

Alumni & Friends Cardinal

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LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Campaign Gets \$1M CHALLENGE Grant from Kresge

Labette Community College has been awarded a \$1 million Challenge Grant from the prestigious Kresge Foundation for a new Health Science Building, the centerpiece of LCC's "Preparing a Pathway to the Future" capital campaign. The grant represents one of the largest grants

received in the 86-year history of the College. LCC will have 18 months to raise the challenge amount of \$9.4 million dollars. If the goal is met, the Kresge Foundation will award LCC \$1 million to fully fund the campaign goal of \$10.4 million. The LCC Foundation has already secured pledges and donations in the

amount of nearly \$5M for the capital campaign through private donations, pledges, gifts, and tax credits.

"To be awarded the Kresge challenge grant is a true honor. This prestigious award will help to

fulfill the vision of the College and the Foundation by building a new health science building. This building will mean growth and prosperity for future generations of top-quality healthcare professionals." said LCC President, Dr. George Knox. "The addition of three new health programs, new technology, and lab space will only enhance the already outstanding programs we have."

The capital campaign has three goals: building a state-of-the-art health science building, funding an endowment for scholarships and completing deferred maintenance projects. The scholarships will help create opportunities for the underserved population of the area. The new health science building is slated to begin construction in March of 2011. The building will be built to Gold LEED certification standards. The Foundation will be working closely with the LCC Green Committee to insure environmental sustainability.

The building will house the three current

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Pictured above is a rendering of the proposed *Sonny and Sophia Zetmeir Health Science Building*. It's design is based on the look of the old Mercy Hospital. One goal of the campaign is to redeem pieces of Parsons' history.

Longtime English Professor Named Cardinal Citee

P. Michael Brotherton has been named the 2009 Cardinal Citation Award winner by the Labette Community College Alumni Association and LCC. This is the highest honor that LCC can bestow on an individual for lifetime achievement.

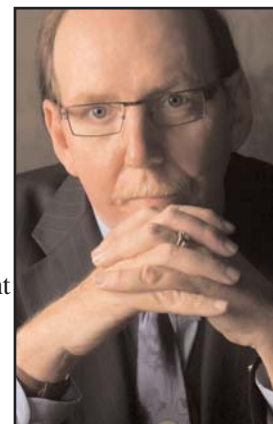
Brotherton began teaching in the English Department at Labette Community College in 1976; he retired in December 2006, having taught 30 years. During his tenure at Labette, he worked on many college-related projects.

In 1997, he was named "Teacher of the Year" by the Parsons Chamber of Commerce. In 1998, he received the NISOD (National Institute for Staff & Organizational Development) Excellence Award. In 2003, Brotherton received the SIDLIT (Summer Institute on Distance Learning) "Colleague to Colleague" Award for the Outstanding Online Class in Kansas. In 2005, KNEA/Uniserve Southeast presented him its "Advocate" Award for his contributions to KNEA.

Presently, Brotherton is serving on the Parsons Arts & Humanities Council, where

he is coordinating the Council's Carnegie Centennial Celebration, and the Board of Directors of the Parsons Historical Society Museum. He is also an active member of Operation Bright Touch and the LCC Gallery Committee.

In 2008, he co-authored (with David Mattox) *Images of America: Parsons*.



Cardinal Highlights

- Our Phi Theta Kappa chapter received many honors at the international convention last spring including: Five-Star Chapter; Top 100 Chapter (out of over 1,200 internationally, one of only three chapters in Kansas to receive this recognition); and Tammy Fuentez received the Distinguished Advisor Award
- In April, Student Support Services attended the regional Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel Annual Conference in Kansas City. Tyler Allen, communication major, and Anthony Ratcliffe, communication major, presented a session offering public relations strategies for TRiO programs, such as Student Support Services.
- Lori K. Martin-Baker (Adjunct English Instructor) of rural Edna was recently awarded a Capote Fellowship to attend the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop.
- Vice President of Academic Affairs, Joe Burke, was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award in April in recognition of being the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve representative for Parsons. Burke acts as a liaison between ESGR and families of service men and women.



President's Message

We are extremely pleased that we have so much good news about LCC to share with you. The progress we have made is a direct reflection of our support from alumni and friends just like you coupled with the success stories of our students.

Your College staff has the vision and drive that fuels the progress of our Capital Campaign. Recently, after the tireless efforts of our Foundation Director, Lindi Forbes, we were notified by the Kresge Foundation that we are the recipients of a \$1 million challenge grant.

Receiving this prestigious grant serves as confirmation of the validity of our campaign. The Kresge Foundation only gives grants to projects that make a significant impact on their community. The award is not just about the college, it is also about the community, the need, and the project. These things combined made them choose us for the award.

The Kresge grant notification comes on the heels of receiving a Title III grant from the federal government for \$2 million to start a Physical Therapist Assistant program, an Occupational Therapist Assistant program, and a Surgical Technician program. These programs will be extremely critical to expanding our health care division and cementing LCC's position as the center for excellence in health care education in Kansas.

As I hope you can all tell, we are working tremendously hard for our students.

Dr. George C. Knox

'09 IRA Charitable Giving Options

The Pension Protection Act, which permits IRA owners to make tax-free charitable gifts totalling up to \$100,000 per year is still in effect for 2009. If you are age 70 1/2 or older, this special legislation allows you to transfer a donation directly to the Labette Community College Foundation. It applies to distributions made throughout the 2008 and 2009 tax years.

EXAMPLE: *Suppose Mary has \$500,000 in an IRA and will be required to withdraw approximately \$25,000 this year, and suppose that she also wants to contribute \$10,000 to the LCC Foundation. She can authorize the administrator of the IRA to transfer \$10,000 to the LCC Foundation and \$15,000 to herself. The \$10,000 distributed to the LCC Foundation will not be subject to tax and will be counted toward her annual required minimum distribution.*

How does it work? **1.** You request your IRA administrator to transfer funds to the LCC Foundation. **2.** The administrator transfers the funds directly to us **3.** This "qualified charitable distribution" is excluded from your adjusted gross income.



McColey Estate Gift for Scholarships



Recently, the Labette Community College Foundation received a large gift from the Treva M. McColey estate. McColey left the LCC Foundation a bequest over \$390,000. This

contribution is the largest single donation to scholarships in the history of the LCC Foundation.

“Ms. McColey’s generosity to the LCC Foundation will benefit students for many years to come,” said Lindi Forbes, Executive Director of LCC Foundation. “As enrollment continues to grow at LCC, additional scholarship dollars are needed to help a greater number of students achieve their educational goals. The Treva M. McColey Endowed Scholarship will help make this possible.”

McColey grew up in rural Labette County and attended Liggett Country school and graduated from Edna High School. During her adult years, Treva taught at a country school in Oklahoma before returning to Labette County where she owned and operated a ranch of over 1,500 acres.

Martha Testerman, a long-time neighbor and friend of Treva said, “Treva was a giving and independent person with many friends that worked tirelessly to build a successful working ranch. She wanted the entire county to benefit from her accomplishments in ranching by leaving her estate to LCC and local churches. She would accept little help around the ranch, but always wanted to do for others.”

The gift left to the LCC Foundation will be used for scholarships for Labette County residents. These local scholarships will carry out McColey’s wishes to benefit many of her family and friends’ children and grandchildren for years to come.

“Although I never met Ms. McColey, we are incredibly grateful for her gift. She will continue to touch our students’ lives for many years,” said LCC President Dr. George Knox.

As a young man, Keith Shaffer, senior vice-president of Labette Bank, worked at the Bartlett Co-Op where he first met Treva McColey. “Treva was small in stature, but over the 40 years I knew her, I learned she had a heart three times as big as she was! She was a generous lady,” he said.

Treva McColey, a 97 year-old lifelong resident of Bartlett, passed October 14, 2007. She was survived by several nephews and a niece.

Cardinal Highlights

- Enrollment is soaring at LCC. We are up 15% overall which translates into almost 2,000 students. We have over over 2,500 credit hours of online classes and nearly 2,400 credit hours at our new Cherokee Center.
- Gregory Wiggam was the Spring 2009 recipient of the Latzer Art Award. He received this award for his ceramic sculpture entitled “Torso,” which he made while enrolled in Ceramics I at LCC. The Latzer Art Award was established by John and Bonnie Latzer as an endowment at the Parsons Community Foundation for the benefit of Fine Arts at Labette Community College.
- The 10th Annual Auction for Scholarships was held on Saturday, April 25. It raised over \$50,000. This is the largest amount of money to date brought in by the annual auction. There were 167 donors of items, 22 sponsors, and 7 advertisers
- Nathaniel Pope, a student at LCC, placed fifth in the nation in the Computer Maintenance Technology Competitions at the SkillsUSA National Leadership Championships in Kansas City, MO in June.
- Elizabeth Walker was awarded the 08-09 Distinguished Adjunct Faculty of the Year. She has taught Music, Recording Arts, Theater, and online teaching courses during her nine years at LCC.

Fall Events Calendar

October 5-23	A Girl Scout Legacy: Cookies, Camping & Character	Hendershot Gallery
October 16	Labette Idol - Singing Competition	Municipal Auditorium
October 31	Softball, Baseball & Wrestling Alumni Events	LCC Gym and Fields
November 11	Veterans Day	College Closed
November 2-20	Featured Artist: Rod Dutton	Hendershot Gallery
November 20	Donor Appreciation Luncheon & Van Meter Outstanding Alumni Award Presentation	Municipal Basement
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break	College Closed
December 1-18	LCC Art & Design Student Exhibit	Hendershot Gallery
Dec. 23- Jan. 5	Christmas Break	College Closed

Spotlight Student



Rachel McKenzie is a freshman from Thayer, Kansas. This fall, she received a Cardinal scholarship award.

She is a full-time pre-nursing student and mother of a seven month old son. The scholarship she received helped pay for her tuition to LCC, which allowed her to apply a portion of her Pell Grant money towards daycare expenses.

"This scholarship will help me to get the education I need to get in the nursing program next year. I know I can succeed in obtaining my goal of becoming a nurse," said Rachel. "With the help of the donors to the LCC Foundation I am one step closer already."

Proceeds from the LCC Foundation and Alumni Association's annual *Auction for Scholarships* and other gifts to unrestricted scholarships received throughout the year fund the Cardinal scholarships.

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allied health programs; nursing, respiratory care and radiography in addition to three new Title III grant programs: Physical Therapist Assistant, Occupational Therapist Assistant, and possibly Surgical Technician. The building will be specifically designed for the rapid changes in healthcare education with room to expand and adapt to future needs of students.

Graduates of LCC's allied health programs achieve some of the highest pass rates in the state. With the shortage of qualified health care professionals, the continuation of our three current degrees and the addition of new degrees is vital. These programs allow students to graduate, become registered, and go directly into high-paying jobs in about two years.

"The Kresge Foundation is pleased to award a challenge grant in support of Labette Community College's first-ever capital campaign. Labette is an engine of opportunity in southeastern Kansas, and we are pleased to partner on the construction of a new Health Sciences facility to increase access to training in the high-growth field of allied health." said Bill Moses, Kresge Education Program Director.

This is the second year that community colleges have been allowed to submit applications for Kresge challenge grants and LCC was honored to be one of few to be recipients nationwide. The Kresge Foundation is one of the nation's premier private foundations. These grants are highly competitive and recipients are selected very carefully. The grants help strengthen institutions through challenge grants for capital projects.

Moses added, "The College aligned well with Kresge's grantmaking values, including a commitment to environmental sustainability, access for low-income people, and significant community impact, and we hope this challenge grant will spur additional community support for this important effort."

LCC Partners with KU to Offer Special Interest Classes for Senior Citizens at Parsons Campus

The KU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is pleased to continue the partnership with LCC to create accessible and innovative learning environments for participants 50+. These courses stress the joy of learning. Learners from all backgrounds and educational levels can enjoy the benefits of Institute membership.

U.S. Healthcare: A Premier System or Expensive Boondoggle? Examines the past, present and future of the U.S. health-care system. Diverse topics will be covered, such as how much the U.S. spends on health services, the importance of Medicare, and the impact on our budget deficits and national debt. We will also compare our system with "single payer" systems in other countries, examine HMOs versus fee for service plans, as well as discuss prescription drug prices and legislative issues. Classes meet on Mondays, October 5, 12 & 19, 3-5 p.m.

The Dust Bowl Revisited Stunning film footage along with eyewitness accounts will document the Dust Bowl of the 1930s that devastated areas of Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. The course will examine economic and land use mistakes that created the greatest man-made ecological disaster in our history. We'll also discuss the FDR government's actions to reclaim the land and restore the livelihood of the people of the Dust Bowl. We'll focus on lessons learned and ask the hard question: Is another Dust Bowl possible? Classes meet on Thursdays, Nov. 5, 12 & 19, 2-4 p.m.

These courses will focus on learning and sharing in a way that is not possible in a traditional class. To register log on to www.ContinuingEd.ku.edu (keyword: Osher) or call 877-404-5823 or 785-864-5823.

New Award for Honoring Successful Graduates

The Distinguished Alumni Award was developed by the Foundation and Alumni Board of Labette Community College to honor alumni of LCC who have proved to be successful individuals within their communities, careers, and families. The recipients for 2009 were honored at a luncheon on May 15.

Jim Bishop grew up in Parsons and attended Parsons schools including Parsons Junior College, now known as Labette Community College, where he was a 1962 graduate. He went on to Pittsburg State University and obtained his Bachelors of Science in Marketing in '65. From '65-'70, Jim was a fighter pilot in the United States Air Force.

He is presently a broker for, and owner of, Coldwell Banker, Jim Bishop and Associates in Pittsburg where he lives. He is also very active with his professional associations in the Pittsburg Board of Realtors, Kansas Association of Realtors, and National Association of Realtors. He has held various offices at different times and was named Realtor of the Year in 1999 by the Kansas Association of Realtors.

Jim is also involved in numerous community service activities in the Pittsburg area. He volunteers for the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Pittsburg State University Alumni Board, Pittsburg United Way, Pittsburg Rotary and many others. Jim is also a lifetime member of the Labette Community College Alumni Association.

Dr. Wanda Maxson-Ladage entered higher education as an adult with four children. She came back to school at LCC dreaming of earning a degree and becoming a Registered Nurse. In 1972, she realized that dream and graduated with her Associate degree in Nursing. But she didn't stop there. She worked as a nurse and put herself through more schooling and earned her BSN from Pittsburg State University in 1976.

Wanda worked in different hospitals and went on to earn her Masters degree in '79 and a Specialist in Education degree in '80 and finally her PhD in Adult and Occupational Education in '85. One of her biggest contributions to the nursing profession was her 21 years of service in educating nursing students at Labette Community College. She touched the lives of many students and helped them reach their goals as she had done in her life.

Currently, Wanda serves on the LCC Board of Trustees, is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association and is a member of the LCC Athletic Booster Club among many other things. She is employed by Woodworth Community Services where she makes home visits in Labette County to the frail and elderly.

Aaron "Skip" Smith grew up in Parsons. He attended Frederick Douglass School and Parsons High School. After high school graduation, he joined the Navy to see the world. Instead he saw Vietnam.



After his discharge from the military, he attended college on the GI Bill. In 1972, he graduated from Labette Community College with an Associate in Art degree.

Next, he transferred to Pittsburg State University and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in '74 and a Master of Science degree in Graphic Illustration in '75. He then traveled from city to city and eventually settled in Atlanta. Soon he would emerge as a professional artist. His versatile and exuberant graphic depictions of the African-American genre and his paintings captured the imagination of many across the nation.

Skip has returned to his hometown and is working at the Southeast Kansas Independent Living Resource Center. He continues to be a nationally known artist portraying the Black Experience, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Disability Rights Movement.

He has supported LCC in numerous ways. He's served as a part-time Art instructor, a member of the LCC Alumni Association, and has regularly donated artwork to the annual Auction for Scholarships.

Fall Community Service Courses at LCC

October 1st: Topics in Lifelong Learning: Beginning Meditation for Relaxation

October 6th: Topics in Lifelong Learning: Basic Concepts of Herbs

October 15th: Quickbooks for Small Business Owners

October 19th: Microcomputer Applications: PowerPoint 07

November 2nd: Topics in Lifelong Learning: Beginning Jewelry Beadwork – 5 evening sessions

November 12th: "Colorings of Depression" Seminar (one evening workshop)

December 2009: Diabetes Awareness Workshop

To enroll or find out more information contact MiChielle Cooper at 620-820-1278 or email michiellec@labette.edu.



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Mrs. Cooper was very proud that her children attended Parsons Junior College, now known as Labette Community College. So it was very fitting that a memorial fund be established with the LCC Foundation upon her passing. Her family felt sponsoring the Cardinal newsletter would be an appropriate way to honor Opal's memory and help LCC.



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