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'Project Tomorrow' Campaign Provides Bright Future



From left to right, David and Jeanine Fairburn, John and Rita Canning, Diane Hill, Jeanne and William Kelley enjoy the evening.

On Friday, August 22nd, the Harper College Educational Foundation hosted an "Evening by the Pond" to launch the public phase of its ambitious Project Tomorrow:

The Power of Community major gifts fundraising campaign. While rain forced the event indoors to the Avanté Center, nothing could dampen the spirits of attendees who share a commitment to supporting the campaign which aims to build student scholarships, support faculty enrichment and seek funds to bolster dozens of programs. In the two years since the quiet phase of the campaign started, over \$7 million has already been

raised, with 100 percent of the College Trustees and members of the Foundation Board of Directors generously contributing.

As the campaign enters the public phase, it is important to note that the case for support of the campaign was designed based on input from Harper's community - both internal and external. Community members, public servants and area business leaders provided an assessment of workforce needs with those of College deans, program directors, faculty and students. This resulted in 13 primary areas of focus for the campaign, which is schedule to continue through June 2009.

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Rita and John Canning Pledge \$500,000 to the Women's Program



*Rita and John Canning
with Foundation Board
President Jeff
Butterfield (on left).*

Tragically, domestic violence has been characterized as an epidemic in Illinois. Recent figures indicate that within the 23 municipalities of Harper College District 512 alone, 2,130 domestic offenses were reported to Illinois State Police in 2005 according to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. Sadly, there is a fear that the number may be even higher as under-reporting of these crimes is suspected. In the face of these disturbing figures, Harper College has long been committed to helping abuse victims through its renowned Women's Program.

On September 9th, the program was formally renamed "**The Rita and John Canning Women's Program at Harper College**" in recognition of the Cannings long-term commitment and support of \$500,000 for women in need. The Cannings most recent gift to the Educational Foundation establishes a generous endowment supporting scholarships for program participants. Additionally, a portion of the gift has been designated to launch a legal assistance pilot program, providing access to valuable resources for program clients.

"Research shows that women who attain an education are better equipped to get out of their abusive relationship. For many women, Harper College provides affordable educational opportunities to those who otherwise might not have had the chance to go beyond high school,"

said Rita Canning."

Vera Davis, who earned three scholarship awards thru the Women's Program, is one of the many success stories. "As a Fast Track student, this was one of the most challenging and rewarding experience of my life. Harper has helped me realize my goals, focus on self-development, and plan for my future. After graduating in December 2008, I plan on attending a four-year university to get my bachelor's degree in business administration, management."

There are many others like Vera who without Harper's Women Program may not have anywhere else to turn for help. Women who have experienced domestic abuse come to the Harper College Women's Program each year for assistance with education and employment so they can end their abusive relationships and support themselves

*Vera Davis expresses
her thanks to the
Cannings on behalf of
program participants.*



and their children.

Since 1969, the Women's Program at Harper has been at the forefront of positive change, even inspiring Illinois State Senator Virginia McDonald to sponsor the Displaced Homemakers Act of 1977. In 2006, The Illinois Department of Labor cited the Women's Program as a Model Program among the ten Illinois Support Training & Employment Programs for Displaced Homemakers in the State. In 2007, the Department awarded the Women's Program a Certificate of Excellence for consistently exceeding performance goals.

Speaking on the renaming of the Women's Program, Harper College President Dr. Robert L. Breuder observed, "Through the generosity of the Cannings, the Women's Program will be able to deliver on its mission to provide sound education and employment resources to those most in need. Support from the private sector for this vital program, and others like it, has become increasingly important in light of recent state budget cuts that threaten these programs that benefit the entire community." ■

In Remembrance of David K. Hill



On July 26, Harper College lost one of its leaders and strongest supporters with the passing of David K. Hill, executive chairman of Kimball Hill Homes and long-time community philanthropist. Mr. Hill was appointed as a Harper Trustee in July of 2004 and was elected to a four-year term in 2005.

Before becoming a trustee, Mr. Hill was an active member of Harper College's Educational Foundation. Along with his wife Diane, the couple were generous contributors to the College's arts programs and took a special interest in Harper's nationally acclaimed programs for the hearing impaired. The charitable couple provided the seed money to start the Kimball Hill Family Deaf Institute and an endowed scholarship fund at Harper in David's memory.

Commenting on Mr. Hill's death, Harper College president Dr. Robert Breuder observed, "David Hill's commitment and affection for Harper was clearly evidenced by his willingness to run for public office on behalf of the College and through his sage advice and philanthropic support. Harper was a great source of pride for David. He believed passionately that higher education should be accessible and affordable to all and devoted his time, energy and resources into making that a reality for the people of the northwest suburbs."

Added Laurie Stone, Harper College Board of Trustees chairperson, "The Harper Board was blessed to work with David. We benefited from his vast knowledge, insightful questions, creative suggestions and sense of humor. We will miss him dearly."

Mr. Hill's efforts on behalf of Harper College will benefit current and future students for years to come. Memorial donations can be made to the Harper College Educational Foundation earmarked for the David K. Hill Memorial Fund. ■

Assurance Agency Has its 'ACT' Together

Recognized by Crain's Chicago Business as one of the area's best places to work, Schaumburg-based Assurance Agency is a full service insurance brokerage that prides itself on being a good corporate citizen. The company takes extra care in providing time to help those in need by partnering with local charities, raising funds for various programs and driving other initiatives that make a positive impact on people's lives.

At the core of the company's philanthropic efforts is Assurance Caring Together or A.C.T. The mission of this employee-driven effort is to develop meaningful partnerships with admirable organizations in order to improve the quality of people's lives. Harper is one of the organizations to



From left to right: Elizabeth Kordek, Michele Grassano, Pete Rocush, Tiffany Suhling, Guy Jacobucci, Sue Maslanka, Jennifer Moore, Paul Bartman, Maggie Pallicke, Dorothy Sommers and Chris Ross.

benefit from these efforts as dedicated Assurance employees committed themselves to raising funds for the new **Assurance Caring Together Scholarship** to be awarded for the first time in spring 2008. Assurance

employees Elizabeth Kordek and Jennifer Moore currently serving as committee co-chairs, helped spearhead a cookbook selling drive last year which raised funds to support the scholarship. The scholarship will benefit working students

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with financial need or who are facing significant life challenges.

"Education is an important part of the Assurance culture," explained Kordek. "We try to support organizations that are 'close to home' as much as we can, which made Harper College a natural choice for us."

In addition to the scholarship, Assurance employees have participated in a wide range of worthwhile endeavors including:

- Creating books for Down Syndrome literacy program
- Packaging thousands of pounds of food for distribution to those in need through local food banks
- Staffing athletic events for organizations such as the Special Olympics

Corporate citizens like Assurance have been instrumental in making Harper the outstanding institution that it is today. Through Assurance's generosity, students are getting a chance at post-secondary education that they might have otherwise missed out on. Our sincere thanks to the Assurance team for their support of Harper students! ■

Retired Educators Still Making an Impact in the Classroom

As former teachers, Erna and Bernard Bringe know the value of an education. Erna's entire teaching career, which spanned over 30 years, was spent with District 214 teaching business courses including shorthand, typing and computers to high school students. She is proud of the part she played in teaching valuable and practical skills to students who were more prepared for the workforce or further education after leaving her class. Bernard, who grew up in Wisconsin, taught business classes at the high school level in southern Wisconsin for several years prior to meeting Erna at graduate school in Indiana University. Wanting to be closer to Erna, Bernard switched careers by going to work for United Airlines.

Retired since 1992, the former educators remain committed to their belief in the importance of an education and the role it can play in helping people achieve their dreams. With this in mind, the couple has established the **Erna Tripp Bringe and Bernard Bringe Fund** with the Harper College Educational Foundation and have included Harper in their estate plans. Their generous gift will be used to support the 2+1 transfer scholarship for Harper students holding a "C" or better grade point average with an equal amount earmarked to support instructional technology such as the state-of-the-art SMART classroom equipment found throughout Harper's campus.

Explaining their support for Harper College Erna said, "We wanted to support a community college because four-year schools already get plenty of scholarships and support. Also, over the course of my teaching career, I had taken courses at Harper and saw for myself how well the school prepares students for success in life."

Erna suggests that anyone considering supporting Harper take a tour and see for themselves how much the students enjoy the campus and benefit from having an excellent community college available to them.

Our sincere thanks to the Bringe's for their generosity! ■



Erna and Bernard Bringe join the Harper Heritage Society (from left to right, faculty member Michele Ukleja (chair of the Instructional Technology Committee), student Kim Cozzi (Motorola Scholarship Award recipient), Erna and Bernard Bringe, student Rogelio Ramirez (Motorola Scholarship Award recipient) and faculty member Chad Taylor (chair of the Instructional Technology Planning Committee))

Foundation Golf Events Up to Par



Golf Open Chair Jack Lloyd (2nd from left) is joined by his guests Jim Schwantz, Tim Monson, and Joe Quinn (from left to right) at the Harper College Educational Foundation's 2008 event.

Regardless of their scores, the golfers who participated in this summer's golf outings supporting the Harper College Educational Foundation were all winners, as their participation helped raise thousands of dollars to benefit students at Harper College.

- **The 2008 Harper College Educational Foundation Golf Outing**—We started the season on June 2, when nearly 80 golfers took to the links at Barrington's Makray Memorial Golf Course and raised more than \$71,000, the proceed of which will benefit the Educational Foundation's Resource for Excellence Fund. The event was chaired by Jack Lloyd, regional president for community banking with Harris Bank.

- **3rd Annual Harper College Football Golf Outing**—More than 50 golfers tackled the Schaumburg Public Golf Course as part of the Third Annual Harper College Football Golf Outing. Retired Harper football coach, John Eliasik, chaired the event and showed that he can still bring out the best in people as the event raised nearly \$10,500 on June 16th.

- **Math Department Golf Outing**—Faculty member Chad Taylor organized the Math Department Golf Outing which took place on July 18 at Salt Creek Golf Course in Wood Dale. Raising over \$1,300 to benefit two memorial math scholarship funds named for former faculty members Margaret Scott and

Harold Cunningham, it is clear that the participating golfers and the executive course added up to a great event for everyone involved.

- **8th Annual Jim McGuire Golf Outing** - Lastly, the McGuire Golf Outing was held on September 16 to benefit the Jim McGuire Endowed Memorial Scholarship. This event, which honors the memory of Jim McGuire, a member of Accenture's training and development department, combines his love of the game with his support of education. Held at Hughes Creek Golf Course in Elburn, nearly 40 golfers and dinner guests were on hand raising approximately \$4,000 to benefit the scholarship fund in Jim's memory. Next year's McGuire Golf Outing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2009.

Once the snow starts to fall and the clubs are put away for the year, stay tuned for details on future golf events by accessing the Educational Foundation section of the Harper website at www.harpercollege.edu. ■

GOLF OPEN 2008

Score for the Resource for Excellence Fund



The Power of Giving: Helping People Go Forward

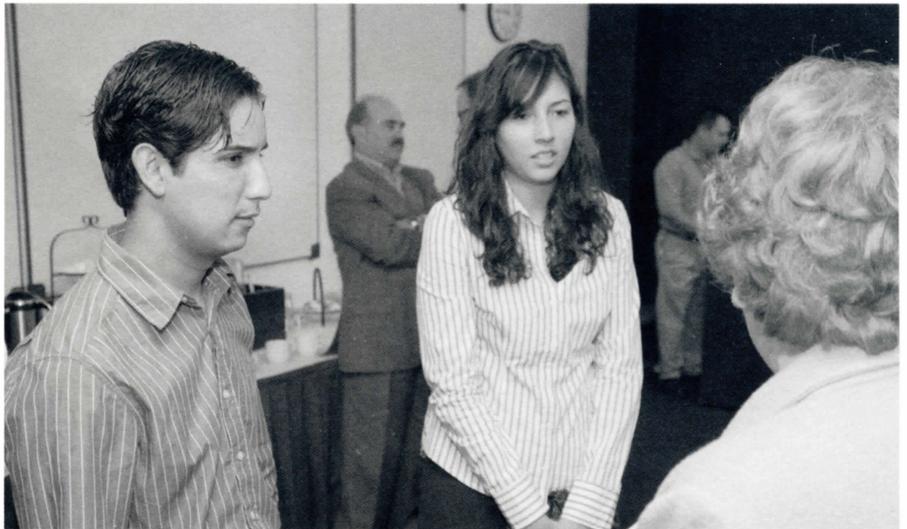


Motorola Award for Excellence Winners

Since 1981, Motorola has sponsored its Award for Excellence, which is the highest honor a Harper College student or faculty member can earn. The Award honors a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in academics, extracurricular activities and community service, while attending Harper College. Application for this scholarship is open to students from all College degree programs who exhibit exemplary achievement in the areas of academics, community service, leadership and extracurricular activities.

Last year, Motorola committed to sponsoring two Award for Excellence scholarships which are awarded to a traditional aged student—one who is 23 or younger, and to a non-traditional student—one who is 24 or older. This year's recipients of the Motorola Award for Excellence, given through the Harper College Educational Foundation were **Kim Cozzi** in the traditional category and **Rogelio Ramirez** in the non-traditional category. These students will receive awards for \$3000 each (\$1500 per student, each semester).

Dr. Julie Ellefson-Keuhn, Harper College associate professor of chemistry received the Motorola Faculty Award for Excellence. In presenting Dr. Ellefson-Keuhn with the prestigious award at the May commencement ceremony, Harper College President, Dr. Breuder pointed out that Ellefson-Keuhn has been a teacher, counselor, mentor, and friend to her students and colleagues for 22 years. He stressed that because of her dedication, Harper students benefit from a curriculum that is current and relevant to their studies and prepares them for a lifetime of learning. As Dr. Ellefson-Keuhn received the thanks of the Foundation Board in September, she commented, "I love my job! It's a joy to help students to appreciate the beauty of chemistry."



Motorola Distinguished Scholarship recipients Rogelio Ramirez (left) and Kim Cozzi (right) greet well wishers.



Picture caption: Dr. Julie Ellefson-Keuhn received Foundation Board recognition as the Motorola Distinguished Faculty award recipient.

The three award winners featured here are exceptional examples of the success students and faculty members can achieve at Harper. While they are unique in winning such a top honor, they share a common bond with their classmates and colleagues who make Harper the outstanding place of learning that it is today. ■

Otter Chemistry Endowment Offers Formula for Success

Harper's chemistry department was recently named the College's first Center of Excellence in recognition of its commitment to supporting students in their pursuit of exceptional academic achievement in the classroom and the chemistry field overall. To help students even more, chemistry professor Jayne Wilcox and her husband Bob established the Otter Chemistry Endowment over 15 years ago.

"We chose to establish the Otter Fund as a way to give back to education, a career Jayne has loved, and to support Harper College, where she feels she has had exceptional experiences with students and colleagues," explained Bob Wilcox. "We feel that, sometimes, all a student needs is a little encouragement and recognition to instill the confidence necessary for academic success." This confidence often spills over into other facets of their lives. The Educational Foundation helped us from the very beginning to design a fund that would accomplish our goal of being able to reward several students each semester for their hard work."

Funds from the Otter Chemistry Endowment can be used for chemistry students in three different ways. First, money may be allocated as needed for students to attend and participate in regional or local conferences held by professional organizations. Within the chemistry department, competitions among students on special projects are sometimes held and small cash or merchandise prizes may be provided from the Endowment. Lastly, cash incentive awards are given to selected students at the close of each spring and fall semester.

Through these incentive awards, the Otter Chemistry Endowment recognizes students who demonstrate exceptional scholarly attributes. Award winners are nominated by their instructors for a variety of reasons, including self-discipline, motivation, perseverance, generosity towards classmates, and academic performance. Students need not have the highest grade in their chemistry class, but only demonstrate an attitude toward their studies that is honorable, well-intentioned, and inspirational to both their classmates and instructors. ■

Otter Chemistry Endowment

Student Incentive Award Winners Spring 2008

Each of the following students has received an Otter Chemistry Award ranging from \$25 to \$400 that will be used for the spring 2008 semester:

Catlin Buck

Jose Delgado

Joseph Mackin

Anand Patel

Barbara Simon Peddie

Melissa Polanco

Amata Sok

Yasuyo Yoshida

Open Book Scholarship Gets Great Reviews

For the past 19 and 21 years respectively, **Dr. Chris Poziemski** and **Dr. Jean-Louise Gustafson** have changed lives as highly respected faculty members in Harper's Department of Academic Success. Having been a part of the College and its students for so long, it seemed only natural that they would not let their retirements in July 2008 keep them from continuing to make a difference in students' lives. When they announced that they were establishing the Open Book Scholarship with the Educational Foundation, additional contributions were made to the fund by other faculty members, an indication of the high regard they are held in by their colleagues.

The Open Book Scholarship will award \$500 each spring and fall semester to a deserving student who has completed Reading 099 and performed well in the successive semester. Reading 099 provides classroom instruction in comprehension utilizing a wide variety of written materials for students who need assistance in bringing their reading skills to the college level. By having the requirement of achieving ongoing academic success, the hope is that the scholarship will serve as motivation for those who do not always have the opportunity to qualify for academic awards.

As Dr. Poziemski explained, "The scholarship was started to encourage students to achieve academic excellence while they experience college level

reading, engage in critical thinking, and improve their reading comprehension for future academic successes. It was also a way for us to give back to the students and the College we enjoyed working with for so many years."

The first scholarship to be awarded will be applied to the fall 2009 semester. A faculty committee overseen by Judy Kulchawik, Chair of the Department of Academic Success, will develop specific requirements for evaluation of potential scholarship winners. While details of the scholarship are being refined, one thing that is clear is that thanks to Drs. Gustafson and Poziemski, students who may not have seen academics as a path to success now have new doors opened to them. ■



Executive Director's Report

Greetings to all from the Educational Foundation!

While leaves are turning and winter is close at hand, the Foundation has experienced a very busy few months this fall. We're pleased to once again provide a robust update and are tremendously grateful to all who have, and continue to, play such an important role in advancing our mission. The 'power of community' is indeed viable and present here at Harper!

Speaking of the power of community, as you will read in our cover story, the Project Tomorrow major gifts campaign was publicly launched on August 22nd during an 'Evening by the Pond' reception and dinner on Harper's campus. Our thanks to President Breuder for serving as host and to Rita Canning for her leadership in creating such an amazing evening for attendees.

The Project Tomorrow campaign will continue through June 30, 2009. I encourage you all to learn more about ways to support Harper through this very important effort.

As we move into this holiday season, please let me share our tremendous gratitude for your support over the past year. Our warm wishes for good health, peace and happiness in the new year are with you all!

My best to you,

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

Resource For Excellence Grant Provides Start Up Funds for the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Harper



Those pictured (from left to right) are: Martin Bank (The Austin-Gregg Corporation), Katherine Sawyer (Harper College Educational Foundation), Mark Bisailon (MasonicReferral.com), Jeff Butterfield (Cornerstone National Bank & Trust), Leah Richter (Richterworks Web Design) and Bonnie Richter (Director, IL SBDC)

A recipient of a 2008/2009 Resource For Excellence grant from the Harper College Educational Foundation, Harper's Small Business Development Center held an open house on September 10th to launch their services and share capabilities with the local business community.

The mission of the Center is to contribute to the growth and prosperity of existing businesses in the early stages of development and improve the success rate of new business start-ups. The Center also helps existing small businesses by providing strategies for growth and expansion. In addition to the start-up funding received through the Educational Foundation, the IL SBDC is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to help the 33,000+ businesses (95% of them small businesses) operating within Harper's district to start, grow, expand, and prosper.

The Illinois Small Business Development Center offers no-cost, one-on-one confidential guidance to clients on a wide array of topics, include:

- Business start-up assistance
- Opportunity assessment
- Business planning
- Market research and plan development
- Management and operations
- Finance and accounting
- General business management issues

Since the Center opened in February 2008, they have counseled 175 clients for more than 550 counseling hours. Clients have been successful in obtaining more than \$700,000 in financing and creating more than 70 local jobs.

Commenting on the program's success, IL SBDC director Bonnie Richter said, "Working closely with area companies helps create a mutually beneficial partnership between the business world and Harper College that allows everyone involved to achieve greater levels of success."

The Illinois Small Business Development Center is a perfect example of how our donor's dollars are invested to advance and support student and community success. ■



Passings— Dr. Henry Meier (1931-2008)

The Foundation was saddened to learn of the passing of founding faculty member and retiree, Henry C. Meier on September 17, 2008. Henry was a life-long educator and taught German in Harper's Liberal Arts Division for 25 years. Henry is survived by his wife of 48 years, Shirley Meier, their two daughters and three grandchildren and Henry's two sisters who reside in Germany.

The family has requested that donations in Henry's memory be made to the Harper College Educational Foundation—Henry Meier German Scholarship Fund.

Our deepest sympathy to the Meier family.

Recent Donations Begin to Answer Public Safety Program's Call for Help

For many years, Harper College has offered a public safety programs that have prepared hundreds of EMT/paramedics, fire and law enforcement professionals for the challenges of a demanding and vital career. Given that these public servants operate in situations with little margin for error, it is critical that they have access to the latest training and equipment resources. One of our focuses through the Project Tomorrow major gifts campaign is to generate support to augment our training program offering locally for our safety and enforcement professionals, setting the standard for others to follow. We are pleased to share that we have received a gift to help in launching us on this path.

ID Networks, a veteran records management and identification technologies company for the criminal justice market, has generously committed an included gift of equipment and software. Their state-of-the-art dispatching equipment, utilized by many E911 centers across the country, will be used to train dispatchers locally at Harper. Prior to this, local communities had to send their dispatcher trainees out of state for training or they relied on on-the-job training. Neither option was ideal as these approaches were a drain on resources. Additionally, having access to this type of equipment improves the quality of the learning experience and allows newly minted dispatchers to do their jobs more effectively, resulting in greater public safety.

Harper is committed to serving the needs of the district and its residents. Thanks to the generosity of this donor, we have taken a step toward realizing this vision in the public health and safety arena. ■

Emeritus Status Granted to Departing Board Members

The Educational Foundation is fortunate to be served by dedicated individuals who are committed to assuring that Harper College fulfill its potential as an institution and that its students receive the necessary education to be successful in their future pursuits. On June 10, **Stephen J. Topolski, Joseph J. Legat and Gerald J. Smoller** were granted emeritus status in recognition for their unflinching commitment to the college and selfless service in a number of areas as exemplary Harper College ambassadors in the business and civic community. On

September 9, 2008, **Diane G. Hill** was also granted emeritus status which allows her to complete the term of her deceased husband, David Hill, as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Thank you to all of our emeritus board members for their continuing support of Harper. ■

The Harper Educational Foundation recently welcomed four new members to its Board.

"The Foundation is blessed with a very committed and active group of board members," said Jeff Butterfield, Board President. "These additions make our board even stronger. While gravitating to those who have a strong belief in education and in Harper, we're always working to broaden our composition professionally and socially and to gain good representation throughout all of the communities we serve."



Nancy Ryan, MD is a board-certified emergency physician and CEO of Emergency Care Group of Northwest, S.C. She has been practicing medicine for more than 35 years in Indiana, Connecticut and Illinois. Nancy developed the Intensive Care program at Northwest Community Hospital more than seven years ago which, at the time, was the first community hospital program in the Chicago area to provide 24-hour intensive care specialists. Through two companies that she has since sold, Nancy continued to provide emergency services to Northwest Community Hospital's 160,000 emergency patients at the hospital and treatment centers and was Chairman of the Emergency Department for eight years.

In 2003, Nancy was inducted into the prestigious C200 international women's entrepreneurial group, traveling to China and Viet Nam on business ambassadorship missions.

Nancy is a Hoosier, graduating from Earlham College and Indiana University Medical School. She maintained a successful private family medical practice for 11 years in Indiana before entering emergency medicine in 1981. She attended Harvard and Boston University special courses dealing with negotiation techniques.

Nancy married Dick Ryan, a private business owner, in 1981, bringing six children between them to a very busy marriage. Nancy spends her free time gardening, kayaking in Florida, fly fishing in Wyoming, gem collecting and international travel.



Martha Bell, the most recent James J. McGrath Award winner, is the managing principal of the Chicago architecture firm Tilton, Kelly + Bell, LLC. Her firm's work focuses on corporate, institutional and governmental projects. Martha is both a licensed architect and a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) accredited professional.

Martha's past community involvement includes more than a decade on the Harper College Foundation board, with one term as president. Other past activities include 10 years as chairperson of the Palatine Downtown Revitalization Commission, the Palatine-Inverness Vision in Progress, and 18 years in the Rotary Club of Palatine. She currently chairs the Harper Arts Committee.

Professional affiliations include CREW (Chicago Real Estate Women) and the American Institute of Architects.

Martha and her husband Glen Reeser, an engineer, have lived in Palatine for nearly 30 years. Both have a particular interest in promoting the arts at Harper.



Richard Hohol, EA, CFP, has served in the financial services industry since 1976. He is enrolled to practice before the IRS and is a Certified Financial Planner professional. He has taught for the College for Financial Planning since 1994 and DePaul University since 2002.

He specializes in guiding individuals and small businesses through a process of defining goals, mapping a course and taking actions necessary to attain goals. He is president of Chartered Consultants, Inc., and is an Investment Advisor Representative with Financial Network Investment Corporation, an ING company. He practices at his Bloomingdale, IL office.

Richard holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the Illinois Institute of Technology. A former Harper student and teacher, his parents were involved in the referendum that established Harper College 40 years ago. He and his wife Jean reside in Bloomingdale.



Carol C. Pankros, CFP®, MS is the founder and owner of CCP, Inc, a Fee-Only financial planning firm established in 1985. Carol is CCP's President as well as Financial Advisor to her clients.

Carol has a true passion for financial planning and works with individuals and families on the coordination of their goals and resources, investment recommendations and asset allocation, retirement planning, cash flow, estate planning, college planning and insurance review through comprehensive financial plans and ongoing Portfolio Management Services.

Carol has involved herself in serving the private and professional community through several organizations. She is a member of the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors and Financial Planners Association and has served in various leadership positions in both organizations over her career. She was an adjunct faculty member of the College for Financial Planning for eleven years. She was a Director of the Harper College Foundation serving on the Executive Committee as Vice President of Development and Treasurer and has served in several other Foundation positions.

She currently serves on church committees, is a Member at Large for the Chicago Council on Planned Giving and the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce.

Carol has also been featured or quoted extensively in the media. Recently she was on the Bill Moller's "The Money Show" on Chicago's WGN Radio, in the Journal of Financial Planning, Financial Planning Magazine and The Chicago Tribune.

Carol and her husband Paul live in Palatine and have two grown daughters. They enjoy traveling, biking and golf.

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The following is a sampling of the areas the program will support:

- Scholarships, tutoring and instructional materials for adults making the transition from GED and English as a Second Language classes into Harper's career programs;
- Technology to aid deaf and hard-of-hearing students through the Kimball Hill Family Deaf Institute;
- Scholarships and technology for at-risk students transitioning into college;
- Scholarships, additional resources and legal assistance for victims of domestic abuse and other students working with The Rita and John Canning Women's Program at Harper College;
- Textbooks, computers and childcare for adults in the accelerated Fast Track program;
- Equipment and technology for Harper's new nanoscience degree program;
- Scholarships for music, theater and speech students;
- State-of-the-art, technology-equipped classrooms and increased online learning;
- Continued and enhanced lecture series for seniors in the Lifelong Learning Institute;
- Workshops for local small business owners.

Addressing attendees Harper President Dr. Robert L. Breuder said, "By leveraging the power of our community, Harper College will continue to provide leading-edge services that strengthen individuals and our local economy."

As part of the evening's events, Stephen West, a married father of three and recipient of last year's Motorola Distinguished Award, the highest honor a Harper student can receive, delivered an inspiring keynote address. Stephen thanked the Educational Foundation for giving him the opportunity to receive academic awards that allowed him to afford college and pursue his dream of becoming a licensed pharmacist. He was admitted into the prestigious UIC College of Pharmacy and is continuing his education there this fall.

News of the public phase launch and major gifts campaign was carried by the Daily Herald and Pioneer Press.

To make a donation or learn more about the Project Tomorrow: The Power of Community campaign, please contact Katherine Sawyer of the Harper College Educational Foundation at (847) 925-6319 or via email at ksawyer@harpercollege.edu. ■

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