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Message from the Foundation President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Preparing for my presidency of Johnston Community College Foundation to end on July 1, I want to publicly extend my sincere gratefulness for the opportunity to lead such an outstanding organization. Having served alongside a committed Board of Directors, two devoted college presidents, Dr. Donald Reichard and Dr. David Johnson along with a dedicated Foundation staff, I am thankful for the greater understanding I now have of this fine institution and the many ways in which JCC directly impacts individuals and our community by offering exceptional instruction in addition to outstanding opportunities for cultural and personal enrichment.

Each year, I have been privileged to meet outstanding men and women whose lives have been dramatically changed by the experiences and educational opportunities they have received through their studies at JCC. Many of these students face extraordinary challenges; yet, through the faithful service of faculty and staff these students go on to achieve great success.

Likewise, I have been honored to meet so many wonderful people who through their generosity have contributed to the College Foundation by establishing annual or endowed support for scholarships, instructional and auxiliary programming. Without the support of our generous donors, we would not be the organization we are today, nor would hundreds of JCC students have been afforded, what many say is “lifesaving” funding.

As the College Foundation celebrates 30 years of providing private support to the College and its students, please consider how you can personally assist us in celebrating the past and present achievements. Your support provides critically needed funding to support the College in developing and sustaining opportunities for excellence and growth.

Please be assured the personal investment you make positively changes the life of our institution and the students we serve.

Earl W. Worley, Jr.
President
Johnston Community College Foundation

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Friends Funding Futures gala supports student scholarships, college programming

The Johnston Community College Foundation held its 2012 Friends Funding Futures gala April 19 at The Clubhouse at Portofino in Clayton. Norwood and Sandra Thompson, developers of Portofino, served as hosts for the event. The fundraiser raised some $21,000 to support scholarships, book funds, innovation grants, and program enhancement funds for the College. Student ambassador Brittany Turner thanked guests for their support and said her scholarship opportunity made a significant impact on her ability to attend and afford college. “On behalf of the JCC Foundation Board of Directors, we are so grateful for the many individuals who faithfully support our spring gala,” said Jody McLeod, incoming president. “It is the generosity of our citizens that enable the College Foundation to fund futures for our students.” Nicky Cox and Jenny Stewart served as co-chairs of the event’s planning committee. Other members of the committee were Belle Allen, Lynda Creech, Selma Davis, Dr. Griffin David Lockett, Jody McLeod, and Penny Ward.
Breakfast event kicks off anniversary, honors PGI

The JCC Foundation, the JCC Economic and Community Development staff, and the Johnston County Association of Chambers of Commerce hosted the Breakfast Before Business event Feb. 9 in the Great Hall of the Paul A. Johnston Auditorium.

The event was sponsored by Pierce Group Benefits, BB&T, First Citizens Bank, Four Oaks Bank, and KS Bank.

Jim Perry, former president and chief executive officer of Waste Industries, Inc., was the keynote speaker. Student ambassador Brent Evans represented the student body and said his education at JCC has had a lasting impression on his life.

Perry shared his successful business philosophy with the group encouraging them to have strong business principles, hardworking employees who believe in the company’s mission, and a passion for their work.

Also at the breakfast event, JCC announced Polymer Group, Inc. (PGI) as the recipient of its 2011 Business and Industry Partner Award.

Over the past two years, JCC has assisted PGI with two customized training projects to better train its employees in safety, maintenance, computers, leadership and other skills. PGI supports the College Foundation and has a scholarship endowment that has awarded 10 scholarships to JCC students since 2004. PGI encourages its employees to earn college degrees by offering a tuition reimbursement program.

“PGI greatly respects our partnership with Johnston Community College,” said Rich Towler, human resources manager at PGI’s Benson facility. “Supporting higher education strengthens the communities in which we operate and having an active partnership allows for the community college system to assist private industry, like PGI, with current training needs and initiatives.”

Finally, the College Foundation kicked off its 30th anniversary fundraising campaign, which seeks to expand partnerships between the college and local business and industry. Specifically, one of the College Foundation’s goals is to recruit 30 new business and industry donors in 2012 that contribute at least $1,000 in celebration of the anniversary.

The funds will be used to support JCC’s most pressing needs that are not covered in the state budget plan, such as student scholarships, program funds, innovation grants, and facility improvement funds.

For more information about the 30 for 30 campaign, please contact Twyla Wells, executive director of the College Foundation, at (919) 209-2119.
Annual Tournament Benefits JCC Foundation

The Johnston Community College Foundation hosted the 2011 Neal Lancaster – Four Oaks Bank Charity Classic October 6 and 7 at the Country Club of Johnston County in Smithfield. The 17th annual event grossed more than $64,000 for critical areas of funding such as scholarships, program enhancement, and academic enrichment at JCC. A Thursday evening dinner, reverse raffle, and silent auction kicked off this year’s events at the country club. More than 200 supporters joined PGA pros Neal Lancaster and Clarence Rose for the dinner catered by Outback Steakhouse in Smithfield.

The reverse raffle, a highlight of the evening, resulted in the $5,000 winning ticket being split between Brack Wilson, Jesse Ingram, Jody McLeod, and PJ’s Auto Service. Other raffle winners included Mike Stalls, Dwight Morris, and Walter Powell. The Friday tournament consisted of two rounds with a total of 30 teams participating in four flights. The players were treated to sausage and hot dogs provided by Stevens Sausage Company, a barbecue lunch donated by Linwood Parker and White Swan, and sodas and snacks provided by Canteen Catering.

“We are so appreciative to the many sponsors, contributors and golfers who have helped the College Foundation make this event such a long-standing success,” states Jeff Pope, chief banking officer and executive vice president of Four Oaks Bank and Trust Company and chair of the College Foundation’s Golf Committee.

“Because of the generosity of so many individuals participating in our auction, raffle and tournament, the Foundation has been able to continually grow this event which in turn supports Dr. Johnson and the College leadership by providing critical private resources for our JCC students,” says Pope.

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Denton Lee Team - (A.M. - First Place)
Brack Wilson Team - (P.M. – First Place)
Mike Fleming - (A.M. - closest to the pin at #6)
Jeff Kokiko - (P.M. - closest to the pin at #6)
George Walden - (A.M. - closest to the pin at #16)
Tim Hill - (P.M. - closest to the pin at #16)
Mike Fleming - (A.M. - longest drive at #17)
Derek Wallace - (P.M. - longest drive at #17)
Joan Edwards - (A.M. - longest drive ladies #12)
Brittany Talton - (P.M. - longest drive ladies #12)
LRC dedication honors donors

Some 200 individuals representing the College and the community attended the event in the new 33,000-square-foot, two story building on the main campus. The College’s first environmentally constructed facility, the LRC includes a modern library and state-of-the-art distance education learning labs.

The event celebrated the fruition of years of planning and support by College administration, community leaders, and private donors for a 21st century learning space for students. The facility was paid for with county bond monies approved by citizens in 2007. The ceremony also included special recognition of the donors who named 11 spaces in the building through a naming project by the College Foundation. The naming opportunities are being used to create endowments that will support the President’s Innovation Fund used to develop and expand instructional opportunities and meet emergent institutional needs at JCC.
... at LRC Naming Opportunities

- Novo Nordisk Media and Group Workroom
  Contributed by Novo Nordisk Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.

- Dr. Carolyn Grantham Ennis Group Study Room
  Contributed by anonymous donors in honor of Carolyn Grantham Ennis

- Hazel Fendley Lock Group Study Room
  Contributed by Dr. Hoyt Lock in memory of Hazel Lock

- E Street Jones, Jr. Business Center
  Contributed by Susan Jones Young in memory of E Street Jones

- Mary Lois Bryan Group Study Room
  Contributed by Jaxie, Stephen, and David Bryan in honor of Mary Lois Bryan

- Willard Ray Price Group Study Room
  Contributed by Rose Price, Amy Attayek, Shirley Wallace, Sylvia Early, Sue Wood, and Carolyn Powell in memory of Ray Price
Smithfield Manor recently established funding to support students successfully completing the Certified Nursing Assistant program at JCC who have an interest in working with the geriatric population.

Applicants will undergo a competitive application process. Recipients of the Smithfield Manor Certified Nursing Assistant Program Scholarship will receive funds to offset fees related to tuition, textbooks, equipment and uniforms as well as fees related to the state mandated exam.

“We are so very grateful to the Arnn family and Smithfield Manor for their longtime commitment to JCC,” states Dr. Johnson. “The Arnns are passionate about the care they provide and have established themselves as exemplary partners with JCC in paving the way for educating future generations of healthcare providers.”

In addition to the Smithfield Manor Certified Nursing Assistant Scholarship fund, the Arnns established the Carol Arnn Nursing Scholarship Endowment. Smithfield Manor also serves as a clinical setting for JCC students.

Dewana Hartley, a JCC alumna and a computer technologies instructor at the college, has established an annual scholarship in honor of Diana Davis. Hartley and Davis developed a special relationship when Hartley was a student at Harnett Central High School, where Davis was the former librarian. “During that time in my life when Mrs. Davis had such an impact, I was a struggling and hurting teen,” Hartley explains. “My family had moved to North Carolina from Kansas and my father died six days after we arrived here. I was thrust into a new school hundreds of miles away from what I knew as home. Mrs. Davis was there with love, kindness, and a compassionate nature.”

After graduating from Harnett Central, Hartley enrolled at JCC and was the recipient of a scholarship from the College Foundation. She earned her associate in science degree and then continued her education earning a bachelor’s degree from Mount Olive College and a master’s degree from East Carolina University. Ten years ago, she joined the computer technology faculty at JCC.

“I knew no better way to honor a kind, caring educator, the institution I dearly love, and the students I believe in than to share the love and kindness I have been given,” Hartley said of establishing the scholarship.
Local farmer directs $2,500 to JCC Foundation through America’s Farmers Grow Communities

People who graduate with bachelor’s degrees will earn nearly twice as much over the course of their careers as those who complete only high school, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. But, the cost of a college education today may make a degree seem out of reach for some. The Johnston Community College Foundation seeks to change this and recently received some help for its mission through a local farmer and America’s Farmers Grow Communities.

Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, gives farmers the opportunity to win $2,500 for their favorite local nonprofit organizations. Ricky Howell was the winning farmer in Johnston County. He understands the importance of a college education, and chose to direct the donation to the Johnston Community College Foundation.

“The Johnston Community College Foundation is a wonderful organization,” said Howell. “I’m just happy that I am able to support them in this way.”

The Foundation will use the $2,500 to establish scholarship funding to benefit students who are seniors preparing to attend Johnston Community College, or graduates of Princeton High School presently enrolled at the College. “We are extremely grateful to the Monsanto Fund for recognizing the value of investing in small communities,” said Twyla Casey Wells, executive director of the Johnston Community College Foundation. “We are also very appreciative of siblings Ricky Howell and Judy Howell Dunn for directing this donation to us for the establishment of new scholarship funding in memory of their parents.”

In a ceremony held on April 19 at The Clubhouse at Portofino, Judy Howell Dunn and her husband Ira got the chance to present the Johnston Community College Foundation with the $2,500 donation. Through America's Farmers Grow Communities: Farmers in 1,245 eligible counties have the chance to win $2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit organizations.

The Monsanto Fund has invested more than $3.1 million to rural communities this year alone.

Farmers in 43 North Carolina counties are eligible. The Monsanto Fund will invest $107,500 in those communities.

Grow Communities is part of a broad commitment by the Monsanto Fund to invest in farm communities such as Johnston County. It aims to highlight the important contributions farmers such as Ricky Howell make every day to our society.

JCC Foundation board president recognized for service

Earl Worley, outgoing president of the College Foundation, was recognized during the Foundation’s spring gala event. Worley has been a member of the College Foundation since 2003. He has served as chair of the Finance and Investment Committee and most recently served as president since 2009. Worley will stay actively engaged as he moves to immediate past president. Jody McLeod will assume the role of president of the Foundation board of directors July 1.

About the Monsanto Fund

The Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Monsanto Company, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the farm communities where farmers and Monsanto Company employees live and work. Visit the Monsanto Fund at www.monsantofund.org.
The Johnston Community College Foundation held its annual Donor Appreciation and Scholarship Recipient Event Sunday, September 11. Approximately 250 scholarship recipients and donors attended the celebration held in the Paul A. Johnston Auditorium. For the 2011-2012 academic year, the College Foundation awarded nearly 160 scholarships, totaling $95,000. During the event, several donors were recognized for their commitment in initiating new funding.

Lisa Donner, pictured with David and Joyce Lee, was the feature student speaker during the event. Lisa graduated with an associate degree in nursing during the May 14 health sciences graduation ceremony.

New Scholarship Endowments

Lois Allen Stanley Memorial Nursing Endowment
Lois Allen Stanley was a graduate of JCC’s first nursing program. She dedicated her life to others most notably with positions at Johnston Health even serving when at times her own health was compromised. The Stanley Endowment was established by Lois’ sister and brother-in-law Margaret and John Taylor.

Laurie Orr Peters Scholarship Endowment
Laurie Orr Peters was a student in the Fine Arts Department at the time of her death last September. During Laurie’s brief time here on our campus, she made a significant impression on faculty and students alike. The College Foundation is grateful to Jerry and Gail Orr for honoring Laurie’s memory and her tremendous spirit with this significant gift to support future students studying the fine arts.

New Annual Scholarship Funds

ShaTarsha N. Williams Memorial Scholarship
Tarsha Johnson, a graduate of JCC and former College Ambassador, initiated this scholarship in memory of her niece ShaTarsha N. Williams to support self-supporting and single parent students.

Chamber Women’s Business Network (CWBN) Scholarship
The Smithfield-Selma Chamber Women’s Business Network partnered with the College Foundation two years ago to initiate funding to support individuals interested in business and entrepreneurial opportunities. Sherry Harris, co-chair of CWBN, was on hand during the Donor Appreciation event.

Johnston County Special Education Annual Scholarship
Serve the Need in Johnston County along with Zaxby’s of Clayton and Smithfield and Mental Health Association in Johnston County have established the annual scholarship to support students pursuing careers in teaching special education. Dr. Norwood Williams of Serve the Need and Marie Dodson of Mental Health Association in Johnston County were recognized during the event.

Roy Hilton Dunn Scholarship
Kay Dunn recently initiated the Roy Hilton Dunn Scholarship to honor her husband Roy’s birthday. Roy is a retired entrepreneur from Four Oaks. This fund will support students from Adult Basic Education who pursue additional studies at JCC.

Daniel and Linda Heckman Memorial Scholarship
Barbara Langston, a JCC alumna and employee in the Financial Aid Office, and her husband Gary have initiated a scholarship in memory of former JCC employees Daniel and Linda Heckman.
Johnston Community College Foundation has kicked off a year-long celebration of the organization’s 30th anniversary. Celebrating 30 years of “providing opportunities and promoting success,” the College Foundation seeks private funding to assist with critical areas of need.

In order to succeed, we need your help!

The JCC Foundation 30 for 30 Business – Corporate Partners program asks you to consider a gift by June 30. Funds donated through this initiative will help us to:

- Increase student scholarships and services
- Expand educational programming
- Respond to community and changing economic needs
- Address emerging opportunities
- Enhance educational technology
- Optimize College Foundation resources for the future

First Citizens Bank is partnering with the Johnston Community College Foundation. As part of the College Foundation’s 30th Anniversary fundraising goals, First Citizens has committed to match funds contributed through the JCC Foundation’s 30 for 30 Business – Corporate Partners Program.

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Friday, October 5, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tee times
Country Club of Johnston County, Smithfield

Donor Appreciation and Scholarship Recognition Luncheon
Sunday, September 16, 2012
1:00 p.m.
Great Hall

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