

In Brief...

Going Forward: The Foundation has awarded more than \$60,000 in Resource for Excellence grants to Harper programs for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Two new endowed scholarships have been established through the Foundation this quarter—the Eugenia Makowski Endowed Scholarship and the Mary Jo Willis Theatre Scholarship. These scholarships will support students in the visual and performing arts.

The Harper College community mourns the passing of former College president, Mr. James J. McGrath who served from 1978 to 1988. A memorial service is planned for May 21, 2005.

The Foundation welcomes three new board members: Carol Beese, Rita Canning and Diane Hill.

Save the date for the 17th Annual Harper College Educational Foundation Golf Open on Monday, June 6, 2005 at Boulder Ridge Country Club.

Art Liberation



Eugenia Makowski discovered and pursued her passion for art at Harper College.

Paul and Eugenia Makowski's 58 years of marriage started shortly after World War II. As Paul tells it, they were both graduates of the Nazi education system. Eugenia was interned in a labor camp while Paul, a member of the Polish Resistance, was imprisoned at the Buchenwald concentration camp. "Eugenia saw what I looked like when I was liberated from Buchenwald," said Paul. "She was deeply interested in my experience at

the concentration camp." That experience would inspire several sculptures later in her career—pieces that explore and explain the palpable pain of death and devastation while celebrating the strength and triumph of the human spirit.

After World War II, the Makowskis moved to the United States, and Paul began work with a large corporation outside of the Cleveland area, raising two children. When they became empty nesters in the 1970s, Paul encouraged Eugenia to enroll in classes at the local community college to study "something practical like book-keeping." Eugenia, who had completed her secondary education in the Ukraine and had started teaching grade school before the war, obliged and signed up for a basic accounting class. "One day Eugenia noticed people working on ceramics. At that moment she gave up accounting and decided to work with clay," Paul said. Soon Eugenia was creating large abstract pieces that were displayed at the local library and other public places.

*In art, as in love,
instinct is enough.*

Anatole France

In the early 1980s Paul was transferred to Chicago, and Eugenia was reluctant to move. Paul traveled to his company's headquarters in Rolling Meadows and visited areas where he thought that he and

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Spring Forward

A Message from the Executive Director

Welcome to the spring 2005 issue of the Community Catalyst. This past winter was a busy time for the Educational Foundation. The efforts of our donors, volunteers, friends and alumni during the past few months have brought about many wonderful additions and changes to the Foundation, which will help us assist even more students and programs.

I'm so pleased to share with you that since last July, six new scholarships have been created through the Foundation. These scholarships—two endowed scholarships and four annual scholarships—will help Harper students for generations to come. We've highlighted these scholarships on the following pages, and I invite you to read about the special people who cared so greatly to help Harper students.

This past fall, the College completed a *Community Needs Assessment Survey*. In the survey, residents of the Harper district said Harper is best known for academic excellence and quality education. This is a unique and remarkable perception for a community college, but certainly expected given the quality of our programs and faculty! Not surprisingly, our enrollment continues to increase and, in the past five years, we've demonstrated a 19 percent increase in our full-time equivalent enrollment.

The Foundation continues to expand our Board recruitment activities with an emphasis on board diversity in regards to gender and geographic representation within the Harper district. We welcome our newest board members—**Carol Beese**, **Rita Ganning** and **Diane Hill**—and invite you to read more about them on page 10.

“We cannot become what we need to be remaining what we are.”

Max DePree

This past fall, the Foundation updated its bylaws, which were first created when the Foundation was established in 1973. Our new bylaws reflect our anticipated needed compliance with the much discussed Sarbanes-Oxley implications for not-for-profits. Special thanks to our Board member, **Gerald Smoller** of Kovitz, Shifrin & Nesbit, who spearheaded this important endeavor.

We're excited to be hosting the 17th Annual Golf Open on June 6. Golf chairs **Bob Fiorani** of Square D/Schneider Electric and **Frank Becker** of UPS are planning another enjoyable day at Boulder Ridge Country Club as we raise money for our students and programs. We are also grateful for our collaboration with **Kelley Clancy** of Alexian Brothers Hospital

Network and **Kathy Reno** of Northwest Community Healthcare for the Foundation's Jubilee 2005. The Jubilee, held April 9, raised money for the Resource for Excellence Fund and the development of health career programs on campus.

Lastly, I am saddened to share that Harper lost two very special members of our family this past winter. On December 29, 2004, former Harper president **James J. McGrath** passed away. McGrath was Harper's president from 1978–1988 and was highly regarded for his passion for learning. As the College representative at his funeral services in New York, I was impressed by the family and friends who were present and their sincere expressions of gratitude and respect for Mr. McGrath.

Jessalyn Nicklas, co-founder of Harper College, passed away on February 25 at the age of 89. Ms. Nicklas was integral in the creation of Harper in our community, and was also a founding member of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association. Her vision and her belief in the importance of community colleges has touched countless people in our community over the years.

More information about Mr. McGrath and Ms. Nicklas is located on page 8.

I thank you for your support of Harper College and of the Educational Foundation.

Catherine M. Brod
*Associate Vice President of
Community Relations, Harper College
Executive Director,
Harper College Educational Foundation*

Giving and Receiving

Ronald Dourlet Memorial Scholarship

The **Ronald Dourlet** Memorial Scholarship is awarded to students enrolled in the Community Music Center at Harper College. The scholarship honors and celebrates Dourlet, who was a guitar student of **Steven Suvada**, and provides financial assistance to students. The award is given for musical excellence, and a committee of professional musicians who are a part of Harper faculty chooses the recipient.

"This is the first year that the award has been given and because of this we have awarded scholarships to two Harper students, thanks to Mrs. Dourlet's generosity," said **Henrietta Neeley**, coordinator of the Community Music Center. This year's recipients are **Patrick Eibl**, a violinist and student of **Edgar Gabriel**, and **Wonjin Hahn**, a pianist and student of **Haysun Kang**.



(L to R) *Henrietta Neeley, Coordinator of the Community Music Center; Joan Dourlet and Steve Suvada, Adjunct Faculty for the Harper College Music Department; Patrick Eibl, Scholarship Recipient; Marie Eibl, Patrick's mother.*

"The Ronald Dourlet Memorial Scholarship award allows students to pursue private study at the Community Music Center, where both of these students have been enrolled for several years. The scholarship is a great help in supporting the expenses of their study with these fine teachers," Neeley said.

Eibl performed the first movement of Mozart's *Concerto No. 5 in A major* for Mrs. Dourlet and other invited guests at a recital in March, which was followed by a reception celebrating the performance and Mrs. Dourlet's support of the Community Music Center.

You can support students enrolled at the Community Music Center at Harper College with a gift to the Ronald Dourlet Memorial Scholarship Fund. Please call Heather Engel Zoldak at 847.925.6610 for more information about this fund.

Jim McGuire Endowed Scholarship

Harper student **Ying Qin** has been awarded the first **Jim McGuire** scholarship of 2005. The fund, which was established following McGuire's death in 2001 by his friends and colleagues at Accenture, supports students enrolled in Harper's IT program. **Kurt Olson**, who worked with McGuire at Accenture (then Andersen Consulting), and co-worker, **Tim Hobbs**, organized a successful golf outing in September 2002 that included numerous friends of McGuire. They used the event proceeds to establish an endowed scholarship at Harper in memory of their friend. Each year Olson has helped organize the event and increased the amount of the endowment, which is now almost \$20,000.

McGuire led a training function for 10,000 people at Accenture before he decided to change his career, take a 90 percent pay cut and start teaching. He had traveled the world and held lucrative positions in business, but McGuire was passionate about teaching. McGuire's new career was just beginning when he was killed in a car accident in 2001.

The Jim McGuire Endowed Scholarship at Harper will serve as a living testament to the successful, professional, inspired teacher and friend who defied convention and followed his passion.

If you would like to support the Jim McGuire Endowed Scholarship, please call 847.925.6610. If you would like more information on supporting or attending the McGuire memorial golf event, please call Kurt Olson at 630.444.6042 or e-mail kurt.j.olson@accenture.com.

Excellence Alliance Foundation Scholarship

The Excellence Alliance Foundation (EAF) has awarded Harper College a scholarship on behalf of EAF members and allies. The scholarship supports Harper students who are studying heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC). **Stuart Golden**, of Temperature Service Corporation, is a member of the EAF and recommended Harper College for the scholarship.

Brian Pierce and **Dina Stroh** each received a scholarship in support of their studies of HVAC at Harper. "This scholarship has been given to two exceptional people," said **John Shola**, Harper's HVAC program coordinator. "Dina has proven herself to be a superior student with a natural talent for this line of work, and Brian will be a credit to the HVAC industry when he enters the field."

"Temperature Service Company was proud to have the opportunity to contribute to the future and education of individuals like Dina and Brian. The industry has many opportunities and open doors and I would like to wish them the best of luck in achieving their goals and aspirations," Golden said.

New Scholarships

Mary Jo Willis Theatre Scholarship Endowment

Mary Jo Willis is a retired, much beloved faculty member at Harper College. She served as the director of theater for 27 years before taking early retirement, following the grand opening of Harper's Performing Arts Center. She directed many plays and musicals during the years and also taught acting and theater classes. Her inspiring teaching style helped launch the careers of professional actors who began their performing careers on Harper's stage.



Mary Jo Willis with Sam Oliver, president, Harper College Educational Foundation.

Although she is "retired," Willis' passion for her craft keeps her teaching at Harper, where she also directed the 2005 spring play, *The Imaginary Invalid*. She continues to demonstrate her passion for education, students and Harper in her volunteer leadership roles at the Foundation and her continuing generosity. In 2004 Willis established an endowed scholarship in support of new or returning Harper students who have demonstrated a commitment to theater through course work and/or production experience. The scholarship will help offset the cost of tuition, books or expenses for the student(s) selected.

"During my career at Harper I had the privilege of sharing in the lives of many wonderful students. This scholarship is a way to thank all of those students for the gifts they were in my life. I'm also honoring what has been most important to my life—the essential role that the arts play in the education of the individual," Willis said.

The Mary Jo Willis Theatre Scholarship will be awarded for the first time in fall 2005. **Laura Pulio Colbert**, after consultation with theater faculty, will choose the recipient from a pool of qualified candidates.

The stage is not merely the meeting place of all the arts, but is also the return of art to life.

Oscar Wilde

Willis is excited about the scholarship program and what it will provide for students exploring their craft at Harper. "The arts are the heart and soul of a people. We must never lose sight of that."

If you would like to make a gift in support of the Mary Jo Willis Theatre Scholarship, please call Janie Petersen at 847.925.6185.

IAFPD Scholarship

One need only look into a firefighter's eyes after he emerges from a burning building to understand the significance of 'the rush.' His wide-open eyes reveal a sense of urgency and amazement: the urgency of the overall situation and amazement that he has fought powerful demons and won.

Robert Jones, *Backdraft Live*

The Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts (IAFPD) has awarded Harper with scholarships to support students enrolled part-time or full-time in the Fire Science Technology Associate of Applied Science Degree program. Scholarships can be used for tuition, books and expenses directly related to Fire Science curricula.

Whether you're a professional firefighter who wants to advance your career, or you are interested in exploring the exciting world of firefighting, the Fire Science Technology Program at Harper College has a great deal to offer.

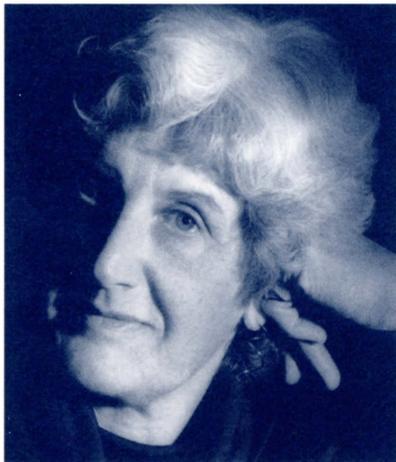
Sam Giordano,
Harper Fire Science Coordinator

Harper's Fire Science program is recognized as being among the top fire service-oriented programs in the state, said Sam Giordano, Fire Science coordinator at Harper. "Fire Science Technology prepares the student for the application process with the fire department and for positions in industrial safety, fire prevention, insurance investigation, fire investigation, hazardous materials and public education." All of Harper's Fire Science classes meet or exceed the requirements for certification with the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Division of Personnel Standards and Education.

For more information about Harper's Fire Science program, e-mail Sam Giordano at sgjordan@harpercollege.edu.

Barbara Minner-Fuhr Scholarship for Art Students

When **Eb Fuhr** and his wife, **Barbara**, were transferred to the Chicago area as empty nesters, Eb encouraged Barbara to study interior design at Harper College. Barbara enrolled in some courses and decided that interior design was not her passion. Instead, she discovered wood-working and other forms of 3-D art. Barbara began taking art courses at Harper and explored her talent.



"Barbara was inspired by great professors and contemporary students at Harper," said Eb. "She started building her famous memory houses at Harper." Barbara's detailed memory houses, multimedia constructions that memorialized various philosophical aspects of life, including her own are exhibited in Chicagoland and in New York.

Barbara passed away in May 2004 at the age of 76. To honor Barbara and her relationship with Harper, her family established the Barbara Minner-Fuhr Scholarship for Art Students. The first scholarship will be awarded during the 2005-2006 school year and will benefit students enrolled in art classes.

If you would like to make a contribution to this scholarship fund and support an art student at Harper, please call Heather Engel Zoldak at 847.925.6610.

Bright Futures Scholarship

Jennifer Spencer was a Distinguished Scholar at Harper College, a prestigious award given to students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school class. Spencer completed her degree at Harper in two years and is a high school science teacher today because someone believed in her ability to learn and succeed. Just a few years after leaving Harper, Spencer is already giving back. In mid-2004 she established the Bright Futures Scholarship, to benefit full-time students who are pursuing a Harper degree. "My goal was always to give back to Harper and to provide someone else with what I had while I was a student," she said. "My parents always donated 10 percent of their income to their church, so I wanted to give back. As a teacher I am committed to education, and I believe strongly in what Harper stands for and what it provides its students."

*We cannot always
build the future for
our youth, but we
can build our
youth for the
future.*

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Spencer transferred to Carthage College after finishing her studies at Harper. She earned her teaching degree and joined Tremper High School in Kenosha, Wis., teaching U.S history to ninth and 10th grade students and psychology to 11th and 12th graders. She sets aside a small portion of her paycheck each pay period to support the Bright Futures Scholarship. "It's nice to know that I am helping someone at Harper—someone who doesn't have to worry about the extra stress of financing college."

The Bright Scholars fund is meaningful to the Foundation because it was created and funded by a recent Harper alumna. "We are thrilled that Jennifer is giving back to Harper College. What a gift for us to receive from such an outstanding student," said Catherine Brod, Executive Director of the Foundation.

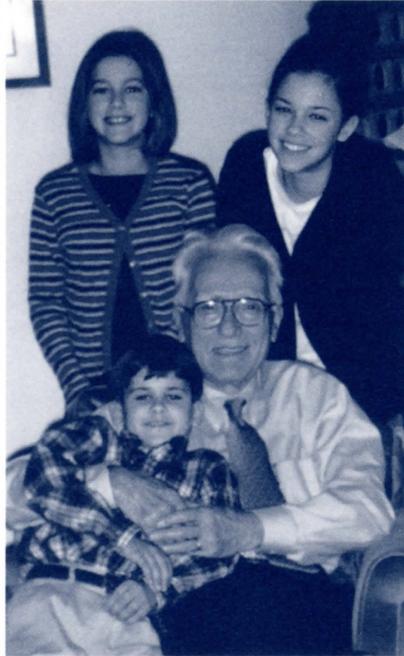
If you would like to make a gift in support of the Bright Futures Scholarship, or if you would like to establish an alumni scholarship fund, please call Heather Engel Zoldak at 847.925.6610.

Art

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Eugenia could live. "Someone from work mentioned to me that I should visit Harper College to meet the art faculty." Paul brought back several brochures about Harper's art program. "Harper became a good selling point for me to get Eugenia to move to Chicago." The Makowskis moved to the Northwest suburbs at the end of 1981. By early 1982 Eugenia had enrolled in her first Harper art course. Soon Eugenia developed her own artistic style that went beyond throwing pots.

Paul describes Eugenia as blossoming as an artist with guidance from Harper art faculty, **Barbara Cooper** and **Mike Brown**. Her sculptural approach to ceramics and passion for large, abstract pieces that reflected her deep spirituality and love for humanity resulted in numerous awards and accolades. Several area institutions, including Harper College, display Eugenia's work today. Symbolic in nature and rich in meaning, Eugenia's pieces include wooden spiral sculptures like *Ascendare*, on display in front of the Barrington Public Library and *Just a Number*, which Paul keeps at their home, which was one of Eugenia's last pieces she created before her death in March 2004. *Just a Number* includes a copy of Paul's Buchenwald number and the red triangle with the fabric letter P that Paul had to wear indicating that he was a political prisoner. The number and marker are enclosed within a symbolic barred window. "Eugenia understood the horrors of that time were long gone, but that the horrors lived on in the memories of those of us who were still alive—those of us who remember vividly when we were just a number," said Paul.



Paul Makowski with his grandchildren.

Harper is home to several of Eugenia's notable pieces including *Scroll and Windows*, a series of seven windows that are gilded in gold on one side and painted black on the other. Paul said the dark side of the windows symbolizes the stifling concentration camp while the gilded side represents hope and freedom. "She thought of the pieces as windows of hope," he said.

You use a glass mirror to see your face: you use works of art to see your soul.

George Bernard Shaw

When Eugenia passed away last year several of her friends recommended that Paul and his family memorialize her at Harper. "I was too distraught to even think about it," Paul said. "Until Eugenia's friend Olga, who was a bridesmaid at our 1945 wedding, told me that she wanted to send

a donation to Harper College in Eugenia's name." Paul contacted the Educational Foundation and discussed options with his family. "My son and his wife made a \$10,000 gift to establish an endowed scholarship fund in memory of Eugenia. Household International, where Paul and Eugenia's son works, matched the gift with a \$10,000 gift to the fund. Then, numerous friends from across the country began sending gifts to Harper. There is now more than \$20,000 in an endowment that will be used for scholarships and awards for art students at Harper, especially those studying 3-D art.

"When Eugenia passed away we thought about how best to celebrate her life and remember her. We discussed a monument at the cemetery, and we agreed that she should be laid to rest in a quiet spot in St. Michael's Cemetery that overlooks Harper. We purchased a modest marker for this spot because we thought that the true monument to Eugenia would be a perpetual gift to Harper art students."

A beautiful woman with a wonderful, generous spirit and a gift for art, Eugenia Makowski was a treasure to Harper's faculty and students. Her artwork will continue to inspire future artists while her family's generous scholarship fund, named in her honor, will encourage budding artists to explore and refine their artistic talents.

If you would like to donate to the Eugenia Makowski Endowed Scholarship fund, please call Janie Petersen at 847.925.6185.

2005-2006 Resource for Excellence Grants

**Foundation grants more than
\$60,000 to programs that make
a difference**

eXcel Leadership Series

An award-winning leadership series that includes eight interactive, half-day workshops, the eXcel Leadership Series offers opportunities for enrolled Harper students to explore their values, self-identity, cultural awareness and essential life skills. The series is free for currently enrolled students.

Summer Bridge Program for Under Prepared, First Time in College Students

The Summer Bridge Program is one of the newest initiatives of the Center for Multicultural Learning. The program will better provide underrepresented students with the skill sets needed to succeed in college and obtain a baccalaureate degree. The Center for Multicultural Learning will work with first time in college, first generation students in the third or fourth quartile of their high school graduating class. Students will learn about the opportunities and services they need to pursue to maintain and/or improve their academic aptitudes. Students will gain critical skills needed for persistent success in college.

Database Support for All Enrollment-Related Web Pages

With the demand from the community for Web services and communication growing, the College needs to take its Web functionality to the next level as it relates to key enrollment functions including financial aid, recruitment, event management and other services.

Swing into Action!

The 17th Annual Harper College Educational Foundation is in full swing. Please join us on Monday, June 6, 2005 at Boulder Ridge Country Club for a day on the green with friends in support of Harper's Resource for Excellence Fund. Fantastic food and fun on the fairway! Call Heather Engel Zoldak at 847.925.6610 for information about golf packages and sponsorship opportunities.

Golf Open 2005 Committee Roster

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In Memoriam

Harper mourns loss of beloved college president (1978-1988) James J. McGrath

Former Harper College president **James J. McGrath** passed away in December 2004 in Pennsylvania at the age of 73.

McGrath, formerly of Palatine, was Harper's president from 1978 to 1988. A warm and outgoing individual, McGrath brought to Harper a focus on academic excellence that is the College's hallmark today. "He emphasized the importance of a top-quality faculty, both in the initial hiring criteria, but also through giving them opportunities for sabbaticals and attending conferences to grow academically," said **Kris Howard**, a longtime Harper Board trustee, in a December *Chicago Tribune* article.

McGrath focused on increasing Harper's academic reputation and immediately started an academic convocation that was held before commencement to recognize high-achieving students. "He encouraged us to be a community of scholars," said **Mary Jo Willis**, a former director of theater and professor of speech and theater at Harper. "It was just a privilege to serve during his tenure because he was such an inspiration."

McGrath also oversaw landscaping on campus. He helped transform a pasture into a beautiful sprawling, green campus. Passionate about teaching, McGrath continued to lead an accounting class during his presidency, and he was known to hold casual conversations about Shakespeare over a pot of tea at his home with students and staff members.



An inspiring leader and teacher, mentor and friend, McGrath will be deeply missed.

Please join us in celebrating the life of James J. McGrath on Saturday, May 21, 2005 at 2 p.m. at Harper College. For more information call Janie Petersen at 847.925.6185.

Nicklas force behind Harper College

Jessalyn Nicklas, one of the first Harper College board of trustee members and co-founder of Harper College, died Feb. 25 of complications from asthma. She was 89.

"She was a dynamic woman who was well educated and one of those individuals who was always interested in everything," said Kris Howard, a Harper College trustee, in a March 5 *Daily Herald* article. "She felt we really didn't have an institution of higher education close to the burgeoning Northwest suburbs."

When the idea of a community college failed to pass in the 1960s, Nicklas lobbied leaders in Wheeling, Palatine, Elk Grove and Schaumburg townships to present another referendum to the community. When the community approved the referendum, Nicklas served as a trustee from 1965 to 1979. She also co-founded the Illinois Community College Trustees Association and was community liaison to the Illinois Board of Higher Education for eight years.

"Of all the trustees, there was no one who was more dedicated or spent more time and energy on behalf of the community for the promotion and development of Harper College than Jessalyn Nicklas," said **Robert Lahti**, Harper's founding president, in a March 4 *Chicago Tribune* article.

You Can Create a Lifetime or a Testamentary Endowed Scholarship

The establishment of the Eugenia Makowski Endowed Scholarship and the Mary Jo Willis Theatre Scholarship are inspiring stories (see pages 1 and 4). Endowed scholarships can be created now or as a testamentary gift after one's lifetime. Endowment means the principal amount of a contribution to Harper is held in perpetuity earning investment interest. The scholarship portion is distributed from this interest—never depleting the principal. The Makowski family and Mary Jo Willis' gifts establish wonderful scholarships that will award students for many generations. Through these scholarships they are making a difference for future students.

Perhaps the idea of leaving behind something that has a lasting value is appealing to you. You want to support Harper students and help them attain their full potential. Perhaps, however, your financial situation dictates that a gift after your lifetime would be in the best interest for yourself and your heirs. You still can enjoy—right now—the satisfaction of creating an endowed scholarship.

First, meet with your professional advisors. Many of us will be able to meet our obligations, provide for our loved ones, and make a gift minimally of \$10,000 or more through our wills. Let them know you'd like to set up an endowed scholarship.

Second, contact Janie Petersen at the Harper College Educational Foundation office at 847.925.6185. We can draft a Fund Agreement that will specify your wishes to establish an endowed scholarship.

The Foundation can forward language such as the following directly to you and your advisors for inclusion in your will:

"I bequeath to the William Rainey Harper College Educational Foundation, a corporation duly existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, and located in the Village of Palatine in said State, the sum of _____ (\$) Dollars to be used for the purposes of establishing an endowed scholarship as set forth in the Fund Agreement as executed by me and the William Rainey Harper College Educational Foundation and which is incorporated herein by reference."

By including that one paragraph and funding it with a minimum of \$10,000, you can have the satisfaction of knowing that you have created a lasting legacy. You also can enjoy the benefits during your lifetime. You can name the scholarship as you wish. You can become a member of the Harper Heritage Society, and see your name on the donor wall in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center. Like the Makowski family and Mary Jo Willis, you can help students go forward and realize their goals.

For more information, you are invited to call Janie Petersen at 847.925.6185.

New Board Members

The Harper College Educational Foundation warmly welcomes new members to the Foundation Board

Carol Beese

Carol Beese is retired from the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce where she served as president for 32 years, guiding its growth from 60 members to 800 business and professional members representing

75 percent of all businesses in the 90-square mile Barrington area.

She was the first woman to serve as president of the Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, was a director of the State Chamber of

Commerce, served on the Board of Regents for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce with responsibilities at Notre Dame University and was a member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Advisory Committee.

Beese attended DePauw University and the University of Chicago and is a graduate of the Institute for Organization Management at the University of Notre Dame. In 2001, she received the Illinois Woman of Achievement Award.

Beese serves in a leadership capacity in numerous community organizations throughout Barrington. Her special interest has been the development of Ron Beese Park, an 85-acre park named after her late husband. She is the mother of two children, and she has four grandchildren.



Rita Canning

Rita Canning is the founder of the Palatine Home of the Sparrow, which operates transitional shelter programs for abused and homeless women and their children. She opened a large resale shop for the nonprofit organization, Women in Need Growing Stronger (WINGS), and she established the first domestic violence shelter in Chicago's Northwest suburbs.

Canning serves as the vice president of the Canning Foundation, which funds programs like the Canning Scholars that provides scholarships to more than 100 inner-city children in six private elementary and secondary schools. She helped

create and continues to fund the Holy Angels Outreach Program that provides assistance to residents of the Ida B. Wells homes. She is an active volunteer and serves as a member of the Women's Board of Northwestern University and the

Field Museum. She also is a member of the State Treasurer's Strategy Board for Women's Economic Empowerment, a director of Harris-Bank Palatine and the Buehler YMCA, treasurer of the Northwest Suburban Alliance on Domestic Violence, and she serves on the Steering Committee of the Circuit Court of Cook County—Third District, Family Violence Coordinating Council.

Canning graduated from the University of Illinois, Champaign, with a bachelor's degree from the College of Commerce and Business Administration.

She and her husband, John, live in Inverness and have six children.



Diane Hill

Diane Hill recently retired from Northwestern University where she served for 32 years as senior lecturer, author and clinical supervisor in speech and language pathology. She presently partici-

pates actively with her husband, David Hill, CEO of Kimball Hill Homes, a nationally known homebuilder based in Rolling Meadows.

She was a charter member and served as chair of the Specialty Board on Fluency Disorders, has held numerous leadership roles for All Saints Lutheran Church in Palatine and is a member of the Leadership Committee of the Fund for Leaders in Mission of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She also is a member of Northwest Community Healthcare Foundation's Gift Development Committee and has been an active volunteer in Boy Scouts and many programs in school districts 15 and 211.

Hill received her undergraduate degree from Augustana College and her master's from Northwestern University. She and Dave are residents of Barrington and have one son, a graduate of Fremd High School and Princeton University, who resides in Los Angeles.

A volunteer is a person who believes that people can make a difference—and is willing to prove it.

Anonymous

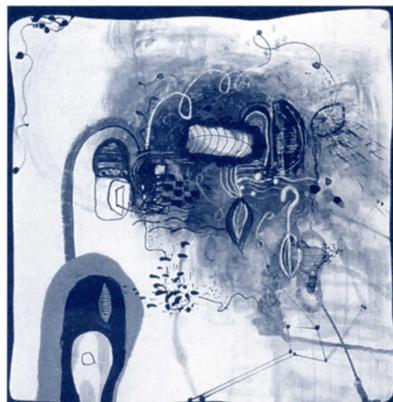
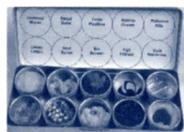
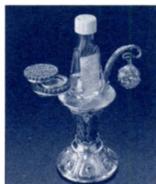
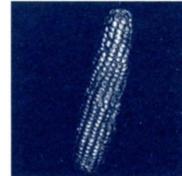
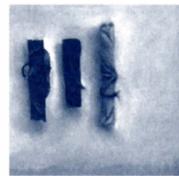
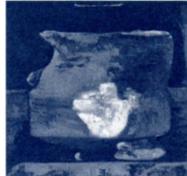
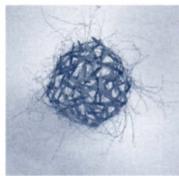
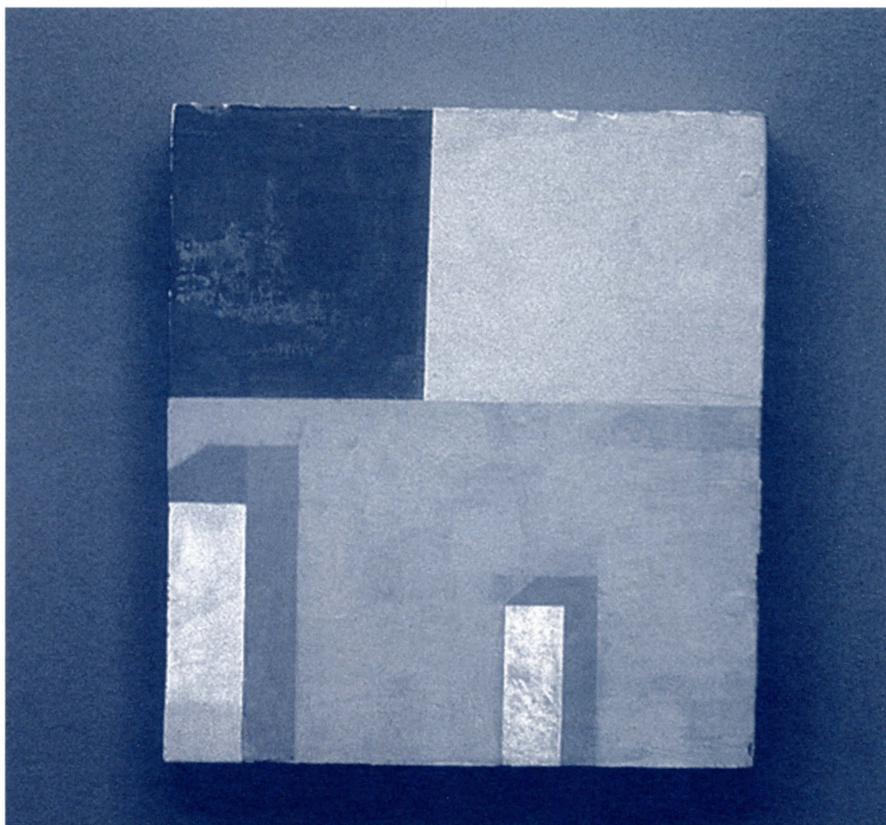
Art on Campus Artward Bound

28th Annual Small Works National Arts Exhibition held on campus in April

Harper College's 28th annual national arts exhibition, Small Works, included painting, photography, metal, ceramic and fiber sculpture, prints, drawings and mixed media from across the United States.

Frank Paluch, director of the Perimeter Gallery in Chicago, was this year's juror. Awards include the Harper College Educational Foundation Purchase Award and the **Martha Bell** Purchase Award.

The Small Works National Arts Exhibition ran April 4 through April 21 in the new Student Services and Art Center, Building C, at the Palatine campus.



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