A heartfelt “Thank You” is extended to all donors, faculty and students for your support of Universal Access and scholarships!

Advancing Community College Education for Student Success

Stirring Success with Passion!

G.C. prepared me to be accountable and responsible and ready for anything. There can be an empty reservation list at 4:00 p.m. and a full house by 6:00 p.m. It’s happened to me. —Chef Payse

In Fall 2012, Marshall Payse graduated from Galveston College with a Certificate of Completion in Culinary Arts. In the summer of 2013, this talented 21 year old created quite a stir among the highly competitive restaurant community. He assumed the role of Executive Chef at The Porch Café from well-respected restaurateur, Steve Griffiths. The Porch Café is located in Beach Town and has been acquired recently by real estate developer, Tofigh Shirazi.

Marshall attributes his swift rise to his training at Galveston College and a strong business acumen inherited from his father. Both of which prove crucial in a career where “foodie” trends, consistent quality, and profit compete. He expressed great admiration for Paul Mendoza, Director of Culinary Arts, and Chefs Edie Rodriguez and Kaye Gable at the College. He asserts that the three of them prepared him for the demanding and intensely physical world of the commercial kitchen. As a night student, every moment Marshall spent in the College’s culinary kitchen laboratory reinforced his enthusiasm for his chosen career. He was grateful for the opportunity to work and go to school. He received funding through the College which supported his graduation timeline. The College made it possible for him to be employed, train in a specialty, and pursue the next level of achievement—becoming an executive chef.

While at the College, he worked at La King’s Confectionery where he became skilled in the sugar arts. Marshall’s ability to create impressive sculptures out of pastillage, pulled, and spun sugars attracted interest from several island restaurants. He was so talented that another regional culinary school wanted to hire him! Now, Chef Payse is in a position where he hires Galveston College students and graduates.

Marshall understands the gift of a Galveston College education. He promotes his profession to friends because he believes it is a promising career path. He knows that because of the College and the Foundation, students can pursue their passions while securing their future.

As an executive chef, he can hire from the best, and he does—from the G.C. Culinary Arts Program. In the last year, he hired one fellow graduate and anticipates hiring two more from the Class of 2014. One day—perhaps soon—Marshall will be an entrepreneur in his own right, and Galveston College will be able to take credit in having been part of his success, the Chef Payse! It promises to be a 21st century culinary triumph!

Awards, Scholarships, and Stewardship

In 2013-14, 1,075 Galveston College students (unduplicated) were awarded $4.7 million in federal funds for the academic year. Additionally, 209 students received $183,000 in Universal Access awards and private scholarships from the Galveston College Foundation. Academic majors range from Computer Science, General Studies, Nursing, Biochemistry, Biology, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, and Law Enforcement to innovative workforce development training courses in Culinary Arts, Electrical and Electronics Technology, Welding, Cosmetology, and more. Student classifications range from incoming freshmen to students in their final semester of study.

The Office of Development and Galveston College Foundation recently embarked on an aggressive stewardship program for 2014-15. Scholarship recipients for the upcoming fall and spring semesters were encouraged to acknowledge the donors of their named scholarship award, provide a bit of information about themselves, and describe what inspired them to pursue their degree program.

Named scholarship donors have expressed excitement about the stewardship program through their written responses and telephone calls. Among those who have provided additional scholarship funds include the Rider Family Fund, Armin and Lynn Cantini Friendship Trust, and the Murillo Family.

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ExxonMobil Scholarships Awarded to Galveston College Students

Two Galveston College students have received scholarships from ExxonMobil through the Community College Petrochemical Initiative (CCPI). The CCPI is a partnership among nine Gulf Coast community colleges, including Galveston College, that was established to expand recruitment and training for thousands of high-demand, high wage jobs in the growing chemical manufacturing industry.

Mr. Darin Braniger and Mr. Mario Lopez, Electrical and Electronics Technology majors, underwent a rigorous screening process and were awarded $2,500 each for the Fall 2014 semester. The Galveston College Foundation is the steward of these funds. Candidates were chosen because of their exemplary academic and economic necessity. These scholarships are funded by the ExxonMobil Chemical Gulf Coast Petrochemicals Project, which will expand its growing chemical manufacturing plant in Mont Belvieu and provide over 800 high-wage jobs.

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It’s Never Too Late—Student Forestim Bell

“I graduated from Ball High School over 20 years ago. I was frightened to return to school, but with the aid of untold encouragement...and tears, I have successfully begun my journey toward earning an LVN certificate. —Forestim Bell

“It’s never too late to go back to school,” says A.D.N. candidate, Forestim Bell. Ms. Bell, who wants to be an example for her two grandchildren and for others, is one of a large student population who work full-time and attend classes. Because of family obligations, she is unable to fully fund her education, so when she received notification of an award for the Joan Cassady Scholarship, she was very excited and grateful. Once she receives an A.D.N., from Galveston College, she will continue assisting the elderly (her current vocation) and providing a good example for her grandchildren. We applaud you, Ms. Bell!

A Motivated Freshman—Student Jessica Arredonado

Jessica Arredonado is excited about entering G.C. this fall. She is especially thrilled to have the first year of her education almost completely covered financially.

Ms. Arredonado received one of the John Parker Davie Trust scholarships to help with college expenses for fall and spring. Although she works part-time, there is simply not enough money in her family’s budget to pay for her education as well as that of her sister who attends the University of St. Thomas in Houston.

Ms. Arredonado was motivated to continue her education and achieve her goals. We are expecting great things from Ms. Arredonado!

Pursuing a Dream—Student Deanna Doroteo

Deanna Doroteo knows what it means to struggle financially and overcome life’s challenges. She is raising her nine-year-old son, Daniel while attending classes at Galveston College to make for themselves a better life. She was awarded one of the William Maury Darst scholarships.

Ms. Doroteo will complete the A.D.N. program in Spring 2015. Her plans include attending UTMB in Galveston to pursue a B.S. degree in Nursing. We are proud of you, Ms. Doroteo!

Never Can Say Goodbye!

The Office of Development and Galveston College Foundation would like to bid a fond adieu to the Board members who have served their terms of office with grace, imagination, and generosity.

We look forward to their joining us at Yoga’s, the Backyard Emporium, and more!

Former Board Members

Roderick Bassett
Sherry Black
Sid Farmer
Eddie Johnson
Rusty Legg
Neil Nathan

Mark Capel
Rabbi Jimmy Kessler
Theron “Bojo” Waddell

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**Back2Backbay Blast!**

Saturday, November 15, 2014
5:30 — 9:30 p.m.
1513 19th Street
Galveston, Texas 77550

Let’s do it again only this time with a full band — Mark Lee and Friends! The kind owners of Backbay Emporium, Jim Menan and Mike Harwell, will host a second glorious gathering event — Back2Backbay Blast — benefitting the Galveston College Foundation Universal Access program. The fundraising event will include live music, wine, margaritas, and beer with appetizers prepared by our own Culinary Arts Department.

The Backbay Emporium will be closed to the public that evening, so you must have tickets to enter. Admission is a $25 donation per person. Raffle tickets will be sold at the event for generous prizes. The delightful two story antique store and stunning courtyard of the Backbay Emporium was a bit last fall with 141 Galveston College supporters, faculty, alumni and students.

The Galveston College Foundation Universal Access program began in the fall of 2001 giving tuition assistance to all local high school, home schooled, and GED graduates who live in Galveston.

PayPal Instructions:
- [www.gc.edu/donate_now](http://www.gc.edu/donate_now)
- Purpose: Back2Backbay Blast—Universal Access
- Type in dollar amount that corresponds with the number of tickets desired and Costume Contest entry fee.
- Under Special Instructions please indicate number of tickets purchased. Also include note of Costume Contest entry.
- Enter appropriate payment information. Please print your receipt and bring to the event in lieu of tickets.

**For more information on the Back2Backbay Blast event or Universal Access, please call 409-944-1106. Tickets go on sale in the College’s Business Office or are available through PayPal.**

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**A Gifted Family!—Cousins Paula and Mark Magno**

From left to right, Mr. Ron Crowndy, Acting V.P. for Student Services & Director of Financial Aid, congratulates cousins Paula and Mark Magno on receiving the Ben and Marjorie Brown Trust and E.Color and Fregia scholarships. Photo courtesy of the Office of Public Affairs.

The cousins are helping their families with household expenses by working part-time jobs while pursuing their education. Paula hopes to graduate in December 2014 with a General Studies degree and will pursue a Nursing Degree from the College in Spring 2015. Mark wants to be a Mechanical Engineer and plans to graduate from G.C. in Spring 2016. His goal is to earn a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering.

Because of the generosity of scholarship donors, both students are more motivated to achieve their planned goals at Galveston College and beyond. A gifted family going far!

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**Future Petroleum Engineer—William Fregia**

Mr. William Fregia always knew he wanted to be in the medical field. He started as a paramedic and volunteer firefighter. He has been a paramedic in Galveston County for eight years and decided to attend Galveston College in pursuit of an Associate Degree in Nursing.

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Mr. Fregia’s plan is to graduate by Spring 2016 and continue his educational journey to earn a B.S. degree in Nursing. He would like to eventually become a Nurse Practitioner. He is excited and honored to have the support of his family, teachers, community, and most importantly, the Ben and Marjorie Brown Trust.

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From the Desk of... Myles Shelton, President

Galveston College and the Galveston College Foundation are pleased to offer you the first edition of Access, a publication that is designed for you, our friends and supporters. As we work together for the success of our students and the success of Galveston and the Galveston area in the twenty-first century, our plan is to use this publication to inform you of the latest happenings, changes, and innovations at Galveston College.

The vision for Galveston College is to be "A beacon of light guiding future learning," or as Hurricane Ike accomplished our mission and to realize the vision, the College must provide affordable access to higher education, outstanding academic programs, exceptional career and workforce training, relevant continuing education classes and programs, and timely academic and student support services. The College must also provide appropriate facilities and information in an environment that supports teaching and learning. To realize this vision, we must secure the human and financial resources critical to provide a premier educational environment that includes the most recent developments in academic offerings, student services, and life-long learning experiences.

The name Access was chosen by the Office of Development and Foundation to keep the College at the forefront of community at large, including former students and alumni, informed about changes in our academic and technical programs, facility needs and expansion, and the on-going need for private funds to support the Universal Access Scholarship Program for every eligible high school graduate from Galveston Island. It is our hope that Access will provide you with the information you need to discover how the College is meeting the challenges of our community as we work to help individuals meet their needs, and the fabulous events that are scheduled both on and off campus during the year ahead.

Dr. Myles Shelton, President

Galveston College and the Office of Development and Galveston College Foundation welcomes Sandra Metoyer, our new Grant Writer. Sandra comes to us from Texas A&M University. She will be instrumental in securing public and private sector grants and proposals for capital campaigns, scholarships, academic programs, and vocational-technical programs.

Dr. Metoyer successfully defended her dissertation on September 8, 2014 from Texas A&M University. Congratulations and welcome aboard!

Law enforcement agencies lacking the funds or personnel to maintain their own academy often use an academy at a local community college as a source of future employees. Once students graduate from a community college law enforcement academy, they must actively seek employment in the field. Of the 27,917 students who passed the Basic Peace Officer course screening exam in its first attempt between 2007—2013, TCOLE reported that 11,817, or 42%, completed the Basic Peace Officer course at a community college. TCOLE uses the percentage of students who pass the licensing exam on their first attempt as a measuring stick for the effectiveness of an academy. Community colleges reported a 94% first—attempt pass rate for those testing from 2007—2013.

Like many organizations, community colleges are being asked to function with less funding and are looking to make budgetary cuts wherever possible. As a result of these mandates, it is vital for college administrators to realize the importance of the community college law enforcement academy to the policing agencies in Texas and other states, and ultimately citizen safety.

Nearly half of all new law enforcement officers over the last seven years have come from a community college academy. As law enforcement agencies look at budget cuts, it is likely that many of these community college academies will be impacted.

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Grant Writer—Sandra Metoyer

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The McGovern Foundation supports University of Texas Medical Branch and provides direct assistance to individuals by placing the responsibility for success on hands of students and not on an ability to pay for education.

From Dr. John McGovern for almost 10 years through my work at the UT-Houston Office of the President and the Friends of the Texas Medical College.

Because of his steadfast commitment to teaching, prac- ticing, and instilling the prin- ciples of compassionate care, we spoke of the value of finding a way to provide a continuum of healthcare in the community through private and public resources with an academic and education component as well as direct services.

It wasn’t until 2003 that I learned that he awarded $7.5 million in his name to UTMB for the creation of the Academy of Osteopathic Medicine. It was then we learned of our mutual fondness for Galveston. Little did I know that a city I loved was a city which was close to his heart, too.

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