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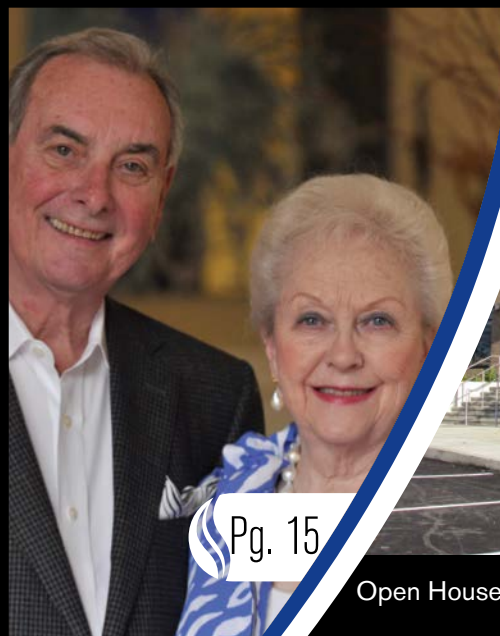
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A Message From Our President

Dear Alumni and Friends:

One of the things I love about personally interacting with the students and alumni of Volunteer State Community College is that behind every face there is a story. My job has allowed me to hear many of your stories. It has allowed me to talk with alumni who have graduated in every decade from the 1970's to today. Everywhere I go, I sense a feeling of pride and commitment to Vol State. You talk about the professor that made a difference in your life or meeting your spouse on campus or how Vol State gave you the opportunity to learn and grow and through that experience, land a job and start a career.

It is gratifying to know that so many of you who credit and appreciate Vol State with assisting in the successes of your lives have stepped forward to support our current Humanities Building campaign. We are now over 53% toward our goal and I have no doubt that with your help, we will have met our goal by the close of the campaign on May 31, 2014.

In the most recent State of the State address, Governor Haslam announced that our new Humanities Building was included in his budget proposal. With legislative action, we should be ready to break ground on this exciting project this summer.

In this same address, the Governor also announced the Tennessee Promise. This new concept would make it possible for every graduating senior in Tennessee to attend community college for free. This program will send hundreds of new students to our campus making our new building an even more urgent need.

I am sharing this with you to impress upon you the immediate need for us to reach our \$3 Million goal for our 10% share of the humanities project. We are more than half way there, but need to complete quickly. If you have not yet given, please consider making your gift or pledge today. If there is someone else you know who could help us, please let us know.

Volunteer State Community College is in the midst of exciting times. In addition to a successful launch of our Humanities Building campaign, our campus has expanded to accommodate growth as we have entered into our first semester with the new Health Sciences Building.

This is a pivotal time for Volunteer State Community College. It is an opportunity for us to rise to the occasion and impact the lives and families of thousands of students in north middle Tennessee.

Thank you for keeping the Pioneer Spirit alive and well with your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jerry L. Faulkner, Ph.D.



A Message From Your Alumni Advisory Chair

Last year was a banner year for Volunteer State Community College! The new, state-of-the-art Wallace Health

Sciences Complex is finally complete. At the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony, I had the opportunity to tour this new facility; it offers an outstanding Ophthalmic Technician program, a new Diagnostic Medical Sonography program and Medical Informatics – a dream come true for students in the ever-changing health care industry, and a huge building block for educating the students of tomorrow. The new complex is absolutely amazing, and I urge you to see it for yourself.

Meanwhile, back in August, I discovered that a little piece of the wilds of Tanzania can be found right here in Sumner County. This piece of the African savannah can be found in the game room of the Lyons family, who recently hosted the Humanities Building Campaign kickoff. The new Humanities Building is urgently needed to serve the ever-growing number of students of the arts, communication, theater, media, music, foreign languages, philosophy, speech, and journalism, and a deep debt of gratitude is owed to the Lyons for jump-starting this endeavor.

Fellow alumni, I am asking for your help. Governor Haslam has confirmed that the State of Tennessee will expend \$27,000,000 towards the \$30,000,000 cost of making the new Humanities Building a reality, but it is up to us to raise the other \$3,000,000. Currently, we have raised \$1,670,000 towards this goal; but "crunch time" is rapidly approaching. No gift is too small! Some of you may wish to check with your employers, as quite a few companies have dollar-for-dollar matching programs for their employees' contributions towards education.

On a different note, I'd like you all to ponder the fact that, at our last Harvest Moon Soiree in September, a significant amount of money was raised for the Scholarship Fund. Just think of what we could accomplish as a group, if more of our alumni participated! It is my heartfelt hope that more of us will get involved.

For a listing of our events please visit our website www.volstate.edu/foundation. Also please visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/VolStateAlumni>. All are welcome, and together, we can make 2014 the best year yet!

With warmest regards,

Tony Willett, Class of '82,
VSCC Alumni Advisory Council Chair
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Dr. Pimentel Talks About His New Job

After 11 years of teaching History at Vol State, Dr. George Pimentel does not need an introduction to most folks on campus. He took the role of vice president for Academic Affairs in January. He most recently held the post of interim dean of Social Science and Education at Vol State. He has been the director of the Honors Program since 2011. So, what does he intend to do in the new position?

“We need to collectively have a vision for where we need to be in ten years, beyond what is thrust on us.”

“I want to create a team atmosphere. I may be in my new role, but I still have this connection with the faculty. I want to communicate in each direction and as much as possible. We need to collectively have a vision for where we need to be in ten years, beyond what is thrust on us.”

Dr. Pimentel holds a Doctor of Arts degree in History and an education Specialist in Educational Administration and Supervision from Middle Tennessee State University. He also has an M.A. in History and B.A. in History from MTSU. He served in the US Army and was deployed as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003-2004. We asked if his military experience provided insight into academic life and administration.

“I want input and alternate ideas. If you have a better way of doing it, let’s talk about it.”

“In my military experience you learn to work within a massive organization,” he said. “There is debate time and then there is action. Once a decision is made, you have to work to make it happen in the best way possible. I want input and alternate ideas. If you have a better way of doing it, let’s talk about it.”

Prioritization is the big topic on campus this school year, and Dr. Pimentel will be in the middle of some tough decisions.

“I’ve completed prioritization for honors. We’ve written them for Social Science and Education. Once you start the process it makes sense. A lot of the fear is the unknown. We’re worried a bit too much about this. I don’t have this overwhelming fear that we’ll be cutting things or cutting people.”

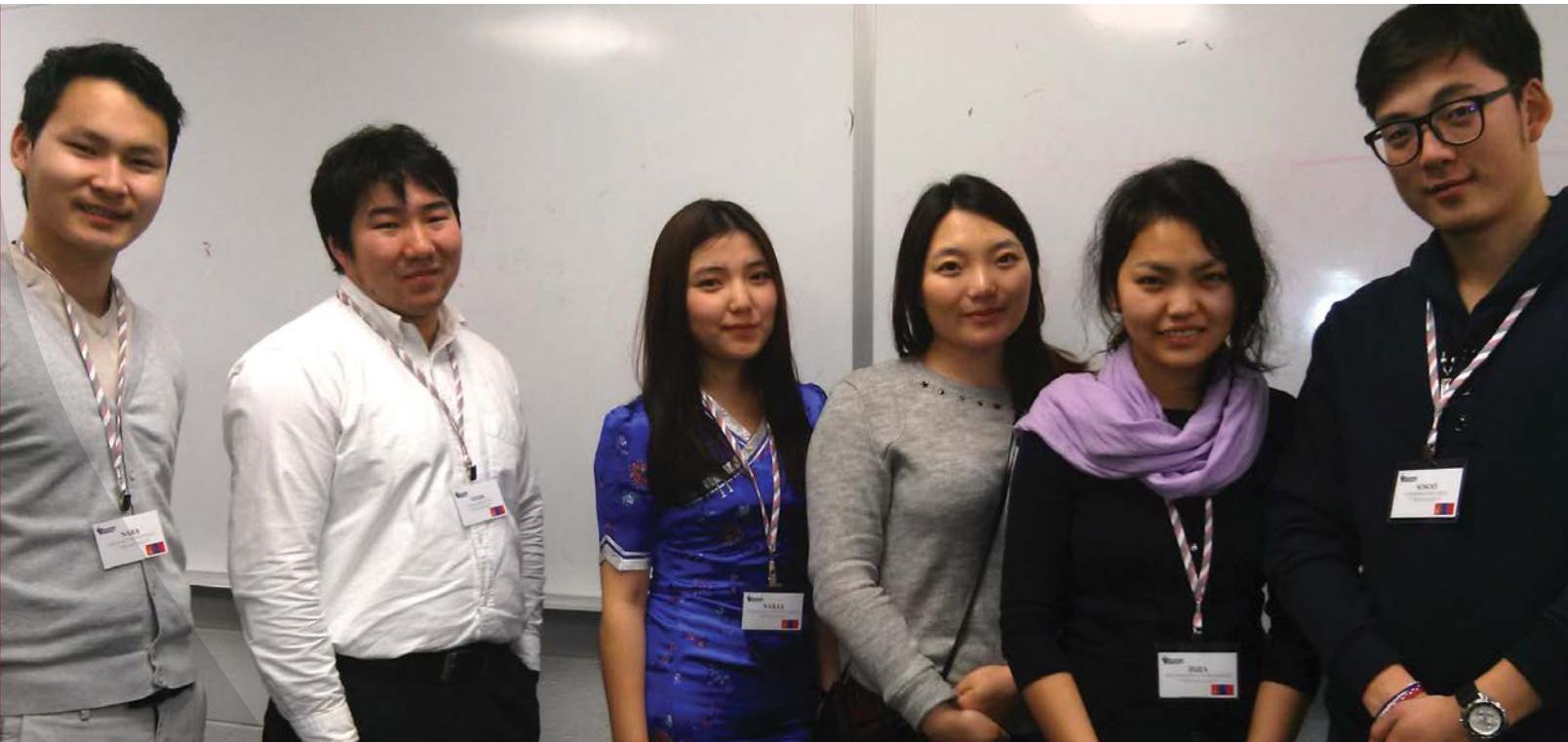


Here are three things you might not know about the new vice president for Academic Affairs:

1. He played hockey for ten years in high school and adult leagues.
2. He speaks German and Klingon.
3. He has three children and his wife has three children, much like the Brady Bunch. They have 12 grandkids.



Dr. Pimentel leading a study session.



Students from Mongolia Experience American Culture Through Vol State

by Tiffany Rivera

One of the great things about Vol State is the opportunities that are available to students. We can travel abroad, connect with students from different cultures, through clubs like VISA, and meet students that are visiting campus from an exotic country, such as Mongolia.

Five students, Bulgansumiya Mungundul, Urtnasan Ariunbold, Naranbat Erdenetsogt, Narangarav Erdenechuluun, and Sosorburam Bayaraa, along with a faculty member Unur Sukhbaatar, have been visiting for the last two weeks. They are from the Institute of Finance and Economics (IFE) in the city of Ulaanbaatar. It's one of the largest higher education institutions in Mongolia, offering bachelor's and master's degree programs.

While visiting Tennessee, the group stayed with Vol State host families. The Mongolians have been introduced to not only American Culture, but also traditions in Nashville.

"We have visited the Country Music Hall of Fame, I thought that it was very pretty in Nashville," said Bulgansumiya

Mungundul. "There is so much food to choose from, it's a lot on one plate," she said laughing.

The students were able to visit with several different clubs on campus

While attending Vol State, they were able to visit with different student organizations learning about each club's by-laws, policies, and the constitution for that club.

They learned about how Student Services here worked, versus how their campus operated in Mongolia.

"On our campus in Mongolia, we have similar buildings. We call a cafeteria, "The Canteen" and all of our services are in one building versus spread out," said student Narangarav.

When asked what they have enjoyed most about the trip thus far, each student simply replied "Our host families." It shows how important host families are for these international visits. It has been tough getting Vol State employees to host visitors. While

it may be a mental hurdle to get over having strangers stay in your home, for those who have done it, there are many rewards, not the least of which is making new friends.

"We have learned a lot about this country and the importance of family through our host families," said Urtnasan. "The unity and love that they have for their children is really amazing."

The group and I talked about all the "fun" places that they have visited. They went underground at Mammoth Cave National Park, rode go-carts, went bowling, and experienced American shopping malls.

"In Mongolia, we love American Music. We listen to a lot of Eminem, Lil Wayne, Miley Cyrus, and Rihanna. A lot of American Music is a big influence in our country," said Sosorburam Bayaraa.

The students say that they found a second family in their host families, and many friends here at Vol State.

FOND MEMORIES OF GINNY THIGPEN

There have been many people who have contributed to the success of Volunteer State Community College over the years. But some of those supporters go above and beyond. That was the case with Virginia “Ginny” Thigpen. She and her family have given so much to Vol State and in so many different ways. She passed away in the Fall of 2013. People here on campus, and across the community, paused to remember her life.

“She was just amazing,” said Karen Mitchell. “She loved education and everything about education. She was one of those rare human beings who you always loved to be around.”

“I remember when I came to work at the College, Ginny was so nice to me,” said Betty Gibson. “She made everyone around her feel special. I got to know her and her husband Walter much better through the years. They loved Vol State and made many contributions to the College through their talents and expertise. Even after Ginny’s retirement, she has continued to support the College through her work with the Foundation. Walter has been missed greatly and now we will miss Ginny so much. A lovely lady.”

Where does one start? Ginny was hired by Dr. Hal R. Ramer in 1972 as an instructor of English. She was a long-time faculty member, giving 36 years of service to Vol State, as an associate professor of English and Communication Department chair. She also started the Honors Program at the College. That dedication did not end when she retired from full-time work in 2000. She worked as a part-time adjunct instructor for another eight years. She continued to be active in the College Foundation, both as a generous donor, a board trustee and a tireless volunteer.

The people that knew her and loved her understood that she was involved in the community. But it seems that whenever you thought you knew her activities, you would find another stack of accomplishments. Ginny was involved in organizations and efforts across Sumner County. A few years ago former colleague and state Representative Mike McDonald honored her birthday with a resolution in the Tennessee Legislature. This covers just some of her involvement:

“WHEREAS, a dedicated civic leader, Ginny Thigpen has compiled an impressive record of community service, including being elected in 1978 as Sumner County’s first female County Commissioner, serving on the Sumner County Election Commission, and standing as President of the Tennessee Women’s Political Caucus; and WHEREAS, she also served as the President of the Gallatin Arts Council; the President of the Board of the Cumberland Mental Health Association; a charter member of the Junior Service League of Gallatin; a member of the Sumner County Ad Hoc Economic Strategy Committee; a member of the Health, Education, and Housing Facilities Board, a member of the Community Chorus, PEO, and Delta Kappa Gamma; a member of the Board of Trustees of the Volunteer State Community College Foundation; and a member of the board of Sumner Academy; and WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ginny Thigpen was named as the 2000 Tennessee Educator of the Year and was honored, along with her late husband, at the unveiling of the Thigpen Library at Volunteer State Community College.”



Ginny was married to long-time librarian Walter Thigpen. He died in 1997. The Thigpen Library, named in his honor, will always be a testament to their love of the institution. Their portrait hangs in the main entrance to the first floor. The Thigpen's will be watching over students for many years to come.

"During her many years of service as a member of the English faculty, Mrs. Thigpen dedicated herself to the college and to the success of her students," said Dr. Faulkner. "Even after her retirement from the college she continued to be an ardent Vol State supporter and benefactor. She was very active with the Volunteer State Foundation serving as a trustee and on committees supporting many of the foundation events. It was my great pleasure to get to know her since arriving at Vol State and I know she will be greatly missed by us all."

Ginny was a global traveler. She enjoyed exploring other cultures and meeting new people. She began that love as a student at the University of Tennessee Knoxville and traveled to countries across the globe with her husband and then with friends and family. While her heart and home were in Sumner County, she was a true citizen of the world.



Above: Ginny loved supporting the Foundation events. Here she is at Educate a Woman. Above right: Portrait of Ginny and her husband Walter Thigpen that hangs in the main entrance of the library. Below left: Ginny enjoying Alaska.



The Vol State Family: From Community College to Nuclear Engineering

When you consider a university you may look at price, reputation or national ranking. Did you ever consider whether the university had a nuclear reactor? Caleb Jernigan did. Now, the Volunteer State Community College alum, and former President's Ambassador at the college, is finishing his last semester in Nuclear Engineering at Penn State.

"Penn State puts out more than half of all of the nation's nuclear engineers," said Jernigan. "I'm focusing on the design of reactors; the fuel rods and the controls. I really like it here. The people in the department have been great."

Jernigan says that the move from community college to university was challenging, but perhaps not for the reasons you think.

"My first semester was tough. Coming from a community college with 20 or 30 people in a class, and going to a university class with 120 people, is hard. No one knows your name. There's a lot more attention and care given to students at Vol State. You (the student) can be second to research with

professors at a university." And that's not a criticism of Penn State. It's a reality that students at many large universities face. Penn State Nuclear Engineering is considered to be one of the top programs of its kind in the nation. That level of academic standing comes with high expectations for student performance. We asked Jernigan what he would say to Vol State students considering transfer to a highly competitive university program.

"They need to work. Never settle. Once you reach a level, reach higher. Keep doing that and there is nothing that can stop you. I think that Vol State more than sufficiently prepared me in mathematics, physics and chemistry for Penn State."

Jernigan says he will keep reaching for more, even after receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering this May.

"I just applied to grad school at Penn State and MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology). If that works out, I'll be pushing another four years for a master's degree and then a Ph.D."



Science is central to Jernigan's new family. The Cross Plains, Tennessee native was recently married to Binayah Shaparenko, a Biochemistry grad from Penn State.

For more information about Math and Science programs at Vol State please visit: www.volstate.edu/mathscience

Lori Johnson Takes New Position

Lori Johnson, the former Resource Development Specialist and Alumni Coordinator has taken a position with Sumner Bank and Trust as the Vice President of Marketing. We are sad to lose her here at the Volunteer State College Foundation. She has done a fantastic job, coordinating all Alumni activities, putting on events like our Athletic Association Golf Tournament, Educate a Woman and our Harvest Moon Soiree. Lori's smiling face will be missed but please congratulate Lori on her new position.



Lori with Alumni Andrew Finney at Harvest Moon Soiree and at the Educate a Woman Luncheon.



From Discouragement to Success

Learning can sometimes seem like a chore until you view it from a new perspective. For Manon Lane that view came after years of working in the service industry.

"I started working in restaurants and fast food and I was good at that. But I was just surviving shift to shift, and that's not me," she said.

Lane burned out on school while at a prestigious Nashville magnet high school. She earned a GED and went into the working world. She suffered health issues along the way, taking years to figure out that she had a neurological condition.

"I threw up every day for eight years. Never once did anyone say- we need to get her an MRI."

Still, it wasn't just the health problems holding her back. She was looking for motivation. Her grandmother, who works in higher education, always encouraged Lane to go to college. Finally, at age 36, she decided to take the plunge. She didn't know what to expect at Vol State.

"At first, I was nervous, but I had this overwhelming feeling that this was something I needed to do. I had a funny

first day of school. My car broke down. So, my first day in college, I'm in my 30's, and I was dropped off at campus by my roommate's dad."

She quickly felt at home, both at Vol State and with learning again.

"I had lost that creativity and problem solving while I was working. It had been so long since I had been to school. Now I'm back. I love helping people and I love making a difference."

Lane is exploring much of what Vol State has to offer, including a President's Ambassador scholarship, student clubs and classes in the Honors Program.

"I became the leader of 13 other students in brainstorming ways to promote the Honors Program. I found myself saying let's make a video. Now it's used for honors information nights."

Lane hopes to put those TV skills to use some day professionally, by making marketing videos for nonprofits.

"I would love to own my own business making videos that promote organizations that are beneficial to the community."



She is a University Studies major and hopes to transfer to Trevecca University after graduating from Vol State in May.

"It's a new chapter in life when you realize it can only get better," she said. "That first day of school was when I realized that it only gets better from here."

Welcome Jamey Campbell

Jamey Campbell began work as the Director of Development for the VSCC College Foundation in March, 2014. Having previously served Vol State as the Coordinator of Student Activities (2009-2011), Jamey is excited to turn his attention to the College's Alumni and external constituents. He brings more than a decade of special events experience to the position and will have lead responsibilities on many high profile College functions. In addition to his VSCC connections, Jamey is serving as President of Leadership Sumner through June, 2014. As parents of two young boys, Jamey and his wife, Dr. Jen Girten, have a long term family investment in the future of the Vol State service area.



New Health Science Complex Open House

Dozens of people from the community came to Volunteer State Community College to see the new Wallace Health Science Complex – South building. A new building is one thing, but this new facility includes a state-of-the-art ultrasound center, a sleep lab and an emergency medical technician (EMT) patient simulation lab. The \$10 million facility has classrooms and labs for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Ophthalmic Technology, Sleep Diagnostics Technology, Diagnostic Medical Sonography (Ultrasound) and Medical Laboratory Technology programs. Many of those programs have been crammed into tight quarters in recent years, as Vol State has been expanding.

“We only had one room in the previous building for everything,” said EMT student Jesus Lopez of Hendersonville. “Now we have a room dedicated just for practical skills, rather than having to move desks out of the way.”

“In the old building our lectures were in the same room with the beds and equipment,” said Sonography student Allison Todd of Murfreesboro. “It’s much more of a professional setting now. A lot of hospitals have these exact ultrasound machines and some don’t even have machines as good as these.”

“Students majoring in health science careers will encounter cutting-edge technology in their workplaces. They need to be proficient in the use of this technology and the only way they can gain those skills is by hands-on experience,” said Vol State president, Dr. Jerry Faulkner.

“My students have been saying what an improvement the new space is for the program,” said Diagnostic Medical Sonography director, Jennifer Carroll. “The facilities will absolutely better prepare my graduates for the work force.”

The Sonography center has six beds, HD monitors and state-of-the-art GE ultrasound machines. The new EMT simulation labs have high-tech Laerdal manikins for students to practice

skills. The Sleep Diagnostics lab allows students to monitor and assess volunteer patients during sleep studies. The Ophthalmic center now has dedicated eye exam rooms and four new imaging units. New Medical Laboratory equipment includes a Bolyte electrolyte analyzer and Genesys UV/VIS spectrophotometers.

The official name for the new facility is the Wallace Health Science Complex – South. It is connected to the original Wallace building, now called Wallace Health Science Complex – North.

“A major gift for this new building came from the estate of Dr. John B. Wallace,” said Dr. Faulkner. “Dr. Wallace was a beloved physician and great civic leader.”

For more information about Allied Health programs at Vol State visit www.volstate.edu/alliedhealth.



Pictured: A ribbon cutting was held in front of the new building. Left to right: Dick Tracy, TBR Executive Director of Facilities Development; David Gregory, TBR Vice Chancellor of Administration and Facilities Development; Dr. Warren Nichols, Vice Chancellor of Community Colleges; Dr. Jerry Faulkner, Vol State President; Paige Brown, Executive Director of the Gallatin Area Chamber of Commerce; Tre Hargett, Tennessee Secretary of State; and Elvis Brandon, Vol State Dean of Allied Health.



Our Next Venture...



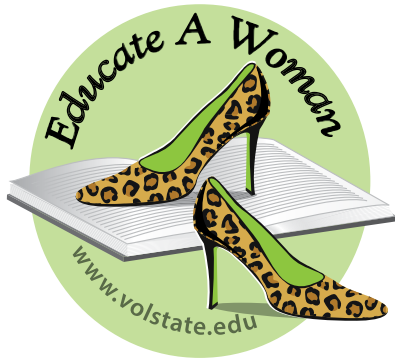
The Humanities Division is the largest of Volunteer State Community College's five academic divisions, comprising 34% of our classes. Yet it has no "home"; its programs are scattered across the campus. We have an opportunity to build a Humanities building by matching the state dollars with ten percent of the cost of the building. Our goal is to raise \$3,225,000 to receive the State match of \$27,000,000 for our much needed Humanities Building. We are halfway to our goal, having raised \$1,670,000. While we are very enthusiastic about where we are, we still have another \$1,500,000 to make this dream a reality for our students and community.

You can be part of this historic expansion of the Vol State Vision by making a transformational investment today. Please contact Karen Mitchell at 615-230-3506 or karen.mitchell@volstate.edu for further information.

TBR Chancellor John Morgan, Dr. Jerry Faulkner, and TBR Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges, Dr. Warren Nichols.

Dr. Jerry Faulkner, Ted and Astrid Lyon, Karen Mitchell, VP of Resource Development and Alycia Ehler, Dean of Humanities enjoying a fundraising event at the Lyon's home.





2014 Educate A Woman Luncheon

Date: Friday, April 25, 2014

Location: Long Hollow Baptist Church, Youth Center
(3031 Long Hollow Pike, Hendersonville, TN)

Registration: Begins at 11:00 a.m.

Lunch and program: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tickets: This event does not require tickets, but there is a suggested minimum donation of \$40.00

RSVP

Space is limited, reserve your place now! To RSVP or for sponsorship opportunities contact Lynn Jones at 615-230-3506 or lynn.jones@volstate.edu

An opportunity to make a pledge or donation will be extended (minimum suggested donation \$40.00) during the lunch.

Summa Cum Laude Sponsors:



2014 Vol State Cycling Classic

Date: Saturday, May 3, 2014

Location: Volunteer State Community College (Pickel Field House parking lot)

Cost: \$35.00 in advance and \$40.00 after April 25, 2014

Registration: Begins at 6:00 a.m.

Tours: Begin at 8:00 a.m. (Metric Century – 63 mi.), 8:30 a.m. (Half Metric – 33 mi.), and 9:00 a.m. (Fitness Tour – 15 mi.)

There will be food, entertainment and fun for everyone!

Registration Website:

Go to www.active.com and search Vol State Cycling Classic or visit www.volstate.edu/cycling



Vol State Cycling Classic
Biking for Scholarships



2014 Vol E Ball Event

Date: Friday, May 9, 2014

Location: The Clark House (1010 North Oak Street, Livingston, TN)

Tickets: \$75.00 per person

Cocktails and Silent Auction begin at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner begins at 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment TBD

RSVP

For more information please contact the Livingston-Overton County Chamber of Commerce at 931-823-6421 or chamber@twlakes.net





2014 Harvest Moon Soiree

Date: Friday, September 12, 2014

Location: Bluegrass Country Club (550 Johnny Cash Pkwy, Hendersonville, TN)

Tickets: \$75.00 per person

Cocktails and Silent Auction: Begin at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner begins at 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment TBA

Titanium Sponsor: Sumner Regional Medical Center

RSVP

To RSVP or for sponsorship opportunities contact Lynn Jones at 615-230-3506 or lynn.jones@volstate.edu

GOLF TOURNAMENT



2014 The Volunteer State Athletic Association Annual Golf Classic And Volunteer State Bank Corporate Cup

Date: Monday, August 4, 2014

Location: Bluegrass Country Club (550 Johnny Cash Pkwy, Hendersonville, TN)

Cost: \$125.00 per player (Super tickets available)

Registration: Begins at 10:30 a.m.

Shot Gun Start: Begins at Noon

Awards dinner immediately following tournament

For sponsorship opportunities or team registration [click here](#)

RSVP

To reserve your spot, contact Lynn Jones at 615-230-3506 or email lynn.jones@volstate.edu. You may also contact Bobby Hudson at 615-230-3445 or email bobby.hudson@volstate.edu

ANNUAL HAL R. RAMER SOCIETY DINNER

Each year, the Foundation hosts a dinner to induct or promote members into the Hal R. Ramer Society. Inductees must donate \$10,000 or more cumulatively. This special occasion gives the Foundation an opportunity to recognize those who support and endorse the college and our students.

Jim Harding was awarded the Chancellors' Award for Excellence in Philanthropy from the Tennessee Board of Regents and Volunteer State Community College. Since 1993, Jim has donated both time and money to support the college and its endeavors.

The Foundation appreciates all efforts put forth by our surrounding community as we strive to bring student success to VSCC.



Partner level inductees (left to right): Dr. Jerry Faulkner, Dixie Jones, The Gallatin News/Hendersonville Standard represented by Dave Gould, Hilary and Joseph Marabeti, Betty Zuccarello, Tom and Betty Neal, Bill Kemp, and Karen Mitchell.



Honoring donors who moved up to the Fellow level (left to right): Karen Mitchell, Dr. Jerry Faulkner, David Bate Parsons, Theresa Ball, and Bill Kemp.

Chancellors Award for Excellence In Philanthropy, (left to right): Karen Mitchell; Dr. Warren Nichols, Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges, TBR; Jim Harding, recipient; and Dr. Jerry Faulkner.



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Dear VSCC Foundation Friend,

We have had an exciting year at the VSCC foundation. Our capital campaign for the long awaited Humanities building has been approved by the Governor and to date we have raised \$1,670,000! Our goal is \$3,000,000 and your support is vital.

Along with our capital campaign we continue to provide funding for scholarships. The impact your commitment makes on our students and community is greatly appreciated. These are just a few of the programs the Foundation has supported this past year:

President's Ambassadors program – Provided scholarships for the development of leaders on our campus and in their community.

General Scholarships – Provided scholarship opportunities for students

Science Olympiad – Provided scholarships for top performers in the high school Science Olympiad.

John B Wallace Health Sciences Building – Classes began meeting in this new building in January 2014

Tennessee Small Business Development Center – Supported the continued successful efforts of our TSBDC.

On the following pages, please read a synopsis of our annual report. For more detailed information or to learn more about the scholarships and programs provided by our donors, please visit our website: www.volstate.edu/foundation.

Each year we are amazed at the generosity of our donors who make education and building our community a priority. We are thankful for your ongoing support.



Sandy Webster
Chair, VSCC Foundation Board



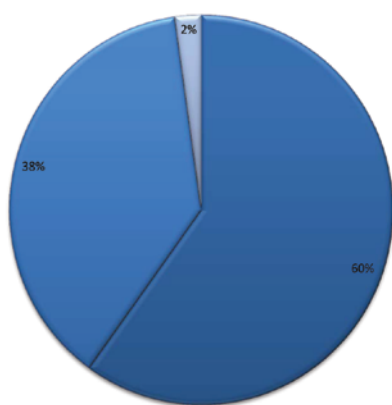
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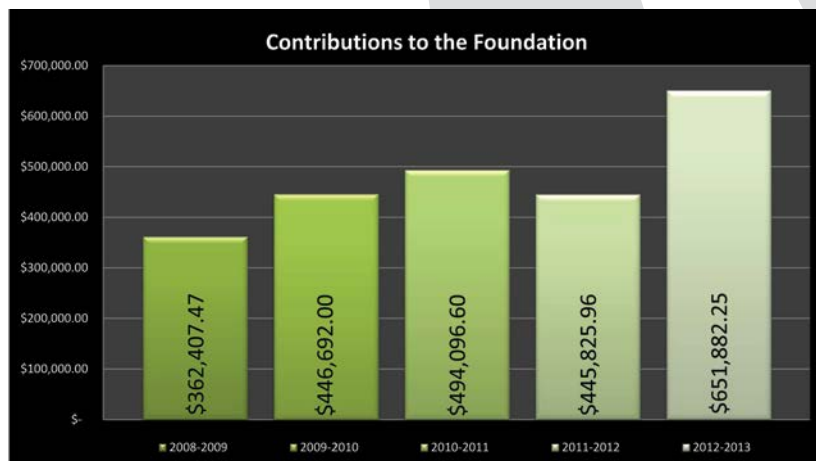
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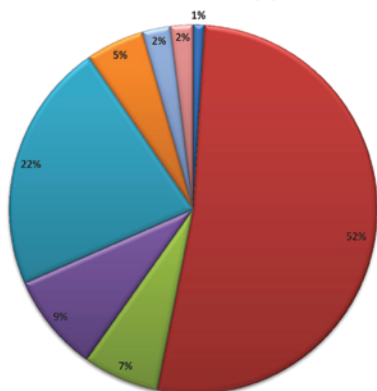
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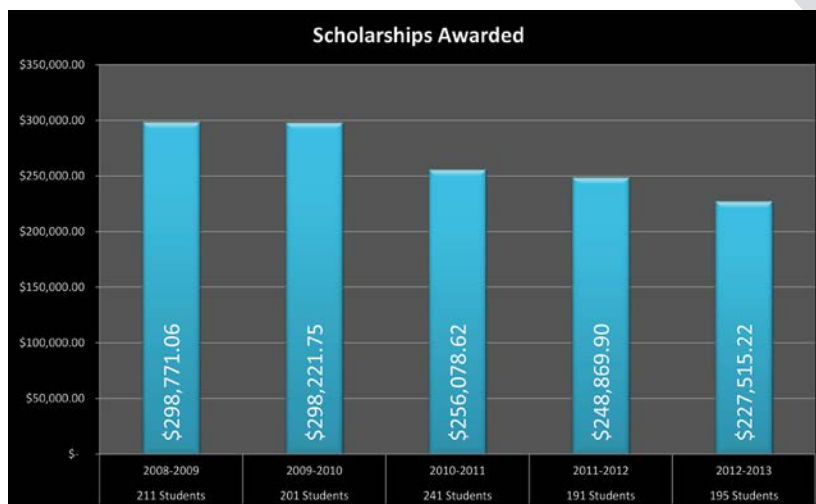
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What advice would you give to other Alumni and Donors?

We are inspired by a quote from Socrates: "Learning adorns riches and softens poverty." What better way to view the advantages of education? All of us should strive to provide access for others to have richer and informed lives, regardless of their situation.

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Alumni Association

My name is Spencer Isabel Myers. I applied for the VSCC Alumni Scholarship in May of 2013 for the 2013-2014 school year. I was notified on Friday June 14, 2013 that I had been selected as the recipient of that Alumni Scholarship. I was so excited I could hardly contain myself. It was hard not to call my mother to tell her, but I wanted to wait until she got home from work, so I could see her face when I told her.

As stated in my essay my mother raised me as a single parent. While I know who my father is; he was not a part of my life growing up and he never gave my mother one single dime. My mother has done everything in her power to ensure I always had everything I needed, but there were times I was unable to have things I wanted. She worked as much overtime as she could to be able to pay for all school trips, and functions.

I was able to go to Disney World in Florida with my band class to participate in an Epcot Workshop, the spring of 2009. We were treated as professional musicians and only given the music we were required to play 30 minutes before we went on film. Yes, ABC recorded and filmed us, and put it on a CD for our instructors. We had been invited to China but while trying to make payments, the economy fell in the fall of 2008 and parents were unable to pay the \$5000 fee, so the trip was changed to Disney, at only 1/5th of the China trip. That was so much fun, and it wasn't so bad that we also got to spend four days visiting a few of the parks while there.

I was able to go each year on every class-trip, thanks to my mother. I was able to allow a German student to live with me and my mom in the fall of 2010 and then I was very fortunate, all because of my mother, to go to Germany as an exchange student in June of 2011, the end of my Junior year of high school.

I chose VSCC at first, to help my mother out financially. Clearly, it is cheaper to attend VSCC than the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. I realized soon after starting VSCC that I loved the campus, my classes, and have made a new life-long friend.

Once I have obtained my teaching degree, I want to teach 2nd grade, my hope is to work in a rural Tennessee area, in hopes of giving something back to students who do not have a lot. I want them to know that with hard work, determination, and emotional support, you can make your life what you want it to be.

I only hope that the Alumni Association/Advisory Council are aware of how much they mean to students such as myself. I certainly hope they are able and continue to offer this scholarship to students in the future.

I am having a hard time choosing the appropriate words to explain how honored I am to have been selected. I am so very grateful for this privilege.

I promise to do my very best each and every day throughout the next school year. I promise I will do everything I can to earn your respect; satisfy your expectations as well as adhering to the qualifications of this scholarship.

I cannot thank you enough for selecting me for this amazing gift. I want to prove to each of you that you made the right decision, in choosing me.

Sincerely,

Spencer Myers