engineers, attended briefings by engineers and scientists, toured NASA facilities, competed in a rover competition and much more.

Hjulstrom's career goal is to become an astrobiologist, studying the potential of past and future life in space. Setting a goal and focusing all of her energy toward completing that goal has served as her primary motivator. She encourages other college students to do the same.

"A lot of people have told me I'm smart. But I don't think that I am. I just work really hard and that is why I'm successful. I'm no different than anyone else. You just have to know what you want and be willing to work to get there."

FEATURED SCHOLARS



Jordan White

Jordan White, of Pound, graduated from Central High School in 2012.

Immediately after high school, he briefly attended a trade school

outside of the region, but decided that MECC was a better fit for his career goals, both academically and financially. He was a 2015–2016 recipient of the Elna Jackson & Gray Robinson Scholarship, and completed his Associate's Degree in General Studies in May 2016. He has transferred to UVa-Wise and plans to complete a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology.



Sabrina Fox

Sabrina Fox, of Wise, VA, graduated magna cum laude with an Associate's Degree in Health Information Management in May

2016. She was a 2015–2016 recipient of the Glenn Hurst and Beth Siphers Wendell Scholarship, and served as president of the American Association of Professional Coders Big Stone Gap Chapter. Fox transferred to the University of Virginia, where she plans to earn her Bachelor of Professional Studies in Health Science Management Degree and obtain her RHIT/RHIA certification.



Dillon Dotson

Dillon Dotson is a 2015 graduate of Lee High School and a resident of Pennington Gap, Virginia. While in high school, Dillon ran track, wrestled, and was a member of FBLA. He was a 2015–2016 recipient of the Ford C. Quillen, Lucy W. McNeil, Norton Community Hospital Auxiliary, and the William Campbell and Mary Virginia Edmonds Scholarships. He plans to complete his Associate Degree in Nursing in May 2017, and obtain a position as an Intensive Care or Emergency Room nurse.

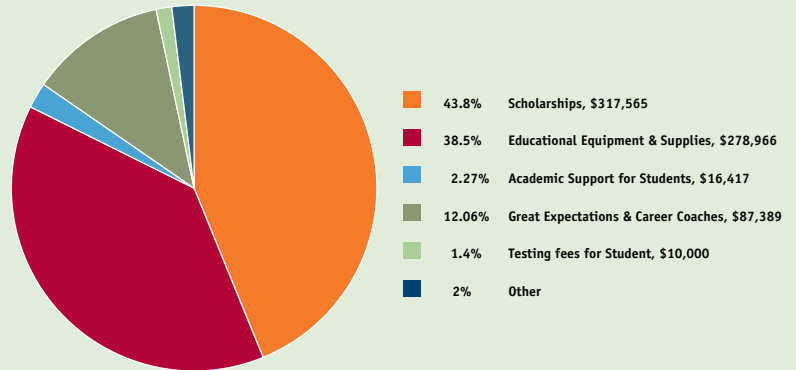


Alyssa Lasley

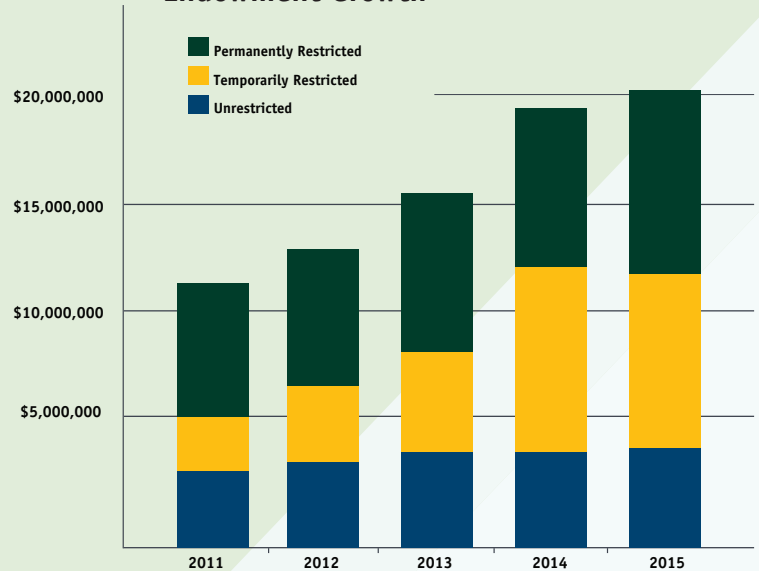
Alyssa Lasley, of Clintwood, is a home school student who was unable to complete requirements for her high school diploma due to family and personal health challenges. She persevered to obtain her General Equivalency Diploma (GED) in 2012, and began taking art classes at MECC soon after. The availability of financial aid and bus transportation to and from campus were determining factors in her choice to attend MECC. Consultation with one of the college's Success Coaches helped Lasley to focus on her career goals and major in Business Management. She was a 2015–2016 recipient of the Jo Pierson Horne and Rufus Horne Memorial Scholarship. She hopes to earn her Associate's Degree in May 2017, and eventually open her own cyber café and bakery.

FINANCIAL REPORT

\$724,509 Invested in Educational Services in 2015–2016 Academic Year



Endowment Growth



FOUNDATION KEY FACTS

UNDUPPLICATED STUDENTS RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS

446

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AWARDED

\$311,299

UNDUPPLICATED STUDENTS RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

44

UNDUPPLICATED STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN FREE TUTORING FUNDED BY THE MECC FOUNDATION

126

UNDUPPLICATED STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN FREE SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION FUNDED BY MECC FOUNDATION

141

STUDENTS RECEIVING GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

32

MECC FOUNDATION DONORS

The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the following people, organizations, and businesses who contributed from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Benefactors Club (\$10,000.00 Plus)

Lonesome Pine Hospital
Auxiliary Scholarship
C. Bascom Slemph Foundation
Community Trust & Investment
Company, Pikeville
Estate of Mrs. Carol Buchanan
Estate of Ms. Georgia Jo Couch
Dominion Foundation
Mr. & Mrs. Jack R. Howard
Lambda Alpha Epsilon
Estate of Ginger Hawk Rutherford
Mr. Mike Thomas

Loyalty Club (\$5,000.00 to \$9,999.99)

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse B. Marcum
Mr. & Mrs. Gary McCann
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas D. McGlothlin

Executive Club (\$2,500.00 to \$4,999.99)

Auto World of Big Stone Gap
China Garden Restaurant
Columbus Phipps Foundation
Anonymous
Mr. Joe Fuller
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin W. Gilliam Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. George E. Hunnicutt Jr.
Jack Howard Gibbs Foundation
Mrs. Louisa Holton Morris
Powell Valley National Bank, Jonesville
Mrs. Lucy F. Reasor
Rotary Club of Scott County
Shirley Lane Stiles Memorial
Nursing Fund
Dr. Terrance E. Suarez
Ms. Adriana Trigiani
Virginia Foundation for Community
College Education
Wadlow Gap Ruritan
Wellmont Health System
Williams-Berry Charitable Foundation

Presidents Club (\$1,000.00 to \$2,499.99)

BP Wampler Consulting, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Carter
Ms. Susan K. Clements
Crutchfield Corporation
Mr. C. Alan Cummings
Mr. & Mrs. Roger A. Daugherty

Dickenson County Board
of Supervisors
Eastman Credit Union
Dr. & Mrs. Doug Elosser
Frito-Lay
Dr. Terence Michael Gilley
Glass Machinery & Excavation, Inc.
Dr. & Mrs. James Scott Hamilton
Mr. Paul Hines
Mrs. Wilmot C. Jones
Lee Bank and Trust Company,
Pennington Gap
NTelos Foundation
MCC Property Solutions, Inc.
Mountain View Regional Medical
Center Auxiliary, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Musick
New Peoples Bank, Clintwood
Pfizer Foundation
Quesenberry's, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Quillen
Mr. & Dr. R. Jackson Rasnic
Mr. & Mrs. Ben F. Sergeant III
Rev. & Mrs. Dennett Slemph
South-West Insurance Agency
Mr. & Mrs. Chester Dale Stanley
Mr. & Mrs. Guy Sturgill
Town of Pennington Gap
Tuck Mapping Solutions, Inc.
Wallens Ridge State Prison
Wellmont Foundation
Mr. & Mrs. F. Winston Witt Jr.

Founders Club (\$500.00 to \$999.99)

A & A Enterprises, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert R. Adkins
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred R. Anderson
Mr. & Mrs. Gavin M. Bledsoe
Mrs. Susan Brown
Mr. & Mrs. K. Roger Bullock Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Gary J. Bumgarner
Ms. Susan Cassell
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Clark
Clintwood Volunteer Rescue Squad
Mrs. Charlene C. Cozart
Crutchfield
Dent Craft
East Stone Gap Alumni Association
Mr. Robert England
EQT Foundation
Estes Brothers Construction, Inc.
Food City, Abingdon
Freedom Chevrolet
Freedom Ford, Inc.
Gibson Collision Center, Inc.
Mrs. Thelma Gilley
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Gilliam
Mr. & Mrs. James M. Graham

Mrs. Mary Grace Groseclose
Mr. & Mrs. Gary L. Hall
Mr. & Mrs. Leton Harding Jr.
Ms. Jane A. Jones
Ms. Susan Kennedy
Mr. & Mrs. Joshua L. Kiser Jr.
Mrs. Virginia H. Meador
Mr. Preston Mitchell &
Mrs. Pat Baumgartner
New Peoples Bank, Norton
Mr. & Mrs. Radoje Popovic
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Rhoton
Mr. & Mrs. Shuler Ringley
Robinette Steel & Scrap Metal
Dr. Winfield Rose
Mr. & Mrs. James Shuler
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond V. Skorupa
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Spurlock Jr.
Ms. Antonia Trigiani
Ms. Lena Whisenhunt
Wolfe Williams & Reynolds

Sustainers Club (\$250.00 to \$499.99)

Advantage Group
Mr. & Mrs. W. Christopher Allgyer
Anderson Company, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Arnold
Mr. Dave Audia
Mr. Timothy Austin
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Dean Baker
Ms. Della V. Bays
BB&T, Clintwood
Belk, Wise
Mrs. Peggy G. Beverly
Mrs. Charles L. Bledsoe
Bledsoe Law Office
Mrs. Sue Ella Boatright-Wells
Mr. & Mrs. John C. Bradburne
Mr. & Mrs. Michael D. Butcher
C. Nathaniel Jenkins & Associates
Century 21
Mrs. Helen Choy
Mrs. Deborah Clarkston
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Clements
Commonwealth Connections, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Kyle S. Cooper
Farmers and Miners Bank,
Pennington Gap
First Community Bank, Clintwood
Fit-Con Graphics
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fogg
Food City, Big Stone Gap
Franklin Financial Services Co.
Ms. Sarah Jane Gilliam
Mrs. Amy Greear
Mrs. Charlotte Green
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Harris
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Helton

Dr. & Mrs. William P. Kanto Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie Kilgore
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kilgore
Mr. & The Honorable H. Allen Kinser
Mr. & Mrs. Scott L. Kiser
Kiwanis Club of Clintwood
Lamar Outdoor Advertising
Lee County Industrial
Development Authority
Lee County Sheriff's Office
Dr. & Mrs. George Litton
Ms. Regenia Massey
Mr. & Mrs. Rex McCarty
Mr. Don McDavid
Morgan-McClure Chevrolet, Inc.
Mountain View Medical Center
Myers Lumber & Supply
Ms. Phyllis Nitschke
Pepsi-Cola Bottling of Norton
The Honorable & Mrs. Terry Pope
Powell Valley Printing
Pro-Art Association
Mr. & Dr. Donald L. Ratliff
Mr. Paul E. Roller
S & C Rentals, Pennington Gap
Dr. & Mrs. Robert H. Sandel
Scott Co. Telephone Cooperative
Ms. Jayne Stamper
Ms. Annie Dyer Sutherland
Town of Clintwood
Town of Gate City
Town of Nickelsville
Mr. & Mrs. Carlo Trigiani
Virginia Electric Supply
Mr. D. H. Whitley III

Friends Club (\$0.01 to \$249.99)

The Academy of Performing Arts
Mr. & Dr. Roger Adams
Mr. & Mrs. James H. Addington
Adkins & Hunnicutt, PC
Ms. Sheila Adldoost
Mr. & Mrs. Ben E. Allen
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Allen
American Concrete Group, LLC
Ms. Wanda Anderson
Appalachian Osteopathy, PC
Applebee's
Ms. Harriette Arrington
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Ashley
Mr. & Mrs. David Austin
Ms. Joan P. Austin
Ms. Patsy Austin
Mr. & Mrs. David N. Bailey
Mr. & Mrs. Smitty Baker
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Baker
Bank of Marion
Mr. Alan Barker



MECC HONORS THE LIFE OF **Sue Ella Boatright Wells**

Sue Ella Boatright Wells was formerly the Dean of Workforce Development & Continuing Education at MECC. For over 35 years she had been responsible for MECC's Home Craft Days. Her passion for traditional

music led to the establishment of the Mountain Music School which over the past twelve years has attracted students from ages 8 to 88 and from across the United States, Canada, and Scotland. Every summer, students study the fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin, shape note singing and song writing. She was also the driving force behind the creation of the Scott County, VA and Wise County, VA Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAMS) programs. She passed away on August 1, 2016. Her co-workers and friends created the Sue Ella Boatright Wells Mountain Music School Scholarship in her memory.

Mr. & Mrs. James Barker
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bates
Ms. Della V. Bays
Best Inspection Services
Best Western of Wise
Beta Sigma Phi, Theta Theta
Chapter 11387
Mrs. Becky Bevins
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy B. Blankenbecler
The Blossom Box
The Blue Ridge Advisory
Services Group
Bob's Market
Ms. Beth Boggs
Ms. Dusta Loretha Boggs
Mr. Joshua Bolling
Bonanza Family Restaurant
Mr. Jeff Bond
Mr. Ron Bond
Mr. Terry Bond
Boone's LLC
Col. John Crawford Boston
Ms. Karla W. Boughey
Ms. Patricia Bowden
Mr. Daniel Bowen
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bowen
Mrs. Wilma Bowen &
Mrs. Rhonda White
Ms. Lelia Bradshaw
Mr. William E. Bradshaw, PC
Mrs. Sylvia A. Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Ted R. Bruton
Ms. Dianna Bryant
Builders Hardware, LLC
Dr. Carol A. Burkart
C&S Construction and Excavating, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Cantrell
Carousel House Bed & Breakfast
Mr. Gary Carroll
Ms. Nancy H. Cassell

Ms. Vickie Caudill
Cedar Hill Country Club
Ms. Susan Chadwell
Dr. & Mrs. Andrew J. Chapman DPM
Mr. & Mrs. James R. Childress
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Christian
Cinema City
Circle V Co., Inc.
City of Norton
Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Clark
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Clements
Clintwood Lions Club
Coal Mining Engineering Services, LLC
Coca-Cola Bottling Co.
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Coeburn
Mr. & Mrs. Tucker S. Coleman
Mr. James M. Collier
Mr. Teddie Collins Jr.
Community Motors
Mr. & Mrs. James Cooper
Copper Creek Ruritan Club
County of Wise
Mr. & Mrs. Larry N. Cradic
Mrs. Lois C. Crawford
Mr. & Mrs. George F. Cridlin
Mrs. Carolyn Cummins
Ms. Tina Cupp
Mr. Dan Dale
Mr. & Mrs. James C. Daley
Mrs. Ethel Daniels
Dr. Margaret Ann Davis
Ms. Joyce Deaton
Ms. Dana DeFoor
Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Dent Jr.
Ms. La Nette Desler
Ms. Brittney Dickenson
Dickenson Co. Chamber of Commerce
Dickenson Community Hospital
Mr. & Mrs. Kenny L. Dingus

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dingus
Direct Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep
Ms. Carolyn Dishner
Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Dixon
Mrs. Carol Dixon
Ms. Kimberly D. Dorton
Double D Tire Service
Drs. Botts & Botts, Optometrists
Duffield Lumber & Hardware Co, Inc.
Cloverleaf Chiropractic
Ms. Belinda Durham
Ms. Shamra Dye
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Early
Mr. Kemper Scott Edwards
Mr. Phil Edwards
Mr. & Mrs. Dexter Egan
Ms. Joanne Elam
Mr. & Mrs. O.H. Elliott, III
Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Norton
Mr. & Mrs. Robert D. Etherton
Family Drug, Inc.
Mr. David Fields
First Bank & Trust Company, Norton
Ms. Debora Fishel
Fitness Advantage
Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence J. Fleenor
Food City, Weber City
Four Seasons Farmers Market LLC
Mr. & Mrs. Leon Fox
Mr. & Mrs. Bert R. Francis
Friends of Tommy Norment
Mr. & Mrs. Richard David Galyean
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Gamba
Mr. Jim Garland
Geneses Hair Salon
Ms. Doris Gibson
Mrs. Peggy Gibson
Mrs. Pam Giles
Ms. Kathleen Gillespie
Mr. J. Gilley
Mr. Paul F. Gilley
Gilley's Jewelers
Gilliam Funeral Home
Mr. & Mrs. Garnett Gilliam
Mr. & Mrs. Hayward Gilliam
Grand Home Furnishings
Mr. Gerald Gray, Attorney at Law
Mr. & Mrs. Michael H. Green
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Phillip Green
Mr. Michael Greene
Mr. Roger B. Greene
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gulley
Ms. Karen Gusler
Hair Volution
Mr. Garland Hall
Mrs. Kristy Hall
Mr. Robert A. Hamblen
Hancock-Lambert Pharmacy

Ms. Tommie Harding
Mr. & Mrs. W. Patrick Hardy
Mr. & Mrs. Keith M. Hargrove
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hatfield
Ms. Marsha Hayes
Mr. Kevin Helms
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Herring
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy A. Herron
Mr. & Mrs. W.R. Hill
Ms. Sandra Hillman
Hilton Richmond Downtown
Hines Real Estate & Auction
Mr. Robert Hines
Holding Funeral Home
Holiday Inn, Norton
Home Hardware & Furniture Co.
Dr. & Mrs. Jozsef Hunek
Interstate Construction Products
Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Isaac Sr.
J&R Turner Inc. Ritchie Turner
Ms. Edith Jessee
Jessie Lea RV Park & Campground
Johnson Chevrolet-Olds-Buick
Ms. Janet Johnson
Ms. Doris Ava Jonas
Jonesville Drug Company, Inc.
Ms. Audrey Joplin
Mr. & Mrs. Marion C. Joplin
Ms. Patricia Keefe
Ms. Amy Kelley
Dr. & Mrs. Gerald B. Kelley
Mr. & Mrs. Leman Kendrick
Mr. & Mrs. J. Jack Kennedy Jr.
Ms. Lana L. Kennedy
Mr. Robert Kennedy
Mr. Lonnie Kern Esquire
Ms. Jessica Ketron
Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Ketron
Mr. & Mrs. John H. Kilgore
Mr. Teddy Kilgore
Mr. & Mrs. William D. Kilgore
Kilgore for Delegate
Kilgore Law Office
Kimbermark, LLC
Ms. Anita Kinard
Kwik Cafe
L&R Rentals
L. J. Horton Florists, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Lambert
Ms. Rene Lamey
Ms. Terri L. Lane
Lane Engineering, Inc.
Mr. R.W. Large
Mr. & Mrs. Preston Layne
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dale Lee, Jr.
Mr. Kevin Lee
Mr. & Mrs. Phil Lee
Lee School of Driving

Lemon's Jewelry
 Ms. Angie Lester
 Lindsey Wilson College
 Lions Club of Haysi/Clinchco
 Mr. Lyndon B. Livesay, CPA
 Mr. Tommy Livesay
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Locke Jr.
 Lone Pine Exterminating Co.
 Lonesome Pine Realty
 Ms. Alane Lovern
 Mr. Roy Lucas
 Mr. Leon Lyttle
 Mrs. Ashley Mabe
 Mr. Nasser Maksoud
 Mr. & Mrs. John C. Marion
 Ms. Brandi Martinez
 Mr. Vadim A Matyushin
 Ms. Brandi McAfee
 Mr. & Mrs. Carl McAfee
 Carl McAfee Law Firm, PC
 Ms. Elizabeth McClanahan
 Mr. Turner McKinnie
 Mr. Ronald D. McQuerry
 Ms. Jennifer F. Meade
 Ms. Sheila Meade
 Mr. Timothy Meade
 MECC Bookstore
 Mi Finca
 Mid-Mountain Heating & Cooling
 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Minahan
 Miners Exchange Bank, Coeburn
 Ms. Alberta Mitchell
 Dr. & Mrs. Kathy J. Mitchell
 Mr. & Mrs. H. Ronnie Montgomery
 Montgomery Law Office
 Mrs. Bobbie Morris
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Morrison
 Moving Forward Physical Therapy, Inc.
 Mr. & Mrs. Ben Mullins
 Mr. & Mrs. Gary Mullins
 Ms. Jettie Greer Mullins
 Ms. Rebecca Mullins
 Mullins, Harris & Jessee P.C.
 Mrs. Stacy T. Munsey
 Rev. & Mrs. Ronnie Mutter
 Myers Home Center, Inc.
 New Peoples Bank, Honaker
 Nickelsville Ruritan Club, Inc.
 Norton Floral of Lee County
 Norton One Hour Cleaners
 Mr. & Mrs. James M. Odle
 Dr. Chuks A. Ogbonnaya
 Mr. & Mrs. David Ogburn Jr.
 Old Virginia Hand Hewn Log Homes
 Ms. Geneva O'Quinn
 O'Reilly's Auto Parts
 Ms. Barbara Orndorff
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert R. Parks

Mr. Ryan Pearson
 Ms. Jo Penley
 Pennington Pharmacy
 Performance Engineering, LLC
 Mr. & Mrs. W. Scott Perkins
 Mr. & Mrs. Ron Prewitt
 Mr. & Mrs. Carl H Price Jr.
 Pullin-Ink
 Ms. Dorothy Qualls
 Mr. & Mrs. Pat Quillen
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles T. Quillin
 Mr. & Mrs. John Quinley
 Mr. Jerry L. Ramey
 Rasnic Animal Clinic, Inc.
 Mr. Joe D. Rasnick
 Mr. Harold R. Reasor
 Red Fox Grill
 The Regional Eye Center, PC
 Mrs. Angelia B. Reynolds
 Rhonda's Hallmark
 Mr. & Mrs. Otis Rhoton
 Ms. Janet Richards
 Mr. & Mrs. Danny Rife
 Mr. & Mrs. David Douglas Rife
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Rife
 Mr. & Mrs. Jody Riggs
 Riggs Oil Company
 Mr. & Mrs. Neil Rivers
 Mr. & Mrs. Freddie Roark
 Mr. & Mrs. Ray Robbins
 Mrs. Regena A. Robbins
 Ms. Karen N. Roberson
 Mr. & Mrs. Glenn E. Roberts Jr.
 Mr. Randal Roberts
 Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Robinette
 Mr. & Mrs. Tony Robinson
 Roger & Tigers of Pennington Gap
 Ms. Jennifer Rogers
 Mr. Ed Roop
 Mr. Van Perry Rose
 Roy A. Green Funeral Home
 Mr. Anthony Russo
 Ms. Vicki Rutledge
 Mr. & Mrs. George D. Salaita
 Mr. & Mrs. Myron R. Salyer
 Ms. M. Melissa Sams
 Mr. Kyle Scanlan
 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Scardo
 Mr. John Schoolcraft
 Ms. Billie Jean Scott
 The Honorable and Mrs. Birg Sergeant
 Shawnee Service Center, Inc.
 Shear Obsession
 Mr. & Mrs. James N. Shelton
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert D. Shoemaker
 Mr. Glen A. Skinner &
 Ms. Jan Zentmeyer
 Mr. & Mrs. Adam Smith



MECC HONORS THE LIFE OF

Martha Rhoton

Martha Rhoton retired from working in the Wampler Library after 23 years. She was known for her kindness and generous spirit. She established the MECC Foundation's Dr. Victor Ficker Scholarship and E.J. and

Nell B. Rhoton Scholarship, as well as helped establish the E. J. and Nell B. Rhoton Opportunity Fund. Martha Rhoton was honored with the VCCS Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy in 2014. She passed away on October 27, 2016.

Dr. David Smith
 Ms. Gaynell TaylorSmith
 Ms. Katherine Smith
 Mrs. Elizabeth P. Snodgrass
 Mr. & Mrs. John R. Stafford Jr.
 Ms. Debra Stallard
 Ms. Katherine Stallard
 Ms. Brenda R. Stanley
 Ms. Renee Stanley
 Mr. & Mrs. James Stewart
 Mr. Jason Stewart
 Ms. April Stidham
 Ms. Pauline Stidham
 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Lee Strouth
 Mr. John Sturgill
 Mr. Jonathan Sturgill
 Subway of Lee County
 Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Sumpter
 Mr. & Mrs. A. Sue Sweeney
 Mr. & Mrs. Cheryl C. Tankersley
 Ms. Patsy L. Tankersley
 Mr. & Mrs. J. Fred Tate
 Mrs. Jan Tate
 Mr. & Mrs. Carl Ray Thomas
 Mr. & Mrs. John E. Thompson Jr.
 Mr. Roger C. Thompson
 Todd's Hair Studio
 Town of Big Stone Gap
 Town of Jonesville
 Tracy's Salon on Main
 Mr. Kendall Tucker
 The Ugly Mug Cafe & Coffee Shop
 Mr. & Mrs. Fred J. Van Bever
 Ms. Patricia Vanhook
 Mr. Jim Vicars
 Mrs. John W. Vicars
 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Vicars
 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Vicars
 Vintage On Main
 Virginia Sports & Chiropractic
 Mr. Randy Wampler
 Mr. & Mrs. C. Christopher Ward
 Don Wax Estate, Toby Wax, Exec.
 Weber City Drug Center
 Mr. Derek Whisman
 Mrs. Sherry T. Whitaker

Mr. Danny Williams
 Ms. Donna Williams
 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Williams
 Ms. Penny Jewell Willis
 Mrs. Joanne M. Wisor
 Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Witt
 Mr. William C. "Buzzy" Witt, Jr. and Dr. Kathleen DePonte
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Wolfe
 Ms. Lisa K. Woliver
 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wood
 Ms. Deborah Wright
 Mr. Paxton Wright
 Y & Y Services, Inc.
 Ms. Janet R. Yates
 Mr. Joseph L. Young

In-Kind Gifts

Allen's Carpet
 Barter Theater
 Belk, Wise
 Cattails at Meadowview
 Clear Creek Golf Club
 Country Club of Bristol
 Dr. Theresa A. Dunton, DC
 Food City - Big Stone Gap
 Friends of the Southwest Virginia Museum Historical State Park
 Frito-Lay
 Gibson Collision Center, Inc.
 Grand Home Furnishings
 Kwik Kafé of Tri-Cities
 Lakeshore Marina & Resort
 Lonesome Pine Country Club
 Lowe's
 MECC Bookstore
 Mountainrose Vineyards, Inc.
 Performance Engineering, LLC
 Rhonda's Hallmark
 Tempur-Sealy International
 The Dog S'Paw LLC
 The First Lady Day Spa
 The Inn at Wise
 Tracy's Salon on Main
 Warriors Path Golf Course

Buccaneer Scholarship Donors

The MECC Foundation is providing special recognition to generous Big Stone Gap High School alumni and community friends for cumulative support of the Buccaneer Scholarship. The mascot of the former Big Stone Gap High School was the Buccaneer. A group of alumni created the Buccaneer Scholarship in 2003 to honor the legacy of their alma mater, which closed in 1959, and to benefit graduates of Powell Valley High School. Since then, 43 graduates of either the former Powell Valley or Union High Schools have received renewable scholarships to attend MECC. As of June 30, 2016, a total of \$88,675 in scholarships had been awarded to students, including \$11,800 for 2016-2017 awards. In addition to those funds, the Buccaneer Scholarship Committee had raised an additional \$11,323 in unrestricted scholarship funds and had received gifts for nine endowed scholarships, valued at \$376,948 by June 30, 2016.

Members of the Buccaneer Scholarship Committee include Roger Daugherty, Committee Chairman; Nancy Hagy Chiles; W. "H" and Callie Anne Coughlin Clark; Jack Howard; Josh Kiser; George Litton; Bill Locke; Roy Laster; and Nancey Edmonds Smith. Big Stone Gap alumni and Buccaneer Scholarship Committee were recognized in 2012 as the recipients of the VCCS Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy.

The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the following people, organizations, and businesses who have contributed to the Buccaneer Scholarship family of funds since inception. Those who have given from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 are noted in bold.

Mr. & Mrs. Randolph H. Adams	Ms. Mary Faye Buckles
Advantage Group	Mr. & Mrs. William Buckles
Ms. Catherine Agrella	Mr. Robert Bushong
Ms. Zelma Allen	Mr. John H. Byrd
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred R. Anderson	Byrd Rental
Anonymous	Mr. & Mrs. David P. Callahan
Mr. & Mrs. Shell Arnold	Dr. Gene Callahan
Mr. Jimmy Artrip	Ms. Mae S. Carmody
Ms. Elizabeth M. Asbury	Mr. & Mrs. Walter Carr
Mr. & Mrs. David N. Bailey	Mr. Gary Carty
Ms. Lindsey Bay	Mr. John S. Carty
Ms. Nancy Belton	Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Chiles
Mr. & Mrs. B. Kyle Beverly	Mr. & Mrs. W. H. & Callie Anne Clark
Mrs. Peggy Beverly	Mr. & Mrs. Gary Clark
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Blann	Ms. Helen Clendenon
Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Boggs	Mrs. Margaret Clendenon
John Crawford Boston	Ms. Betty Cline
Ms. Patricia Bowden	Ms. Joyce Collier
Mr. & Mrs. John C. Bradburne	Mr. & Mrs. James Cooper
Mr. & Mrs. Ted R. Bruton	Mr. James T. Cooper
Ms. Deborah Bryant	Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth E. Cooper
Ms. Nancy Buchanan	

Mr. & Mrs. Kyle S. Cooper
Mr. & Mrs. James Cornett
Ms. Faith Cox
Mrs. Charlene C. Cozart
Mr. C. Alan Cummings
Mr. William Dameron
Darco Energy Management
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Daugherty
Mr. James Davidson
Mr. & Mrs. Bobby H. Dean
Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Dent
Ms. La Nette Desler
Mr. & Mrs. John E. Dye
Mr. Thomas L. Edwards
Don Wax Estate
Mr. & Mrs. Edmund K. Filsinger
Ms. Mary M. Flanders
Ms. Lilian H. M. Fleenor
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence J. Fleenor
Mr. Richard Foggy
Ms. Joyce Gardner
Ms. Wanda Garrison
Mr. & Mrs. Donald A. Gary
Mrs. Sam Gilbert
Mrs. Pam Giles
Mr. James M. Gilley
Mr. & Mrs. Garnett Gilliam
Mrs. Harold Gilliam
Ms. Janey Gilliam
Mr. Normand T. Graber
Mr. Harvey Graham
Mr. & Mrs. James Graham
Mr. & Mrs. James M. Graham
Mrs. Lila Graham
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph L. Graham
Mrs. Ernest Gray
Mr. & Mrs. Earl S. Groseclose
Mr. Robert A. Hamblen
Mr. John Hamblen
Ms. Helen Hamilton
Mr. & Mrs. Allen S. Hardin
Mr. W. Patrick and Bonita N. Hardy
Ms. Janice Haywood
Ms. Jean Hedges
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hendrick
Ms. Jettie C. Hess
Mr. Edwin B. Hill

Mr. & Mrs. Robert R. Hixson
Holding Funeral Home
Mr. & Mrs. A. W. & Marcella Hopkins
Ms. Kathleen K. Horne
Mr. & Mrs. C. Edward Howard
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Howard
Mrs. Mary Hundertmark
Ms. Anne Hunter
Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Isaac
Ms. Joyce Jessee
Ms. Joyce Jones
Mrs. Wilmot C. Jones
Ms. Vivian W. Kahrs
Ms. Patricia Keefe
Mr. Toby Keller
Mr. Don Kepler
Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Kern
Mr. & Mrs. Walter E. Kilbourne
Mr. Philip Kinder
Mr. Joshua L. Kiser
Mr. Roy Laster
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas G. Little
Mr. & Mrs. George Litton
Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Locke
Martin Real Estate Investments
Ms. Janice C. Mays
Mr. & Mrs. Forrest D. McGoig
Mr. & Mrs. J. H. McFalls
Mr. Ronald D. McQuerry
Mrs. Virginia Meador
Mr. & Mrs. Teddy W. Messer
Ms. Louisa H. Morris
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Mullins
Mr. Earl Mumpower
Mr. Thomas W. Murphy
Mr. James K. Murphy
Mr. Frank A. Neely
Ms. Mary Nell Dungan
Ms. Anne R. Nickels
Mr. & Mrs. Chester Palmer
Mr. & Mrs. Frank W. Pannell
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pareene
Ms. Janice Pavaglio
Dr. & Mrs. Brownie Polly
Mr. George Polly
Mr. Jerry Potter
Mr. & Mrs. William P. Potter

Mr. & Mrs. John T. Purvis
Mr. & Mrs. John Quinley
Mr. & Dr. R. Jackson Rasnic
Ms. Anna Reach
Mrs. Alma Reasor
Mr. & Mrs. Dan J. Reasor
Ms. Marla Reynolds
Mr. William C. Robinette
Dr. Winfield Rose
Mr. & Mrs. George D. Salaita
Salaita Group
Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Salley
Ms. Susan M. Sanders
Ms. Billie Jean Scott
Ms. Shirley Shafer
Mrs. Arline G. Sharpe
Ms. Shelby M. Slemp
Dr. & Mrs. James M. Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Richard D. Smith
Ms. Iloe Read Stallard
Mrs. Donna G. Stanley
Mr. & Mrs. James W. Stewart
Mr. & Mrs. William Stone
Mr. & Mrs. J. Fred Tate
Mr. Bobby Taylor
Lt. Col. & Mrs. S. J. Terrano
Mrs. Angela H. Tipton
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Toney
Mr. & Mrs. Fred J. Van Bever
Mrs. Irene D. Wax
Mrs. Beth Wendell
Ms. Elizabeth N. Williams
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Williams
Mr. Joe S. Williams
Mr. John Williams
Mr. & Mrs. Blake Wilson
Mr. & Mrs. John Wilson
Mrs. Joanne M. Wisor
Ms. Sherry A. Wolfe
Ms. Frances W. Woodward
Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Wright
Ms. Janet R. Yates
Ms. Barbara Young
Mr. & Mrs. Haskell Swiney
Mr. William Reach

Legacy Society

The following individuals have notified the MECC Foundation of arrangements to provide for the MECC Foundation in their estate plans, name the college as a beneficiary of life insurance, or provide a gift of paid-up life insurance.

Ben and Dotty Allen
Dr. Jane Sowers Armistead*
Jettie Baker*

Jim Bates
Carol Buchanan*
Anonymous
Anonymous
W.H. and Callie Anne Coughlin Clark
Elizabeth Couch*
Georgia Jo Couch*
Leona Crockett*
Anonymous
Frank and Mary Fugate
Terence Michael Gilley
Howard and Ruth Gilliam

Jean Hill Grigsby*
Ann Verta Hamilton*
Anonymous
Anonymous
Edna Billette (Perry) McFadden*
Willie Joe and Laura Lyon Peters*
Nell Phillips*
Reida Rankin*
Anonymous
Annie I. Riggs*
Sue Rosenbalm*
Frank and Ginger Rutherford*

Ben and Nancy Sergent
R.C. "Snook"* and Marti Shelton
Dale and Donna Stanley
Helen Jackson Sutherland*
French Taylor*
Anonymous*
Beth Wendell*

*deceased

Mountain Empire Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the associate degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.679.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Mountain Empire Community College. Normal inquiries about the institution, such as admission requirements, financial aid, educational programs, etc., should be addressed directly to the institution and not to the Commission's office. Degree programs are approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, and are also approved for listing in the U.S. Office of Education directories for participation in various federally-sponsored programs of student aid and educational assistance. The College is authorized by the Veterans Administration to certify students to receive veterans' benefits and is approved by the Department of Health and Human Services for students who receive Social Security and Vocational Rehabilitation benefits. The Respiratory Therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. The Nursing program is approved by the Virginia State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326). The Practical Nursing and Nursing Assistant programs are approved by the Virginia State Board of Nursing. The Emergency Medical Services Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. The Phlebotomy program is approved by the National Phlebotomy Association.

It is the policy of the Virginia Community College System and Mountain Empire Community College to provide equal employment and educational opportunities for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, political affiliation, veteran status, gender, age, or sexual orientation and for all otherwise qualified persons with disabilities. This policy permits appropriate employment preference for veterans. This institution promotes and maintains educational opportunities without regard to race, color, sex, ethnicity, religion, gender, age (except when age is a bona fide occupational qualification), disability, national origin, or other non-merit factors. This institution prohibits sexual harassment including sexual violence. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies: Ron Vicars, Vice President of Financial and Administrative Services. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding student misconduct or equity issues based on gender: Brandon Dotson, Dean of Student Services. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding employee misconduct or equity issues: Pam Giles, Human Resource Manager. For more information, contact 276.523.2400, 3441 Mountain Empire Rd., Big Stone Gap, VA, 24219. Virginia relay users dial 711.



Mountain Empire Community College

3441 Mountain Empire Road
Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219
Phone 276.523.2400, Fax 276.523.8297
www.mecc.edu



Mountain Empire *Community College Foundation*

3441 Mountain Empire Road
Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219
Phone 276.523.2400, Fax 276.523.7485
www.meccfoundation.org