

# Community Catalyst

THE POWER OF GIVING

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## *Dreams Fulfilled*

### **Wojcik Conference Center dedication celebrates Harper's past presidents and the fulfillment of many dreams**

Acres of lush prairie land and horse stables welcomed **Dr. Robert Lahti** when he arrived at Harper's Palatine campus to become Harper's president in 1965. There were no clusters of buildings, no performing arts center and no formal relationship with local industry leaders. Under Lahti's leadership, Harper's master plan was developed and a vision of a beautiful campus filled with qualified and inspiring instructors and state-of-the art facilities was outlined.

On September 7, 2003 Lahti returned to Harper to celebrate the dedication of the new Wojcik Conference Center and participate in the Fulfilling Dreams celebration—an event that honored Harper's past, its three presidents and its future.

At the event, Lahti, who lives in southern California, joined family members of Harper's second president, **James McGrath**, and the family of Harper's third president **Dr. Paul Thompson**, who passed away in 2002.

A string quartet comprised of students from Harper's Community Music Center, played classical selections while 250 guests enjoyed a reception and a dedication ceremony in the Square D Amphitheater.

Guests included former faculty members and employees, past and present board of trustee members, past and present foundation board members and community leaders. Current Harper President, **Dr. Robert Breuder** hosted Dr. Lahti during a tour of campus allowing him the opportunity to see first hand the fruition of his original campus master plan.

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**Dr. Robert Breuder, Kris Howard, State Senator Kay Wojcik and Tom Ryder, Illinois Community College Board President/CEO.**

## *In Brief...*

- The Foundation has received \$70,000 in new grants from Motorola Foundation and SBC Foundation.
- Save-the-Dates! The Harper College Educational Foundation's Spring Gala will be on Saturday, April 24, 2004 on the Harper College Performing Arts Center Stage. The 16th Annual Golf Open will take place on Monday, June 7, 2004 at Boulder Ridge Country Club.
- The Access and Disability Services (ADS) Walk and Roll-a-Thon raised more than \$10,000 for the ADS Alumni Endowed Scholarship. Students, faculty, staff and community members participated in this event to help students in the ADS program.
- The Foundation welcomes Jerry Campagna Jr. of Reflejos Publications to the Foundation Board of Directors.
- The Wojcik Conference Center was dedicated on September 7, 2003. The event, entitled "Fulfilling Dreams" also recognized Harper's past three presidents. More than 250 guests attended the event.
- The Harper College Music Academy has officially changed its name to the Community Music Center.
- Rebecca Keller, curator of Harper's art collection, returned from Estonia after teaching art and history classes as a Fulbright Scholar.
- The Foundation has acquired additional pieces of artwork for Harper's acclaimed art collection. During the past year, works by artists Winifred Godfrey, Frank Tarkina and Eric Semelroth have been added to the collection.
- The Harper College Small Works show, sponsored by the Foundation, will take place April 1 to 24, 2004.

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# Dreams Fulfilled

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"Under Lahti's leadership, this became the epitome of a community college by offering a strong liberal arts education but one that emphasized a strong technology program. Dr. Lahti created a solid bedrock, which was sustained by McGrath and Thompson," Breuder said.

**Kris Howard**, Harper College board president, said the event was a celebration of Harper's growth in enrollment and diversity of students, its expanded curriculum, the excellence of its instructors and the development and beauty of the campus. "The Harper Board of Directors wanted to formally acknowledge the leadership of the first three Harper presidents, and the contributions made by faculty and administrators who have served Harper over the years."

The event included the unveiling of the Wojcik Conference Center donor wall and portraits of presidents Lahti, McGrath and Thompson. "The families were really touched to be invited back to campus to share in this special celebration. Each of the presidents spent 10 of their professional years at Harper, so they made a significant contribution to the college. Their years here were also a significant part of their lives. The president's job is challenging and demanding and it was necessary for their family members to be supportive of their efforts. So, we wanted to thank them as well."

During the formal presentation, **Gerald Chapman**, husband of the late **Eugenia Chapman**, a state legislator who created the bill to establish the Illinois Community College Act in the mid 1960s, spoke of his wife's dedication to education and to the community.

**Square D** and **Krueger International**, private donors to the Harper College Educational Foundation, were recognized at the event for generous contributions to the Wojcik Conference Center.

State Senator **Kay Wojcik** was also honored at the building's dedication, for her efforts in securing \$1.1 million in state aid to construct the building. "I've been in this community for years and watched Harper grow," Wojcik said. "Seeing it as it is today, it's a gem."



**Kris Howard presents Doriann Thompson with a plaque commemorating Dr. Paul Thompson's leadership as Harper president.**



**Martha Bell, Mike Brown and Gwen Rodig celebrate Harper's history at the Fulfilling Dreams event.**



**Dan and Sue McCarthy view the donor wall in the Wojcik Conference Center lobby.**



**Barrington community members and Harper employees gathered to honor Harper's past: Julie Hunter, Russ Mills, Sam Oliver and Kathleen Amatangelo.**



# Dreams Fulfilled

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*Harper's first president, Dr. Robert Labti, attended the event from California with his family: Ryan Labti, Dr. Labti, Ruth Labti and Randy Labti.*



*President Jim McGrath's family visits with old friends. From left to right: Meredith Duddy (McGrath's daughter), Karen Keres (Harper retiree), Lisa Harkins (McGrath's daughter) and Elizabeth Harkins (McGrath's granddaughter).*



*The family of past president, Dr. Paul Thompson, attended the dedication event. From left to right: David Thompson, Sara Thompson, Doriann Thompson, Michael Jacques, Julie Jacques and Doug Jacques.*



# For the Record

## A Message From the Executive Director

*"Behind every great achievement is a dreamer of great dreams."*  
—Robert K. Greenleaf

As you read this newsletter, Harper College has just begun its Spring Semester. It's been a full semester since the previous Community Catalyst was mailed, and we have witnessed many great achievements and celebrations these past few months.

In September, we celebrated Harper's past, present and future at the **Fulfilling Dreams** event at the Wojcik Conference Center's **Square-D Amphitheater**. More than 250 guests including Harper's first president, **Dr. Robert Lahti** and his family and the families of former presidents **James McGrath** and **Dr. Paul Thompson** joined **Dr. Robert Breuder** for the dedication of the center and the unveiling of the Foundation's donor wall and portraits of Harper's past presidents who were great dreamers.

This fall, enrollment was at an all-time high at Harper. Student enrollment including credit and continuing education students is more than 37,000. As more community members turn to Harper to meet their educational needs, we are grateful to our donors who continue to support Harper's educational programs and student scholarships.

**Motorola** and **SBC** recently bestowed grants to Harper that will help Harper expand our educational services to reach out to more community groups. Motorola's grant will assist the creation of additional online courses in math and science, so students who are unable to access the Harper campus can still benefit from our instruction. SBC's grant will help expand our **Community Connections** program, which was designed to provide computer literacy skills to students where English is their second language. We are honored to partner with these corporations to bring the benefits of Harper to new groups of students.

We are also grateful to our new Harper Heritage Society Members: **Paul and Carol Pankros**, **Dan and Suzanne McCarthy** and **Richard Goldberg**. By including Harper in their estates plans, they have ensured that Harper students will benefit from their gifts for years to come.

I am also pleased to announce that at Harper, giving truly does begin at home. This past fall we celebrated the participation of 100 percent of our administrators to the employee campaign. In addition, the Supervisory/Confidential employees and Service employees were also recognized for their participation in the campaign. In total, Harper employees donated more than \$25,000 to the Foundation.



Catherine M. Brod

*Associate Vice President for  
Community Relations*

*Executive Director  
Harper College Educational Foundation*

Our campus continues to grow as the construction of the Science, Emerging Technology and Health Careers Center continues. We are on schedule for the opening of this building for the fall 2004 semester. I invite you to visit our campus, see the construction progress, and visit two of the College's newest art acquisitions. *Oasis*, a sculpture designed by John Medwedeff, sits near the Algonquin entrance to the campus. The College has also acquired a sculpture that was created by one of Harper's faculty members. **Mike Brown**, a retired faculty member from the Art Department, created *Lintel*, which is located in front of the Wojcik Conference Center. These art pieces, along with our new signs and new lights, truly make Harper a beautiful place to visit.

Lastly, we extend our deep condolences to the families of **R. James Harring**, **John Woods** and **Martin Ryan**. (See tribute on page 15.) Their lasting contributions to our college will help future students.

We continue to build on the dreams of our former college presidents and the legacies of Martin Ryan, Jim Haring and John Woods. Like our inspiring leaders, students and faculty whose stories are shared with you in this issue of *Community Catalyst*, we continue to achieve success.

Thank you.

*Catherine M. Brod*



# Making the Grade

**A tentative high school graduate attended Harper College, received a master's in business administration from Northwestern University and became a Northern Trust Securities vice president**

As the "middle" of seven children, **Bob Falato** finished high school uncertain if college was an option. No one in his family had attended college before him.

But in the fall of 1979, Falato enrolled at Harper. "I remember walking through the halls during my first week of school and realizing that Harper was where I needed to be. The light clicked on. This was a turning point in my life."

Falato worked full-time at a local Jewel food store to pay for his classes at Harper. "I wanted to do well in college and focus on doing something positive with my life."

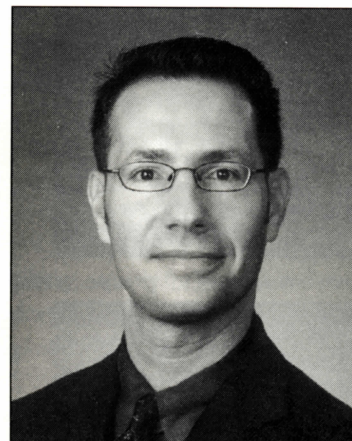
After finishing Harper on the Dean's List, Falato transferred to **the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana College of Business**. A pioneer in his family, Falato realized his road to success was just beginning. "I remember feeling like I had to prove myself all over again. I continued to study very hard at U of I, and I did well

academically and socially."

In 1983 Falato graduated **magna cum laude** from the University of Illinois and launched

a new business unit for **Harris Bank** in Chicago. He was one of only five people hired from schools across the country to focus on meeting the banking needs of middle market companies in the Midwest. Falato was paid commission based on the profitability of the relationship that was brought into the bank, a novel concept in the early 1980s.

Three years of experience as the top producer of the unit, Falato was invited to join the investment department at Harris Bank and specialize in selling fixed income securities to high net worth customers. With enough confidence in his academic and professional abilities, Falato enrolled in the master's in business administration program and earned a double major in finance and marketing at the **Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University**.




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"Attending Harper College was one of the best decisions that I ever made. It gave me the direction and confidence to achieve success."

—Robert Falato  
Senior Vice President  
Northern Trust Securities

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Upon finishing his master's in 1990, Falato transferred to **Northern Trust Bank** in Chicago, where he has worked since. Today, Falato is a Senior Vice President for **Northern Trust Securities**, the brokerage unit of the bank where he continues to be a top producer.

Falato credits Harper with giving him a start. "Attending Harper was one of the best decisions that I ever made. It was close to home and the teachers were willing to go the extra mile to help me. Harper helped develop me mentally, emotionally and academically. It allowed me to grow into my next phase."

Falato believes he would have become "just another number" if he had gone away to school or enrolled in a large university. "I know I would have been overwhelmed. At Harper my teachers were interested in my education and they were interested in me as a person. I also met other people who were in the same boat—people who wanted to make things better for themselves."

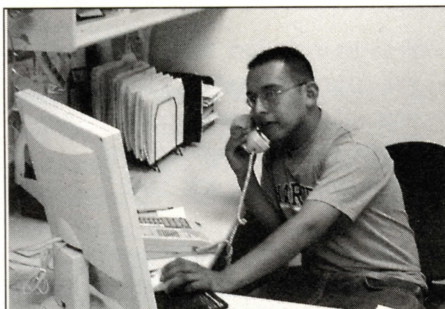
From stock boy to bond broker, Falato's success story started at Harper. "Harper is a fabulous school. They have great teachers who are concerned about you as a person—who help you build a foundation. Without Harper I don't know where I would be today."

**Do you have a Harper success story that you want to share? Please e-mail us your story at [alumni@harpercollege.edu](mailto:alumni@harpercollege.edu), call 847.925.6610 or visit [harpercollege.edu/about/success](http://harpercollege.edu/about/success).**



# Seeing STARS

## Student to Student Relationship Marketing program receives Resources for Excellence Award



*STARS students busy at work.*

Money awarded to the Student to Student Relationship Marketing program will benefit student leaders as Student Admissions Representatives (STARS) and provide resources to the Student Ambassador Program. Both are part of Harper's Admissions Outreach department.

Before the start of each semester, STARS contact dozens of prospective students who have expressed interest in the upcoming term but have not applied for admission. STARS provide information on upcoming registration times, dates and ways to register, while answering questions from prospective students as their peers.

STARS also inform general prospective students about upcoming campus events such as Harper's Career Forward adult open houses, information sessions and visits to in-district high schools. This peer-based marketing effort has received warm reception by prospective students while increasing event attendance.

Since the implementation of the STARS program in 2001, high school visit attendance at Harper has doubled. **Mike Held**, director of Admissions Outreach, said of the 9,001 individuals contacted by STARS, 31 percent became applicants and 24 percent or 2,143 enrolled at Harper.

"Although it is not entirely possible to establish a causal relationship between the contact made by the STARS and the students' final enrollment, these numbers clearly show a direction of effectiveness," Held said.

While working as STARS, students are trained in marketing, phone etiquette, customer service and help train and select new STARS who have a strong academic background, involved with campus organizations, knowledgeable about the College and have completed one year of course work at Harper.

Student ambassadors are volunteers on campus who are trained and coordinated by a recruiter in Admissions Outreach. Student ambassadors provide campus tours, high school visit support and College fair staffing.

In the past year, the student ambassadors program had 30 active members who provided more than 1,000 hours of volunteer service while maintaining an aggregate GPA of 3.4. Student ambassadors develop leadership and organizational skills and build relationships with each other, the community and prospective students throughout their year of service to the College.

"We greatly appreciate the support of the Educational Foundation through the Resources for Excellence award," Held said.

From enrollment enhancement to community building, STARS and student ambassadors will continue to help the College shine.

The Resources for Excellence program, which granted almost \$40,000 in program awards this year, is funded through the Resources for Excellence Fund. Special event proceeds as well as gifts from alumni, employees, retirees and board members support this important fund.

**For more information on STARS or student ambassadors, contact Mike Held, director of Admissions Outreach, at 847.925.6649 or [mbheld@harpercollege.edu](mailto:mbheld@harpercollege.edu).**



# Teaching Alfresco

## 2003 Motorola Award for Excellence Scholarship awarded to Kathleen Kudia

**Kathleen Kudia's** passion for teaching began four years ago when she and a friend created Backyard Productions, a children's theater housed in her backyard.

With grass-stained bed sheets serving as curtains and an audience of enthusiastic parents, Backyard Productions shepherded aspiring actors, dancers and comics from the sidewalk to the main stage, metaphorically speaking.

Backyard Productions helps children develop a passion for the creative arts while producing shows that gave the neighborhood children responsibility and served as a springboard for developing talent in the performing arts.

Harper instructors cited Kudia's creativity, capacity for learning and remarkable intellect in letters of support for her application for the 2003-2004 Motorola Award for Excellence. "Rarely in 10 years of teaching have I encountered such an exceptional student and individual as Kathleen. She is clearly in the top two or three percent of all college students that I have taught. She defines the term excellence in all areas of her life."

Another instructor wrote, "[Kathleen] emerged very quickly as a class leader. She is one of those students whose intelligence and character draws them toward education naturally because they want knowledge, because they believe that knowledge is necessary to understanding and because they wish to understand."

Kudia is an active volunteer with local nonprofits including Relay for Life and Y-Me Breast Cancer Run/Walk. She is active at her church and performs as a chorus member during summer theater at the Prairie Center for the Performing Arts.

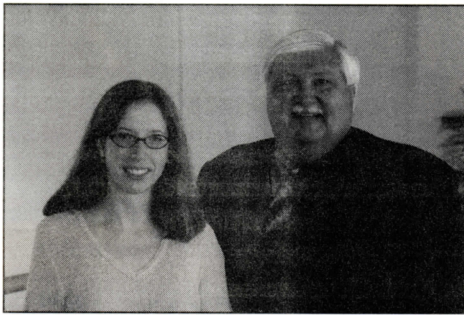
She has a cumulative 4.0 GPA and a transcript that reflects rigorous and challenging courses. She is a member of the Harper College Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa and a writer for Harper's newspaper, the *Harbinger*.

The winner of a coveted award that more than 50 students applied for in 2003, Kudia has dreams of her academic success. **Bob Placko**, Senior Vice President Strategic Transactions, Employee Advocacy and Legislative Issues at Motorola Corporation and a member of the Motorola Award for Excellence/Amersham Endowment Scholarship Committee, is thrilled to help her move one step closer to achieving them.

"On behalf of Motorola, we are pleased to recognize Kathleen Kudia as the 2003 recipient of the Motorola Award for Excellence. Kathleen is a remarkable representative of the outstanding future leaders that Harper plays a key role in their academic, professional and personal development. Kathleen has already demonstrated at this early phase of her life the ability to contribute in the community, the classroom and the Harper student community. Her clearly-demonstrated leadership skills and focus on her career objectives will create exciting, challenging and successful opportunities for her future."

Kudia will graduate from Harper spring 2004 and transfer to Loyola University, to major in English and minor in education. A passionate writer, teacher and exceptionally talented student, Kudia will speak at the 2004 Harper commencement.

**The Harper College Educational Foundation Board of Directors congratulates Kathleen Kudia on her Motorola Award for Excellence.**



**Kathleen Kudia, the 2004 Motorola Award for Excellence recipient, stands with Bob Placko of Motorola.**



# Walkin' and Rollin'

## Access and Disability Services raises more than \$10,000 for the Access and Disability Services Alumni Scholarship

A warm, sunny and breezy day helped more than 75 walkers and rollers complete laps around the Harper track at the August 24 Walk and Roll-a-thon.

Money raised supported the Access and Disability Services (ADS) Alumni Scholarship Fund. The \$10,000 endowed scholarship, managed by the Harper College Educational Foundation, helps first-year students enrolled in the ADS program.

"This fund will support a first semester student at Harper College who is doing well academically," said **Tom Thompson**, director of Access and Disability Services.

The event, supported by **UPS**, **Household Finance** (a division of Household International), **Homemakers Idea Company** and **U Store It**, included volunteers from Harper and the community.

Raffle prizes were awarded to teams of walkers and participants. Special prizes were awarded to the highest fundraisers including a former Harper alumnus who donated the largest individual gift from a student.

Numerous people participated including children, older adults, a walker on crutches and a new Harper student, who completed eight miles around the track with a mom and a grandmother.

Thompson said he is thrilled with the event results. He and colleague **Pascuala Herrera** are considering another Walk and Roll event. "We really appreciate all of the support from our donors and participants. Thank you for helping us realize a dream of offering another scholarship to students with disabilities," Thompson said.

*For more information about Harper's ADS program, please call Tom Thompson at 847.925.6266 or e-mail [ttompson@harpercollege.edu](mailto:ttompson@harpercollege.edu).*



*Walkers and rollers at the ADS Walk and Roll-a-thon.*



*Three generations participated in the Walk and Roll-a-thon. Sherrian Speck (right), a current Harper student, walked with her mother, Sandy Speck, and grandmother, Alice Morand.*



*Harper faculty, staff and administration walked to raise money for the ADS Alumni Scholarship.*



# Art Bound

## Fulbright Scholar returns from Estonia

**Rebecca Keller**, curator of Harper's acclaimed art collection, returned from Estonia after teaching art and art history classes for a year at the University of Tartu, one of the oldest universities in Europe founded in 1635.

Keller's experiences in Estonia were part of her Fulbright scholarship, a coveted award program created after World War II to support American artists, academics, writers and scholars to teach and conduct research in other countries.

At the University of Tartu, Keller developed a collaborative program between the Tartu Art Museum and the school. "The project included advanced art students, graduate art history students and the museum. The project developed an exhibition laboratory that served as a space to work out ideas and exhibition strategies and ways to work collaboratively on art projects and exhibitions."

Keller returned to Harper for the fall 2003 semester with new ideas about teaching and exhibiting artwork, collaborating and greater historical knowledge and additional art contacts. Keller will have an exhibition at the Elmhurst Art Museum in March 2004.

## Art on Campus—Harper's Art Collection Grows

- During the past year, Harper has acquired impressive works by **Winifred Godfrey**, **Frank Tarkina** and **Eric Semelroth**, an emerging Chicago artist who exhibited his work on campus. Several other collection works have been reframed, re-sited and conserved.
- Harper instructor and artist **Jason Peot's** artwork was acquired by Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) and will be included in a January 2004 exhibition, New Acquisitions.
- The acclaimed Harper College Small Works show will take place from April 1–24, 2004, and **Lynn Warren**, curator of the Museum of Contemporary Art, will be the juror for this competition which is sponsored by the Educational Foundation. Applications for this event, as well as more information about this special show can be downloaded at [harpercollege.edu/smallworks/](http://harpercollege.edu/smallworks/).

*For more information about the Harper College art collection or any of these events, please e-mail Rebecca Keller, curator, at [rkeller@harpercollege.edu](mailto:rkeller@harpercollege.edu).*

## Harper College Educational Foundation Welcomes Board Member Jerry Campagna Jr.



**Jerry Campagna Jr.** is president of Reflejos Publications LLC and publisher of the nationally award-winning publication *Reflejos* bilingual journal. The journal is the largest and longest running Latino tabloid in Kane County with a weekly circulation of more than 30,000 in four counties.

Campagna said his bicultural heritage allows him to assist his clients to market their products and services to and from the Latino community. He is active with organizations including the National Association of Hispanic Publications, the Aurora Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Elgin Hispanic Network, the Elgin Community College Foundation, the McHenry County Latino Coalition and he is the founding president of the Suburban Minority Business Council. He was honored by the Chicago Fire soccer team as one of Chicago's 50 most influential leaders in the Hispanic community.

In September 2002 Campagna attended the National Hispanic Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. Nominated by Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, Campagna was honored to attend this function as one of only 300 sponsored participants.

Campagna and his wife, **Phyllis**, a business coach, have two grown daughters and live in Bartlett.

**We welcome Jerry Campagna to the Harper College Educational Foundation Board of Directors.**



# An Educational Journey

## Jordan Apostolov wins Amersham Endowment Scholarship and goes forward with his future

Jordan Apostolov's parents always told him to do his best in school. From first grade through college, he has pushed himself to achieve success.

Apostolov said he has never questioned why he wants to excel academically but he is driven to succeed with his course work and activities at Harper. "My definition of *peak performance* is not just succeeding; it is reaching seemingly impossible goals and encouraging others to perform the same in a common vision of bettering our community and our world. If we grasp all of the opportunities given to us, we can achieve anything and make great change in our world."

Described by his instructors as an enthusiastic achiever who inspires other students, he is constantly trawling for opportunities. Winning the Amersham Endowment Scholarship is just one of them.

When Apostolov applied for the prestigious scholarship at Harper, he wasn't sure what he was up against, even though he was a second-year student with a tremendous course schedule and numerous extracurricular activities.

This past summer, a committee reviewed more than 50 applications and interviewed 11 candidates for the Amersham Endowment Scholarship and the Motorola Award for Excellence. Apostolov's application included several letters of recommendation from his instructors. One wrote, "I can say without exaggeration that he is one of the hardest working and most enthusiastic students I have had the pleasure to teach in recent memory. He is excited about learning, and he raises the level of the entire class with his zeal."

Scholarship committee chair **Gerald Smoller** was impressed with Apostolov's academic achievements and goals. "Jordan impressed the committee because of his enthusiasm for expanding his horizons beyond school. He is a young man who has certain goals and a desire to attain them as well as trying to be a well-rounded individual. He stood out as a leader. Although the committee interviewed several outstanding candidates, each one of us selected Jordan as a standout."

Apostolov was thrilled to learn he received the award. "When I was selected for the Amersham Endowment Scholarship, I felt like my life was complete at that moment. In my heart I wanted and needed to win this award. I worked hard on it and it came true. I sincerely believe that anything is possible if one has desire, dedication and hard work aimed in the same direction."

Apostolov is involved in many programs at Harper including the student-run (for-profit) business Formulator Inc.; eXcel Leadership Program; Phi Theta Kappa; and the Harper Honors Program. He works as a teacher's assistant at Boulevard Preschool, and he raises money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

While the Amersham Endowment will offset the costs of Apostolov's education, the honor of the award means much more. "This is an award of confidence and self-power. This award fueled me with self-confidence and it raised my goals in life."

**On behalf of the Harper College Educational Foundation, congratulations to Jordan Apostolov.**

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"Give me a lever long enough and a prop strong enough. I can single-handedly move the world."

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—Archimedes



**Amersham Endowment Scholarship recipient Jordan Apostolov (third from left) stands with Scholarship Committee members Gerald Smoller, Dick Schonboff and Bob Placko.**



*Spring Gala*  
2004

*Take  
Center  
Stage*

**SAVE THE EVENING!**

Mayor Rita Mullins and Mr. John Mullins and  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Trunda cordially invite you to:  
Take Center Stage at the Harper College Educational Foundation Spring Gala!  
Saturday, April 24, 2004  
6 p.m.–midnight  
The Performing Arts Center at Harper College

Guests will be treated to a cocktail reception,  
silent auction, gourmet dinner, and dancing on the  
Performing Arts Center stage. Tickets for the event are \$225.  
Sponsorships are available.

For more information, visit [harpercollege.edu/giving/event.shtml](http://harpercollege.edu/giving/event.shtml)  
or call Heather Engel Zoldak at 847.925.6610.

All proceeds will benefit the Resources for Excellence Fund, which supports  
student scholarships and educational and community programs.



# golf open 2004

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Score for Resources for Excellence

Monday, June 7, 2004  
Boulder Ridge Country Club, Lake in the Hills

Join us in support of Harper's Resources for Excellence Fund  
at the 16th Annual Golf Open. Food, fun and festivities on the green.

For more information, visit [harpercollege.edu/giving/event.shtml](http://harpercollege.edu/giving/event.shtml)

## *Scenes from the 2003 Golf Open*





## SBC Foundation



Harper Trustee Kris Howard, Dan Corr, Dean of Academic Enrichment and Language Studies (AE/LS) and State Representative Suzi Bassi visit Harper students at the PNRC.



Associate Professor, Kathryn Powell, teaches an English as a Second Language class to students at the PNRC.



SBC Foundation provides Harper College with a \$20,000 grant. Accepting the check are: Sam Oliver, Harper College Educational Foundation Board Member; Dan Corr, Dean of AE/LS; Rolling Meadows Mayor Kenneth Nelson; Marc Blakeman, SBC Vice President of External Relations; State Senator Kay Wojcik, David Strahl, SBC Director of External Relations; State Representative Suzi Bassi and Harper College President Dr. Robert Breuder.

The **SBC Foundation** awarded a \$20,000 grant to the Harper College **Community Connections** program to establish a computer literacy component to Harper's existing Adult Educational Development (AED) program and the Police Neighborhood Resource Center (PNRC) in Rolling Meadows. Students who are enrolled in the AED program and speak English as their second language will train on the new computers and develop computer literacy skills at the PNRC.

"SBC recognizes the critical role technology has and will continue to play in addressing economic, educational, community development and quality of life issues in Illinois," said **David Strahl**, Director of External Affairs for SBC Illinois. In the past few years, SBC has granted more than \$30,000 to support Harper's English As A Second Language programs.

**The Harper College Educational Foundation extends a special thanks to SBC for their generous support of the Community Connections program.**

## Motorola Foundation

**Motorola Foundation** donated \$50,000 to develop online classes in math, science and technology at Harper. This gift is payable over five years and will supplement an original gift of \$50,000 from Motorola that was awarded four years ago to start the College's distance learning program.

"On behalf of the Motorola Foundation, we are very pleased to continue our support of Harper in the areas of math, science and technology to assure that superbly-educated *critical skill talent* is readily available in the future," said **Bob Placko**, Senior Vice President at Motorola.

Motorola has provided more than half a million dollars of support to Harper during the past 20 years. In addition to distance learning initiatives, Motorola has supported scholarships including the prestigious Motorola Award for Excellence, faculty endowment and program development in engineering.

**The Harper College Educational Foundation is extremely grateful to the Motorola Foundation for their generous and continued support of Harper College.**



# The Educated Philanthropist

Life insurance has long played an important role in charitable giving. Whether you donate an older policy that you no longer need or start a new policy to fund a major charitable project, life insurance offers a unique way to leverage relatively modest annual payments into a sizable charitable gift.

## Ways to Transfer Life Insurance to Harper College

There are four basic methods to benefit Harper using life insurance:

**Name Harper College Educational Foundation as your successor beneficiary.** For example, if you own a policy and have named your spouse as the beneficiary, you could name the Foundation as successor beneficiary in the event that your spouse predeceases you. There are no immediate tax benefits, but if no successor beneficiary were named, the death benefit would be included in your taxable estate.

**Name Harper College Educational Foundation as your primary beneficiary.** For example, if you purchased a policy several years ago but your chosen beneficiary no longer needs the protection, you can designate the Foundation to receive the benefit. Once again, your estate would receive a charitable deduction and the death benefit would pass to charity tax-free.

**Donate an existing policy to Harper College Educational Foundation.** If you have older insurance policies which you no longer need and would like a current income tax deduction, you can donate these contracts to the Foundation. As long as all of the rights of ownership are completely transferred to the Foundation, you receive a current income tax deduction equal to the lesser of your cost basis or the fair market value of the policy (roughly equal to the cash surrender value.)

Examples of policies which are often no longer needed:

- Business insurance after the business has been sold
- Income replacement insurance after retirement
- Estate insurance when your estate has been reduced below the taxable level
- Mortgage insurance after the mortgage has been repaid

**Give a new policy to charity.** Many donors would like to make a significant contribution to the Foundation but may not have the available funds. If you transfer a newer insurance policy, or purchase a new policy on your life and name the Foundation as owner, you can achieve your philanthropic goals.

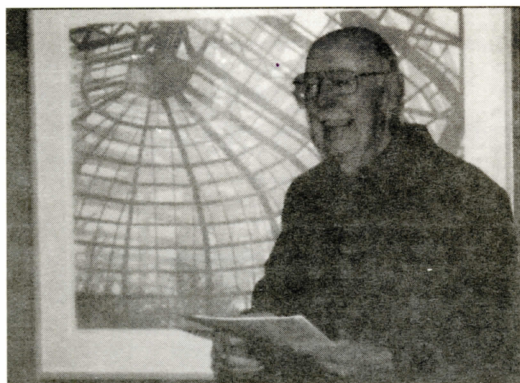
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# In Memoriam



## Retired Liberal Arts Dean Martin Ryan

The Harper College Educational Foundation would like to recognize the achievements of **Martin Ryan**, a retired Harper Dean of Liberal Arts. Ryan, who passed way in October, was one of Harper's original faculty members and worked at Harper from 1967 to 1996. "Martin understood that the heart of the College was teachers and students," said **Mary Jo Willis**, a former colleague of Ryan's. "He was a remarkable man to have in a position of leadership. As a young teacher, I often visited Martin for advice and often left feeling better than when I arrived."

Ryan also was instrumental in helping to establish the Foundation's art collection. During his tenure as dean of Liberal Arts he brought art to the Palatine campus. Because of his commitment, the Art Collection now graces the hallways, buildings and grounds of the Harper campus. "Martin Ryan was extremely supportive of the Harper College art collection and of the Foundation's efforts to see it develop and grow. He will be greatly missed by the Harper community," said Rebecca Keller, Harper Foundation art curator.

As part of his legacy, Ryan left his words in a recently published book of poetry, entitled *Destinations: New and Selected Poems*.

## Former Foundation board members James Harring and John Woods

Two former Harper College Educational Foundation board members passed away this past fall: **R. James Harring**, a retired Motorola executive and a Harper College Educational Foundation board member for 24 years, and **John G. Woods**, one of the Foundation's founding board members.

Harring helped establish the Motorola Award for Excellence scholarship at Harper and served the longest board term in the Foundation's history.

He spoke at Harper graduations and inspired countless Harper students, faculty and staff. He raised funds for Harper scholarships and donated much of his time to the College—serving as Foundation board president in the late 1980s.

"Jim was instrumental in cementing an enduring partnership between Motorola and Harper College," said **Catherine Brod**, executive director of the Educational Foundation. "We are extremely grateful for Mr. Harring's many years of service to Harper College and our community."

Woods served on the Harper College Educational Foundation board for eight years, from 1973–1980. As a founding board member, Woods was instrumental in creating the charitable non-profit entity of the college.

In addition to serving on the Foundation board, Woods also was a member of the school's long range planning committee.

Woods, a former vice president and counsel for Universal Oil Products in Des Plaines, also served two terms as Arlington Heights Village president. During his board membership, Woods helped to secure donations for student programs and scholarships.



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