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Northwest Side Story

An evening of retrospect and celebration at the Performing Arts Center dedication

March 20th marked the dedication of the new Performing Arts Center at Harper College and the unveiling of the donor wall that recognizes hundreds of supporters to the magnificent center.

More than 300 guests enjoyed a cocktail reception and were then seated in the theater where they were treated to the Center's first performance, *West Side Story*, directed by **Mary Jo Willis**. "Directing *West Side Story* in the new Performing Arts Center was a dream come true, Willis said. "For me it was the culmination of many long years of struggle. It was an end for me, personally, in the sense that I was taking early retirement, but also a beginning for my faculty colleagues and the students who will work in the space and for our audiences who will enjoy many outstanding performances and concerts."

Dr. Robert Breuder, Dick Hoffman, Kris Howard, Dr. J. Harley Chapman and **Barbara Barton** spoke to the guests about the history behind the creation of the Performing Arts Center and the unveiling of the new donor wall. They also surprised Willis by unveiling a dedication plaque erected in her honor and in recognition of her many years of service at Harper College.

The plaque reads: *The Harper College Educational Foundation honors Professor Mary Jo Willis in tribute to her invaluable assistance with the Patron of Arts Campaign, her dedication to the Performing Arts and her pursuit of excellence in teaching.*

"Deeply and profoundly grateful also sums up my feelings about the gala opening of the new PAC Center and the marvelous tribute the Foundation gave me," Willis said. "I was stunned and surprised by the presentation of the beautiful plaque in my honor. It was, truly, totally unexpected. How lovely to be recognized in such a lasting way!"

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Daily Herald Vice Chairman/Executive Vice President Robert Paddock Jr. and Harper College President Dr. Robert Breuder celebrate the debut of the Daily Herald Box Office.

In Brief...

- The College enrollment continues to thrive, with our summer semester providing a 6.49 percent increase in full time enrollment and a 10.6 percent increase in applications.
- During the past year, the Educational Foundation supplied more than \$357,000 in scholarships, awards, grants and capital development funding.
- The Foundation awarded \$40,000 in Resources for Excellence grants to six Harper programs for the 2003-2004 school year.
- The Foundation welcomes four community members to the Foundation Board of Directors: Frank Becker, UPS; Robert Glorch, Law Offices of Robert H. Glorch; William Graft, Graft, Jordan & Curtis; and Robert Placko, Motorola.
- The artwork of May Harper graduate, Kelly Stachura was featured at the prestigious Small Works Art Exhibition, hosted by the Harper College Educational Foundation and the Omron Foundation. She is the youngest artist to have her work displayed at the exhibit.
- The Harper College Educational Foundation Golf Open 2003 raised \$60,000 for Resources for Excellence.
- The Performing Arts Center was dedicated on March 20. More than 300 guests attended the unveiling of the Advocate for the Arts Donor Wall and a *West Side Story* performance. Arsenic and Old Lace, the next theatrical performance in the Performing Arts Center, will run November 14 to 22.
- Three new scholarships, the John and Melanie Frieburg ESL Endowed Scholarship, the Royal American Bank Displaced Homemakers Scholarship and the Betty Windham Memorial Fund, were created to help Harper students go forward with their educational goals.

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"Thank you to the members of the Foundation, past and present, for their generous support. They continue to invest in the education of students in the performing arts. I hope that investment continues. Now, more than ever, we need the arts.

When we come to a play or a concert, experience a painting or a piece of sculpture, we are doing the work of the heart and the work of the soul."

—Mary Jo Willis



In attendance at this special event were the hundreds of Harper College Advocate for the Arts donors who have made gifts of \$5,000 and above in support of the Center. Theatre seat and theatre row sponsors also attended the festivities with Harper's Lifetime Giving Donors, who have generously supported the school at \$10,000 and up, as well as the dozens of individuals who were involved in the planning, building and unveiling of the beautiful Performing Arts Center.



During the cocktail reception guests socialized and enjoyed fine dining.



Dr. J. Harley Chapman, Pam Toomey, Dean of Liberal Arts Dennis Weeks, and Steve Catlin enjoy the evening.



The festive reception included a musical performance by the Harper Music Academy Student Quartet and floral decorations created by Harper's Floral Design department.

For the Record

A Message From the Executive Director

We have so much to be proud of at Harper College! As you read this newsletter, our fall semester has just begun and I welcome all of our students, faculty and staff as we start a new academic year at Harper College.

Harper continues to thrive and grow thanks to the generous stewardship of Harper's donors. During the past year, the Educational Foundation supplied more than \$357,000 in scholarships, awards, grants and capital development funding to the Harper community. This is a tremendous accomplishment and we thank you for helping us support our vibrant college community.

The Educational Foundation also received gifts from several donors during the 2002-2003 academic year that will provide and endow scholarships for an array of programs on campus. We extend a special thanks to **Pam and Ross Johnson, Alan Smith, Philip and Margaret Nuccio, John and Melanie Frieburg, Royal American Bank, Square D, Omron Foundation, and friends of Betty Windham.**

All of us at the Harper College Educational Foundation are honored to announce the 2003 Motorola Distinguished Faculty Award winner, **Dr. Janet Friend Westney**, who has served as a beloved instructor at Harper for nearly 30 years (see page 8).

There are many other achievements that we are eager to share with you. Our enrollment continues to thrive, with our summer semester providing a 6.49 percent increase in full time enrollment and a 10.6 percent increase in applications. In addition, during the past year, we worked diligently to build more relationships in the Harper community and reach out to more seniors and children.

We are pleased that our **Lifelong Learning Institute** for learners age 55+ includes a range of diverse programs from *Wonders of Ancient Science* and *20th Century Culture* to *The Maturing Mind* and *Making the Most of Your Doctor's Visit*. The program has been well received by the community and was funded with a Resources for Excellence grant from the Foundation. **In Zone**, a Harper College summer program for children ages 8 to 16, continues to attract thousands of children from throughout the Northwest suburbs for action-packed academic, enrichment and sports camp courses.

In addition to serving older adults and children, Harper College continues to outreach to our growing diverse community. The **REACH** initiative, which was funded by the **McGraw Foundation**, was developed and launched as a special bridge system for diverse students who transition from high school to Harper College. **Command Spanish** was provided to Harper employees this year through our Corporate Services Department, and we are in the midst of translating the Harper Web site into Spanish, through a grant from **SBC**.

As you can see from these brief highlights, we are continually building a dream at Harper College. And we couldn't be so successful without your help and support. On behalf of all of us at the Harper College Educational Foundation, thank you for creating a first-class educational resource in the Northwest suburbs!

I encourage you to read this issue of Community Catalyst to be inspired by the success stories of our cherished donors, volunteers, faculty, staff and students.

We have something very special here. Thank you for being a member of our growing family.

Catherine M. Brod



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Associate Vice President for
Community Relations

Executive Director
Harper College Educational Foundation

2002 Motorola Award for Excellence

Recipient wins art scholarship at Minneapolis College of Art and Design

At the 2002 Educational Foundation Board annual meeting, **Rana Raeuchle**, a second year art student at Harper College and single mother, was the recipient of Harper's prestigious Motorola Award for Excellence.

"I have given a lot of thought to the reasons behind scholarships and what they really mean," she said when she received the award. "Scholarships exist to encourage students to do well in pursuing life and career goals. But for me, there is another purpose. College is hard work and involves a lot of self-sacrifice, studying, and understanding on the part of the student's family, but scholarships are there to help us see through the hard times and remain focused on the future."

One year later Raeuchle is seeing the fruits of her labor as she prepares to move from the Windy City to the Twin Cities to attend the prestigious Minneapolis College of Art and Design on a merit-based scholarship that will allow her to receive a bachelor's of fine arts in comic art.

She is excited about the challenges she will face at her new school and thrilled that her scholarship will underwrite approximately half of her total tuition. "I consider the prestigious Minneapolis College of Art and Design one of the top 10 schools in the United States. I am very familiar with the Twin Cities, having spent time there as a child. They offered me the best scholarship, and I think that I will be able to get my bachelor of fine arts within two years."

"I want my son to be proud of his mother and to recognize that hard work and sacrifice does not go unrewarded." — Rana Raeuchle

While preparing for her move to Minneapolis, she is busy promoting a self-published anthology of comic book stories created by 15 students, which includes artwork and comics. The book is sold at conventions and Raeuchle hopes to expand its distribution in the future.

Raeuchle has enjoyed her time at Harper College and is appreciative of the support system the school provided. "I am older than the traditional college student, but at Harper, I always felt that I fit in. The environment here is so open. You work with people of all ages and different ethnic backgrounds. I was always encouraged to set my own pace. The classes were small enough so that I had lots of personal attention and support from my teachers and other students. And, even in the traditionally larger classes like art history, we always had smaller lab sessions or workshops where I could work in a smaller group. I have had a terrific educational experience here and I would recommend Harper College to anyone."

Making Meaningful Gifts:

Square D and Omron Foundation continue to support Harper College

Over the years, Harper College and its thousands of students and faculty have benefited greatly from the generous corporations and local businesses that support its scholarships and events. Two of those donors, **Square D Company** and **Omron Electronics** made significant gifts to Harper College.

Square D Company has renewed their generous annual gift of \$10,000 in support of two special funds:

- Women Make History, which Square D has sponsored for eight years; and
- The Square D Engineering Scholarship, which provides awards to graduating high school seniors and new Harper College full-time students who are enrolled in a pre-engineering program and plan to transfer to a four-year institution with an accredited engineering program. This generous scholarship includes funds for the two years the student studies at Harper, and tuition for the first year at the student's transfer school.

Omron Foundation awarded Harper's English as a Second Language (ESL) program \$15,000 in support of its innovative tutoring program that provides ESL students with one-on-one personal tutoring. Since 1999, Omron Foundation has given more than \$40,000 to the ESL Program at Harper. "We are extremely appreciative of Omron's continuing support of Harper's ESL program. They have been such a big supporter to us in the past and they continue to allow us to offer services not normally available to our ESL students. This \$15,000 gift will provide extra tutoring services, workshops and small group discussion opportunities for students looking to sharpen their oral skills before moving to the next level of our academically based program. We thank Omron sincerely for making a gift that will provide such critical additional services to Harper College," said Dan Corr, Dean of Academic Enrichment and Language Studies.

Harper Art Student Draws Praise

26th Annual Small Works Exhibition



Photosynthesis
Kelly Stachura
Fiber sculpture
with photo transfers
18 x 11.5 x 11.5



Nurse
Frank Trankina
Oil on paper
15 x 11

Small Works is a national exhibition that Harper hosts annually featuring approximately 40 works by 22 artists. It attracts renowned curators as judges including **Chicago-based art critic John Brunetti**, who served as the 2003 judge, and it features an array of art forms on a small scale (pieces can be no greater than 23 inches and no greater than 45 pounds).

Sponsored by the Harper College Educational Foundation and a grant from the **Omron Foundation**, the National Small Works Exhibit opened in early April at Harper's New Student Services and Art Center to the enjoyment of hundreds of fans.

The 39 art works at this year's exhibition were selected from among 129 entries. Artist Kelly Stachura, a Harper student from Barrington, and the youngest artist featured at the prestigious exhibition, created a piece that combines fiber sculpture with photo transfers. *Photosynthesis* resembles a plant with its colorful upward-reaching tendrils and urchin-like fingers. "I felt honored just to be included in the Small Works exhibit because it was my first National Exhibit, and appropriately, I was honored to be included in my first national exhibit at Harper College surrounded by the community of art and artists that I've known for the past two years," said Stachura.

Stachura was honored to be included in the prestigious National Small Works Exhibition at Harper College. "As an artist and especially as a full-time student-artist, actively pursuing exhibition of your work truly becomes a full-time job. For me, every aspect of this exhibit from receiving notification of acceptance into the show to attending the Educational Foundation's Board Meeting to 'hand over' my piece has been an exciting, almost surreal journey, to say the least," she said.

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Stachura was interviewed and her piece, *Photosynthesis*, was featured in a Pioneer Press article in April. "It felt surreal to be chosen, the youngest of all the artists, to have my work highlighted by the Pioneer Press article and to feel (as still a student) equal to all of the other very talented artists in this exhibit. On top of this recognition, I was absolutely thrilled to then be embraced by the Harper College community again and to receive the support of the Educational Foundation through their purchase of my work," she said.

The Harper College Educational Foundation has purchased Stachura's *Photosynthesis* as well as artist **Frank Trankina's** oil on paper, *Nurse*, to add to its permanent collection.

Stachura graduated from Harper this spring with two associate's degrees. Described by one of her professors as a "pace setter" who set the tempo for other students in her art classes and encouraging her peers to push themselves to create their best work, she will transfer to the School of the Art Institute, to pursue a bachelor of fine arts in studio art.

While she said she will miss Harper College, she is positive about her educational experience. "I'm glad that I chose Harper College and truly believe that my experiences here have given me a solid foundation on which to build my future."

For more information on the National Small Works Exhibition or to make a gift in support of Harper's extensive art collection, please call Catherine Brod at 847.925.6278.

Alumni Update

Music Academy Alumnus returns to Harper College as *West Side Story*'s Bernardo

Andy-John G. Kalkounos was first introduced to Harper College as a young boy when he attended the Music Academy. Having an interest in the piano, his mother called Harper to see if they offered any music courses for children in the community. For the next eight years, he took private lessons through the Harper College Music Academy, and still sings its praises today.

After graduating from Fremd High School, Kalkounos moved to Indiana, where he attended Butler University. There, he majored in marketing and minored in Latin and theatre. After graduation, he moved back to Chicago, and keeps busy with his own executive recruiting business which he manages during the day, in addition to running Chicago Prime Steakhouse in Schaumburg, which he and his brother own.

Despite his busy schedule, Kalkounos returned to Harper College in 2003 to earn an Illinois Real Estate License. In six months, he completed the program and received his license. Harper offers the program at night, which Kalkounos said was perfect for executives who are returning to school. "I chose to return to Harper to get my Real Estate License because it's a very challenging institution that offers the highest quality of instruction. The location was ideal, as I was able to attend night classes, and finish my evening at the restaurant."

One day, while walking through the campus, he noticed a flyer advertising auditions for *West Side Story*. He decided to attend an audition workshop hosted by Mary Jo Willis in November, and soon he was ready to compete for the coveted role of Bernardo (leader of the Sharks) in Harper's production of *West Side Story*.

Kalkounos prepared for four months prior to the auditions by taking singing courses, hip-hop dance lessons, and memorized most of the play before the auditions. "*West Side Story* is one of my favorite shows, and I wanted to act in the new Performing Arts Center theatre that the community has so strongly supported. I also wanted to work for the famed Mary Jo Willis, who is a legend in the Northwest suburban theatres."

"Andy-John is a very dedicated, hard-working young man and a delight to have in a cast. He's a great spirit person, full of enthusiasm and energy, kind to a fault and genuinely interested in everybody's welfare in the group. The music director, the choreographer and I all agreed that he was, hands down the perfect choice for Bernardo," Willis said.

According to Willis, Kalkounos shares many of the qualities of Bernardo, "Passion, intensity, loyalty and leadership." Willis recalls one long afternoon with Kalkounos and **Steven Peter**, who

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played Riff in the production, were the only two cast members called to rehearsal.

"The goal was to choreograph the tense knife fight between Bernardo and Riff which ends Act One of *West Side Story*. **Keith Nadal**, another former Harper student, ISU grad and fight choreographer and I were working with Andy-John and Steve. I can't tell you how difficult that fight is; it requires discipline, physicality, concentration and endless energy. AJ and Steve worked for hours, without complaint, in order to make the fight believable. That's just one example of of Andy-John's dedication to and passion for work."

Kalkounos' dedication was evident during the several months of rehearsals. He would begin his day with an early-morning train ride into the city, spend his evening in rehearsals and finish his day with a few hours at Chicago Prime Steakhouse. When asked if it was worth the hard work, he said, "It was an awesome experience to perform in a theatre that was so strongly supported by the community. The only currency that we have as actors is applause, and it means the world."

Kalkounos hopes to continue performing in community theatres, and has a strong interest in Harper's future theatrical offerings, including the 2004 performance of *Hamlet*. Down the road, he wants to become more involved in the entertainment industry, including motion pictures. Until then, he continues to focus on his careers in executive recruitment, real estate and at Chicago Prime Steakhouse.

Are you a Harper alumnus? Update us on what you've been doing since your days at Harper. E-mail your story to alumni@harpercollege.edu or call 847.925.6610.

Food For Thought

Harper College Food Service Club "kicks it up a notch"

Kevin Wood and **Terry Reisterer**, officers of the Harper College Food Service Club, presented **Patrick Beach**, associate professor/coordinator of the Hospitality Management Program, with a gift for the College's food labs. It took 50 students and approximately 25 fundraising events for the students to come up with a fantastic list of donated goods and gifts that included a six-burner stove, two food processors, two immersion blenders, 20 sauté pans, 10 cutting boards and a storage rack.

"Presenting the gift to Patrick Beach for the hospitality food labs was quite fun. Kevin and I sat Mr. Beach down and gave him a list of our intentions and he thought we were kidding. We know the new six-burner stove is greatly needed, and all the other cooking equipment will be put to good use. It was wonderful to be part of giving something back to Mr. Beach and to the Harper College Food Service program. Both have been so invaluable in helping me hone my craft so I may start my own business," said Reisterer, Food Service Club officer, who worked with Wood on the fundraising efforts that led to the generous gifts.

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Beach down and gave him a list of our intentions and he thought we were kidding." —Terry Reisterer

"One of the goals that we Food Service Club officers hoped for was membership. We saw a need for involvement, teamwork and new connections. Kevin was instrumental in increasing the club's membership as well as getting the students enthusiastic about involvement in many fundraising efforts. We had a wonderful time participating in these numerous events and we achieved goals never before met by the club."

Students also presented a \$200 gift in support of Harper's Lou Buchenot Scholarship and \$500 to PADS, a local homeless shelter. Students raised the money for the gifts through numerous events and partnerships with local businesses including Amlings Flowerland, which promoted and hosted an "in-store" event that included a 10 percent off discount coupon with every food item purchased from the club.

For more information on the Harper College Food Service Club or to make a gift in support of this program, please call Pat Beach at 847.925.6246.

International Inspiration

Dr. Janet Friend Westney wins Motorola Distinguished Faculty Award

Experience is not what happens to you; it's what you do with what happens to you.
—Aldous Huxley

The coveted Motorola Distinguished Faculty Award has been awarded annually to a member of Harper's faculty since 1971—arriving on campus just a few years before cherished counselor and international student advocate **Dr. Janet Friend Westney**.

Described by her peers as a “tireless advocate and resource” to thousands of students, Westney is a professor of Student Development and serves as a full-time counselor at Harper. Westney's career is full of accomplishments including her playing a key role in the creation of Harper College's International Studies program.

Westney has served on numerous institutional, statewide and national committees, sharing her expertise in diversity and advising and counseling across the state and country. Additionally, she has provided multicultural, international and diversity training programs for faculty, staff and students at Harper for many years. Westney's leadership skills related to these areas have gained her regional as well as state recognition.

Instrumental in bringing international scholars and educators to the college to discuss global issues, Westney also encourages Harper students, faculty and staff to be part of international exchanges and to take advantage of educational opportunities away from the traditional classroom.

“When I first learned that I won the award, I was astonished, which was immediately followed by my feeling extremely honored. It's a tremendous feeling to have your work recognized in this way. I have always been surrounded by very special people in this institution and I have achieved what I have in large measure because of being inspired by them and of course inspired by doing the work that I do with students,” said Westney of her award, which she received at Harper's Graduation Ceremony on May 30, 2003.

The Motorola Endowed Award for Teaching Excellence funds the Distinguished Faculty Award. The interest from this endowed fund provides \$1,000 annually to be used by the distinguished faculty member to further enhance the quality of instruction.

Westney plans to use her award stipend to attend an annual diversity conference or visit one of the study abroad sites that she is developing.

Previous Motorola Distinguished Faculty award winners include Dominic Magno, George Evans and Pauline Buss.

The annual Motorola Distinguished Faculty Award is bestowed upon a faculty member who has contributed to the educational experience of Harper students, to the growth and development of the College and to service in professional and community organizations. A committee of faculty, administrators and students determines the award.

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Foundation Board member Bob Plako (of Motorola) and Foundation Board President Dick Hoffman award Motorola Distinguished Faculty Award recipient Janet Friend Westney at the Foundation's Annual Meeting in June.

Live. Laugh. Golf.

More than \$60,000 raised in support of the Resources for Excellence Fund

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The Golf Open is an annual event at Harper College, which attracts more than 100 golf enthusiasts and Harper supporters for an afternoon of fun in the sun and festivities on the green.

This year was no exception.

About 125 golfers participated in the event and helped raise more than \$60,000 in support of Harper College's Resources for Excellence Fund, which supports scholarships, grants, teaching and learning initiatives and other special projects.

The 2003 Golf Open was presented by **UPS**. Other generous sponsors include **H-O-H Chemicals, Northern Trust Bank, Cornerstone National Bank & Trust Company, Gilbane Building Company** and **PTW & Co.**

LPGA Teaching Pro Margie Muzik was on hand to give expert instruction at a driving range clinic and to participate in a Beat the Pro Contest.

2003 Golf Open Co-Chairs **Steve Topolski** of PTW & Co., **Rick Wise** of Gilbane Building Company, and **Mike Reilly** of Algonquin joined special guests **Mayor Arlene Mulder** of Arlington Heights, **State Representative Terry Parke** and **State Senator Kay Wojcik**.

And the winners are...

First Place Cornerstone National Bank & Trust Company

Second Place Northern Trust Bank

Third Place Gilbane Building Company



First place foursome Cornerstone National Bank & Trust Company receives the first place traveling trophy from last year's winner, Northern Trust Bank. From left to right: Tim Knecht, Mike Moorman and Tom MacCarthy of Cornerstone, Dick Schonboff of Northern Trust, and Jeff Boundy of Cornerstone.



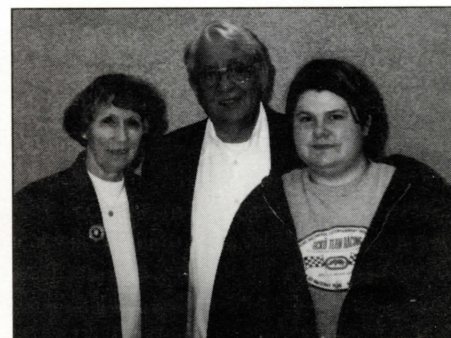
UPS was this year's Golf Open event sponsor.

Scholarship Highlights

Glenda F. Nuccio Memorial Scholarship

Glenda Nuccio worked in the Hearing Impaired Program at Harper College in the 1970s before retiring with her husband, **Philip**, to Michigan. Upon her death, Philip established the Glenda F. Nuccio Memorial Scholarship to provide financial assistance to students who are deaf or hard of hearing. The scholarship has supported dozens of students since 1986. Recently, Philip and his wife, **Margaret**, traveled from their home in Benton Harbor, Michigan to meet **Jessica Heil**, the 2002-2003 recipient of the Memorial Scholarship.

"It is so refreshing to meet young people who are working so hard to achieve success. In spite of a handicap, Jessica is going forward and making her place in the world. Margaret and I are thrilled to see that. It feels great that we have been able to make a difference in so many Harper students' lives for so many years now," Philip Nuccio said.



Margaret and Philip Nuccio and Jessica Heil, recipient of the Glenda F. Nuccio Memorial Scholarship.

Midge C. Smith Memorial Scholarship

Midge Smith was a Harper faculty member who worked with students with learning disabilities and head injuries. Tragically, Midge contracted cancer and died just one year after her diagnosis. **Alan Smith**, her husband, made a gift to the Harper College Educational Foundation after his wife's death and started the Midge C. Smith Memorial Scholarship.

"We have distributed six awards since the inception of this fund. It provides a financial award each year that helps offset the cost of tuition, fees or our elective one-on-one instructional program," said **Tom Thompson**, director of access and disability services, the department that oversees the award process each year. "Students with learning disabilities are always appreciative of this scholarship and it is extremely meaningful to us since it was created in memory of a former colleague."

Maria Vasquez, a Harper student and teacher's aid at Palatine High School was awarded the scholarship this year. She will transfer to Southern Illinois University this fall where she will major in education and study to become a home economics teacher.



Alan Smith and Maria Vasquez at their Donor and Scholarship Luncheon in May.

Nils Andrew Johnson Culinary Arts Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Edwards grew up with home cooked meals and a passion for food. "Both of my parents would cook with me and teach me about cooking," she said. After taking some advanced food classes including food chemistry in high school, Edwards knew that food was a big part of her future. So she enrolled in Harper College and received the Nils Andrew Johnson Culinary Arts Memorial Scholarship.

With many expenses such as tuition, fees and books, Edwards needed a financial boost. The Memorial Scholarship provided her with just that. This past spring Edwards met **Pam and Ross Johnson**, who created the Memorial Scholarship several years ago in the name of their son, Nils Johnson. "I really enjoyed meeting Pam and Ross Johnson. They are such amazing people. They are so positive and motivating. I feel like they are my other set of parents," Edwards said.

"It was a wonderful experience to meet Elizabeth," Pam Johnson said. "Elizabeth warmly greeted us, and by the end our meeting she was offering to help us with a dinner party. In fact, she reminded me a lot of our son, Nils, with her passion for cooking and food. Elizabeth's spirit and dedication parallels that of our late son and that means so much to us. It's nice to see a legacy carried on."



Pam and Ross Johnson met Elizabeth Edwards (center) in May and learned how their scholarship is helping her.

For more information on the Nils Andrew Johnson Culinary Arts Memorial Scholarship, Glenda F. Nuccio Memorial Scholarship, or Midge C. Smith Memorial Scholarship, or to establish a new scholarship fund, please contact Heather Engel Zoldak at 847.925.6610.

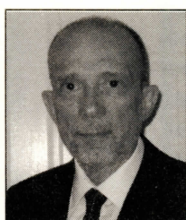
Welcoming New Board Members



Frank Becker

Frank Becker is an area human resources manager for United Parcel Service, North Illinois District. Becker is based in Palatine and responsible for UPS facilities in Palatine, O'Hare, Crystal Lake and Waukegan, which includes about 2,500 employees. His job responsibilities include managing UPS's recruiting and employment process, training and development, managing health and safety programs, and managing the affirmative action program for UPS's North Illinois District. Becker has been with UPS for nearly 15 years. Over the years he has worked in a variety of assignments and UPS locations. He served as the North Illinois District training manager before his current position. He has volunteered for six years as one of the coordinators for the United Way Campaign.

Becker received his Bachelor of Science from DePaul University and a Master's in Business Administration from National Louis University.

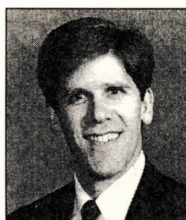


Robert H. Glorch

Robert H. Glorch is the principal attorney of the Law Offices of Robert H. Glorch, located in Palatine. Glorch received his bachelor's degree from Knox College and his Doctor of Law degree from the University of Illinois. He has practiced since 1971 with the firm and its predecessors. Glorch has given numerous seminars and presentations on the topic of estate planning, and has given several presentations on estate planning for parents of handicapped individuals. He also is a member of many organizations including The Financial Planning Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association and a past member of the board of directors as well as serving on the Greater O'Hare Satellite of the Greater Chicago International Association of Financial Planners. In addition, he is a member of the Chicago Estate Planning Council, Northwest Suburban Estate Planning Council and The Chicago Council on Planned Giving.

He teaches estate planning at Harper College and is an adjunct faculty member at the College for Financial Planning, Denver, Colorado. He also taught estate planning at the First National Bank of Chicago, LaSalle National Bank in Chicago, The Teachers' Retirement System of Illinois and the U.S. Custom's Service. He appeared on the WAIT AM 850 "Smart Money Strategies" radio program.

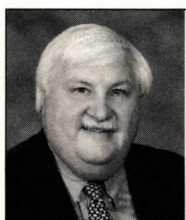
The Law Offices of Robert H. Glorch places emphasis on the areas of estate planning, wills, trusts, probate, estate administration and charitable gifting.



William C. Graft

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From 1994 to 1995 he served as a member of the board of directors for the Minority Economic Resources Council and in 1995 on the State of Illinois Human Resources Advisory Council to Gov. Jim Edgar.

Convocation: True Achievement

Harper College Convocation includes McGrath Award and Foundation Scholars

The roots of true achievement lie in the will to become the best that you can become.—Harold Taylor

The Harper College Convocation is a significant event in the lives of many Harper students. It marks a time of change and transition for some. It celebrates the accomplishments of others. More than 400 students, guests and friends of Harper gathered on May 30th to celebrate true achievement at Harper College. During the ceremony, students who received scholarships and awards for the 2002-2003 school year were honored and recognized. **Gerald Smoller**, a Foundation Board Member and Chair of Harper's Scholarship Committee introduced the Educational Foundation Scholars, and Dr. Robert Breuder recognized the 2003 McGrath Award winner, **Sam Oliver**.

It was a meaningful and triumphant day for so many members of the Harper family. We congratulate and extend appreciation to all of our award winners and scholars!

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| Tiffany Bulak | Access To Opportunity Scholarship | Marlo Sarabyn | Executive Secretary Scholarship |
| Christopher Wilmot | Amersham Endowment Scholarship | Juliya Talmachova | Faculty Senate Student Scholarship |
| Ben Goebbert | Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club Scholarship | Marc Blaesing II | GED Graduate Recognition Award |
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| Erik Ambrus | Betty & Matt Cockrell Endowed Scholarship | Todd Chruszcz | GED Graduate Recognition Award |
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| Elizabeth Gomez De La Casa | Betty & Matt Cockrell Endowed Scholarship | Nancy Sonnenschein | GED Graduate Recognition Award |
| Jesus Gonzalez | Betty & Matt Cockrell Endowed Scholarship | Jennifer Spight | GED Graduate Recognition Award |
| Marisol Gutierrez | Betty & Matt Cockrell Endowed Scholarship | Ellen Culpepper | GED Graduate Scholarship |
| Veronica Hernandez | Betty & Matt Cockrell Endowed Scholarship | Jennifer Horn | GED Graduate Scholarship |
| Jennifer Horn | Betty & Matt Cockrell Endowed Scholarship | Juan Leal | GED Graduate Scholarship |
| Mohita Kumar | Betty & Matt Cockrell Endowed Scholarship | Maria Ng | GED Graduate Scholarship |
| Mary Miranda Enriquez | Betty & Matt Cockrell Endowed Scholarship | Roberto Benavides | GED Recognition Scholarship |
| Jerry Palacios | Betty & Matt Cockrell Endowed Scholarship | John London | GED Recognition Scholarship |
| Marie Pinckney | Betty & Matt Cockrell Endowed Scholarship | Arpan Shah | Geraldine Cosby Endowed Government Service Scholarship |
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| Ana Pham | Beverly Kiss Memorial Scholarship | Karen Livingston | Glenda F. Nuccio Memorial Scholarship |
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| Fabrice Ayivi GA Togbassa | Business/Social Science Fund | | |
| Jessica Freeman | Carol A. Zack Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship | Raul Arteago | Harper IEA/NEA Scholarship |
| Gabriella Padilla | Cheryl Dwyer Memorial Endowed Scholarship | Angel Bayron | Harper IEA/NEA Scholarship |
| Kory Nedza | Criminal Justice Scholarship | Michael Cebulski | Harper IEA/NEA Scholarship |
| Lashanda Williams | Diane Tomcheff Callin Endowed Memorial Scholarship | Jose Chacon | Harper IEA/NEA Scholarship |
| | | Richard Cowan | Harper IEA/NEA Scholarship |
| Sunday Lynch | Displaced Homemakers Scholarship | Denise Cross | Harper IEA/NEA Scholarship |
| Michael Kowalik | Distinguished Scholar GED Graduate | Chrispothor McCarthy | Harper IEA/NEA Scholarship |
| Nancy Starkie | Distinguished Scholar GED Graduate | Ochoa Noe | Harper IEA/NEA Scholarship |
| Mary Ellen Diaz | Donald And Patricia Torisky Endowment Fund | William Shelby | Harper IEA/NEA Scholarship |
| Griselda Marroquin | Donald And Patricia Torisky Endowment Fund | Priya Robson | Harper IEA/NEA Scholarship |
| Megan Schlanser | Donald And Patricia Torisky Endowment Fund | Michael Schubmehl | Harper Nursing Student Endowment Scholarship |
| Kristy Kidd | Donald G. Albrecht Memorial Endowment Sch. | Donna Pacione | ICCB Foundation Scholarship |
| Linda Schwinn | Donald G. Albrecht Memorial Endowment Sch. | | International Air Cargo Association of Chicago Scholarship |
| Michelle Horcher | Education to Careers | Danu Thomas | International Air Cargo Association of Chicago Scholarship |
| Debra White | Education to Careers | | |
| Dennis Janek | Edward Moran Computer Science Award | Carol Abbate | James E. Finke Memorial Scholarship |
| Sakchai Sirichusinwong | Edward Moran Computer Science Award | Jacquelyn Muramatsu | James R. & Valerie D. Arnesen Bio. Endowment Scholarship |
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| Alan Kohler | Elizabeth Schmik Hull Fund | Annette Ramos | Jean B. Chapman International Student Scholarship Fund |
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| | | Mojra Donovan | John W. Davis Spanish Travel Scholarship |
| Darshna Patel | Evanston Hospital Nurses Alumae Scholarship | Jenny Hahne | John W. Davis Spanish Travel Scholarship |

Dr. Robert Breuder announces the 2003 McGrath Award Winner, Sam Oliver, at the May 30th Harper College Convocation

The James J. McGrath Award is given each year at convocation to honor a person in the community who has done outstanding service for Harper College. This award was started by former Harper College President, **James McGrath**, as a tribute to those special people who have unselfishly given time, effort and funds to uphold the excellence of the institution.



This year's honoree, **Sam Oliver**, has played a very special role in the growth of Harper College through her service on the Educational Foundation Board of Directors.

Oliver attended Graceland University in Iowa and graduated from Drake University with majors in music and social science. She has taught children in public and independent schools throughout the country including Minnesota, Hawaii and Massachusetts. For the past 35 years she has been a Barrington resident.

Oliver is well-known in the community for her unwavering dedication and commitment to the adults and children, environment and health in our community. She sits on the board of directors for more than 10 agencies, and also serves on countless committees and councils. The Points of Light Foundation named her the Daily Point of Light for October 7, 1999.

Oliver and her husband, **Bob**, have four grown children **Kirby, Lane, Derek and Chad** and five grandchildren who live across the country. She enjoys participating in short-term volunteer mission projects in developing countries, as well as traveling within the U.S. to spend time with her family.

In her three years as a Harper College Educational Foundation Board member, Oliver has been tireless in her fundraising efforts with the Foundation's Major Gifts Campaign, Planned Giving Program, special event planning and scholarship support. Prior to sitting on the Foundation Board, she was the twice-elected president of the Friends of Harper program.

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| Stephen McCarthy | Joan R. Young Scholarship | Arika McGowan | REACH Scholarship |
| Jerry Palacios | Joanne Heinly Nursing Scholarship | Mary Miranda Enriquez | REACH Scholarship |
| Arpan Shah | Kathleen N. Graber Scholarship | Diana Mosquera | REACH Scholarship |
| Sol Miranda | Latino Unidos Student Organization Scholarship | Maria Patino | REACH Scholarship |
| Diana Mosquera | Latino Unidos Student Organization Scholarship | Ignacio Perez | REACH Scholarship |
| Jacqueline Polikoff | Marilyn Shiely Coste Memorial Scholarship | Maria Soto | REACH Scholarship |
| Maria Vasquez | Midge C. Smith Memorial Scholarship | Norma Talavera | REACH Scholarship |
| Adrianna Soto | Minority Access to Higher Education Grant (Sch.) | Danu Thomas | Robert Randall Endowment |
| Rana Raeuchle | Motorola Award for Excellence | Nicole Christopoulos | Roy G. Kearns Memorial Scholarship |
| Jennifer Ernst | Music Academy Scholarship | Eric Wallor | Roy G. Kearns Memorial Scholarship |
| Derek Greene | Music Academy Scholarship | Rebecca Benea | Sears Fashion Merchandising Scholarship |
| John Lee | Music Academy Scholarship | Erin Power | Sharlene Marchiori Nursing Scholarship |
| Sara Lee | Music Academy Scholarship | Patrick Chartrand | Student Trustee Award |
| Chen Yuan (Timothy) Lin | Music Academy Scholarship | Jo Beth Prince | The Jacob & Iris Wolf Endowed Sign Language Interpreting Scholarship |
| Stephen McCarthy | Nick Nocchi Scholarship Fund | Jesus Gonzalez | Wheeling Foundation Scholarship |
| Elizabeth Edwards | Nils Andrew Johnson Memorial Culinary Arts Scholarship | Katsiaryna Lichnerska | Wheeling Foundation Scholarship |
| Mayra Ambriz | REACH Scholarship | Cheryl Miller | William Simpson Memorial Wheeling Rot. Endowed Scholarship For NE Center |
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| Jose Cardoso | REACH Scholarship | Laura Arneson | Women's Program Scholarship |
| Jazmin Chavez | REACH Scholarship | Deborah DuFore | Women's Program Scholarship |
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| Yuridia Diaz | REACH Scholarship | Kathleen MacLean | Women's Program Scholarship |
| Carmela Garcia | REACH Scholarship | Anna Markiewicz | Women's Program Scholarship |
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| Cynthia Hernandez | REACH Scholarship | Lynn Plantan | Women's Program Scholarship |
| Sana Mahmood | REACH Scholarship | Lashanda Williams | Women's Program Scholarship |
| Roberto Martinez | REACH Scholarship | | |

Recently Endowed Scholarships

The John and Melanie Frieburg ESL Endowed Scholarship

Melanie Frieburg has worked at Harper College since 1993 and serves as the program assistant in the English as a Second Language (ESL) Department. Frieburg has witnessed too many ESL students who struggle financially to make ends meet while working to achieve academic proficiency in English and working several jobs supporting family members.

"My husband and I wanted to make a gift to Harper College, and we wanted it to support the hard-working students who are learning English and trying to get better jobs in the U.S." Frieburg and her husband, **John**, who is an alumnus of Harper College and President of Harris Bank Arlington-Meadows, knew how they could make a difference in the lives of Harper students. With a gift of \$10,000, they created the John and Melanie Frieburg ESL Endowed Scholarship in 2003 that will help ESL students for years to come.

Dan Corr, Dean of Academic Enrichment and Language Studies, is thrilled the Frieburgs chose to support Harper's renowned ESL program. "Over the past several years, we have watched as many students struggled to pay for their education. They end up dropping classes or taking only one class per semester. We have not been able to provide current ESL students with financial support based on academic excellence and need. This scholarship will do just that." Corr looks forward to the first award, which will be distributed in the fall of 2003.

Harper's ESL program includes advisors, a language lab, full-time faculty, free supplemental tutoring and an array of resources. "We serve students from all corners of the world, quite literally," Corr said. "We are honored to be given this tremendous gift from John and Melanie Frieburg."

You can make a difference and support an international student at Harper College. To make a gift to Harper's esteemed ESL program or to create a scholarship in your name, please call Heather Engel Zoldak at 847.925.6610 for more information.

Betty Windham Memorial Fund

For 25 years Betty Windham taught physics at Harper College and was a faculty member in the Technology, Math and Physical Sciences Department. Windham retired from teaching in 1994 and passed away in 2001.

Missing their dear friend and colleague, a group of Windham's friends decided to establish a scholarship fund in her memory that will recognize and assist women who are taking classes in the physical sciences at Harper. Windham was extremely active as a faculty member during her rich career at Harper, and she was extremely dedicated to helping women succeed in the sciences. She also helped establish the Association of Physics Teachers Committee on Women. The intent of this Memorial Fund is to raise \$10,000 to endow the scholarship. A close friend of Windham's, who made a \$1,000 gift to the fund, shared her feelings. "Betty was the most reliable, thoughtful, considerate and unselfish friend and colleague that I ever had."

If you would like to support the Betty Windham Memorial Fund, please contact Heather Engel Zoldak at 847.925.6610.

Royal American Bank Displaced Homemakers Scholarship

Harper College serves more than 100 displaced homemakers each year. These are usually female students who often are thrust back into the workplace due to the death of a spouse, divorce or separation. Suddenly the "breadwinner" in the family, displaced homemakers often struggle to make ends meet, become self-sufficient and support their children.

According to **Kathleen Canfield**, Director of the Career Center and Women's Program at Harper College, students enrolled in the Women's Program learn to become self-sufficient through education and training while maintaining their families and transforming their lives.

Jay Fritz, Chairman and CEO of Royal American Bank, knows personally how important a program like this is for women. "I was raised by a single parent, and I recognize the hardships that these women endure. Because of Harper's convenient location, and their effective and practical approach to education, someone can join the work force while they gain the qualifications for their future career. This is often critical for someone who is thrown into the breadwinner capacity due to death of a spouse or divorce."

Jay's wife, **Karen**, also understands how important a resource like Harper College can be for women making career changes. Karen attended Harper College after working as a dental hygienist for more than 20 years. She was looking to change career directions and wanted to begin work on a degree in finance. After attending Harper, she transferred to Northern Illinois University, where she graduated with her new degree. "Harper was an effective way for Karen to begin her evolution into a new career," Jay said. Today Karen Fritz serves as a financial services representative at Royal American Bank.

Royal American Bank announced its creation of the Royal American Bank Displaced Homemakers Scholarship, which will provide financial support for Harper students to offset the cost of tuition, books and fees. Each year for the next 10 years, Royal American Bank will annually donate \$500 to the program.

"Royal American's Bank committed this annual scholarship beginning in 2003 in recognition of the outstanding job done by Harper in helping homemakers rejoin the workplace in a productive capacity," Jay Fritz said.

In the spirit of philanthropy, the Fritz's also purchased a theater seat in the new Performing Arts Center at Harper College. "In addition to supporting the performing arts, this new scholarship from Royal American Bank will provide some comfort to deserving individuals attempting to improve their skills and marketability in the work force. In doing so we not only provide benefit to the scholarship recipient, but often we help benefit the lives of other family members."

The Women's Program at Harper College appreciates gifts in support of its innovative programs. If you would like to make a gift, please call the Educational Foundation at 847.925.6490 today.

2003-2004 Resource for Excellence

Winners Announced

The Harper College Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the 2003-2004 Resource for Excellence Recipients.

REACH/Retention Effort for Academic Completion at Harper

This innovative retention program for underrepresented students provides services including counseling, peer mentoring and the development of cohort groups for at-risk minority students.

Connections: Peer Mentors for International Students

Connections is a peer mentor project that is designed to link American students with international students who have recently arrived in the United States. The objectives of this program are: To help international students learn about and adjust to American culture; to increase the college retention rate of all participating students; and to develop the ability of all participants to function well in a diverse society.

Library Diversity/Multicultural Resources

The Resource for Excellence Grant will allow for the purchase of a core collection of library materials that will support and enhance multicultural and diversity initiatives for the entire Harper College community.

Fashion Futures Career Fair and Competition

This extremely popular career day and fashion competition serves middle and high school students in the Harper district and students in the Chicagoland area. Career day features a dress rehearsal of the Fashion Department's annual Fashion Show, and includes seminars on industry related careers. Competitive events are offered in several categories such as shoe design, garment design, fashion photography, accessory design, fashion illustration and window display.

Lifelong Learning Institute for Adults 55+

Harper College's Division of Continuing Education is establishing a Lifelong Learning Institute. The Institute emphasizes peer learning, collaborative leadership, and active member participation.

Automated External Defibrillation (AED)/ Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Instruction

This project will train sufficient staff in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and operation of the automated external defibrillators so there will always be at least one employee who is prepared to use the AED in the event of a cardiac emergency.

Exceeding Expectations

Tradition of Excellence Employee Campaign Raises \$25,000

The Tradition of Excellence Employee Campaign at Harper College kicked off in early April with an innovative change. Conducted, promoted and managed over the Harper intranet, the Employee Campaign saved more than 70 percent in administrative costs and exceeded the \$20,000 fundraising goal.

One of the highlights of this year's annual campaign was the active participation of the Harper 512 IEA-NEA Association. This is a group of men and women who manage facilities on campus from maintaining temperatures and air flow to parking lot maintenance.

Some of the IEA-NEA members also are students at Harper College. Many take courses to further their education and obtain professional certificates and licenses. While tuition for full-time Harper employees and their immediate families is free, employees and their families still are required to pay for books, fees and other course-related expenses.

The highest two levels of participation for this year's Tradition of Excellence Employee Campaign was from Harper administrators and service employees, which includes school custodians, maintenance and utilities staff, and roads and grounds staff.

Local restaurants and businesses donated gift certificates that will be raffled off to those who participated in this year's successful campaign.

The Harper College Educational Foundation is appreciative of all of the donors to the 2003 Tradition of Excellence Employee Campaign. Thank you for helping us build a stronger community and a first-rate educational institution for the Northwest suburbs.

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