Welcome to Interim President Dr. Ramage

The Parkland College Foundation would like to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Thomas Ramage who was named Parkland College’s Interim President in June 2007. Dr. Ramage addressed faculty and staff for the 2007-08 school year at an Orientation Breakfast on Monday, August 13. In his presentation, Dr. Ramage outlined some of Parkland’s upcoming projects including increasing enrollment with a new image campaign and call center, integrating Parkland programs with the University of Illinois Global Campus, and choosing a new software package for all college functions that will give faculty members flexibility to make changes.

Tom Ramage joined Parkland College in July of 1998 as Chair of the newly created Distance & Virtual Learning Department, responsible for developing and administering Parkland’s online course delivery systems and policies. In 2001, he was named Associate Vice President for Academic Services and later Associate Vice President for Information Services.

In July of 2003, Tom was named Acting Vice President for Academic and Student Services and the following year, Vice President for Academic Services.

He received his Masters Degree in Education and Human Development with a specialization in Educational Technology Leadership from The George Washington University in 1998, and a Doctorate in Education with a specialization in Instructional Technology and Distance Education from Nova Southeastern University in North Miami Beach, Florida. His research focused on cost-efficiency and return on investment of online programs.

Interested in receiving the newsletter by e-mail? Want to know about upcoming events, workshops, seminars at Parkland? Send an e-mail to jmcgown@parkland.edu with the word “Subscribe” in the subject line and we’ll add you to our e-list. It’s that easy!

At the Kick-Off Reception for the Partners for Parkland Annual Campaign on Wednesday, August 29, are Barbara Henderson on the left, Co-Chair of this year’s campaign; Joe Henderson, Co-Chair of this year’s campaign; and Donald C. Dodds, Jr., President of the Parkland College Foundation Board of Directors.

Partners for Parkland 2007

On Wednesday, August 29, the Parkland College Foundation kicked off its 2007 Partners for Parkland Annual Campaign at the Tony Noel Agricultural Technology Applications Center. Presentations included remarks from Parkland College Interim President Dr. Thomas Ramage; Honorary Co-Chair Mayor Jerry Schweighart; Co-Chairs of the campaign Barbara and Joseph Henderson; and Vice President for Student Services Linda Hamman Moore.

A very special thanks to our volunteers and Division Chairs of this year’s campaign – Bonnie Blair, Scott Bechtel, Ron Birkey, Mark Black, Michael Cocagne, Matt Deering, Doug Fields, Laura Frerichs, Dana Gray, Mike Guth, Terry Harter, John Hecker, Gary Hedge, Beth Jordan, David Morse, Mark Pelafos, Dan Rock, Jerry Schweighart, Marty and Karl Smith, Nick Stokes, Neil Strack, Jeff Troxell, Martha Yallaly, Charlie Younger, and Jay Znaniecki.

The Victory Reception is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 5 p.m. at Boltini Lounge in downtown Champaign.

Please consider Parkland College in your annual giving contributions this fall. We thank you for your past support!
I t is my pleasure to welcome you to our 40th fall semester! In 1967, Parkland College began offering classes in downtown Champaign, serving 1,338 students in a variety of churches, storefronts, and other temporary facilities. Today, Parkland serves over 12,000 students on a beautiful, technology-enriched, 233-acre campus. What a difference 40 years makes!

I hope you’ll enjoy reading about significant dates in Parkland’s history in this issue of the Foundation’s Update. No anniversary would be complete without mentioning these major milestones. I also hope to meet you at the Foundation’s upcoming events such as the annual Partners for Parkland campaign, the Staerkel Planetarium fundraiser in October, and the Chamber After Hours hosted by the Foundation in October.

We’re pleased to announce a generous new endowment for scholarships in the health professions and agricultural programs from Rachel Schroeder. The first employee hired by Parkland College, Rachel served as Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees before retiring. It is through the kindness of Foundation donors like Rachel and you that these scholarships are made available to our students.

Thank you for supporting Parkland College and the Parkland College Foundation. Again, I look forward to seeing you this fall at one of the Foundation events, around the community, or here on campus.

Thomas R. Ramage, Ed.D.
Interim President

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 18, 2007
Partners for Parkland Annual Campaign Victory Reception, 5 p.m., Boltini Lounge. For more information, please call 217-351-2458.

Thursday, October 4, 2007
“Cosmic Event,” 20th Anniversary Celebration of the William M. Staerkel Planetarium, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Food, refreshments, raffle, Planetarium show. Tickets are $30 for general admission, $25 for Parkland alumni, faculty, and staff. Please call 217-351-2464 for more information

Thursday, October 18, 2007
Champaign County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours hosted by the Parkland College Foundation, 40th Anniversary Celebration, 5 to 7 p.m., Tony Noel Agricultural Technology Applications Center.

Live & Learn!
Noncredit Learning for Your Growth and Enjoyment

The War: World War II
Thursday, October 4, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Parkland College room W115
In conjunction with the new Ken Burns documentary series, The War, please join us for a FREE one hour viewing and discussion. The War examines the many ways that WWII touched the lives of every family on every street in every town in America.

Treasures of the Emerald Isle
This could be your trip of a lifetime…Ireland in May 2008. See the Book of Kells, visit Tara, kiss the Blarney Stone, climb the Rock of Cashel, and see so much more! For more information, please call 217-351-2546 or e-mail parklandtravel@parkland.edu.

If you wish to receive the complete Live & Learn catalog or want more information on the above programs, please call 217-351-2546, visit www.parkland.edu/communityed, or e-mail communityed@parkland.edu.
Alumni

Spotlight on: Dr. M. Ray Karnes

One of the founders of Parkland College, Dr. Karnes participated and held offices in many professional associations. He did teach at several universities both abroad and in the United States, including twenty-four years at the University of Illinois in vocational and technical education. He was active in the Illinois statewide study, which encouraged the removal of the community college from the administration of secondary school districts that was written, in part, into Illinois higher education law in 1963.

February 23, 1967 - Downtown Champaign selected as site for temporary campus. Pictured is the student center of the temporary campus with students registering for classes. September 25, 1967 – First classes held in downtown facilities; 1,338 students enrolled. Photo courtesy of the Parkland College Library Archives.

Parkland Celebrates 40 Years!

Fall 1992
Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning was established

September 11, 1973
First permanent campus classes held

September 20, 1995
The permanent Child Development Center facility for child care and education was dedicated

September 25, 1967
First classes held in downtown facilities; 1,338 students enrolled

October 1, 1987
Theatre and Planetarium Cultural Center dedicated

October 14, 1966
Dr. William Staerkel selected as first president by Board of Trustees

October 19, 1968
Voters approved a $7.5 million bond referendum for construction of permanent college campus

November 1993
Parkland hosted statewide conference “Making Gender-Balanced, Multicultural Education a Reality in Illinois Schools”

November 11, 1982
Ground broken for administration/classroom wing

Spring and Fall 1995
Interactive teleclasses are offered in distance education classrooms at various sites in District 505

Join as a Friend!

Parkland College Alumni Association Membership Form

Type of membership:  
☐ Annual ($15) January to January  
☐ 3-year ($40) January to January  
☐ Life ($100)  
☐ Life - Family ($150) Spouse Only

Please charge my membership fee to:  
☐ VISA  
☐ MasterCard  
Number ____________________________________________  
Exp. Date _________________________  Signature ______________________________________________________________

Name ____________________________________________ Social Security/ID Number _______________________________

Address __________________________________________ City ___________________________________________ State ______ Zip ________________________

Telephone __________________ Year Graduated _______ Degree ____________Program of Study _______________________ e-mail:  
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Let others know what’s new with you! If you’re a Parkland graduate, or even if you’ve only taken one class, please complete the following and we’ll publish the information in our next newsletter.

Other institutions attended; degrees and awards earned ______________________________________________________

Personal news (spouse’s name, children, special interests and activities) ________________________________________

Please use additional pages if necessary.

Mail completed form and membership fee to: Parkland College Foundation, 2400 W. Bradley Avenue, Champaign, Illinois 61821-1899. For more information, call 217/351-2458.
Intercultural Opportunities for the Parkland Community

• Are you interested in learning more about the world’s cultures without leaving the comfort of your own home?

• Would you like to help an international student learn more about American culture?

If so, Parkland has two new exciting opportunities for you to share your experiences with an international student while you learn more about your visitor’s culture!

The **Parkland Host Family Program** is taking applications from families who want to open up their homes to international students from around the world. Parkland now has over 300 international students representing 50 countries enrolled full-time in a variety of programs and areas of study. Many of these students would prefer to live with an American family instead of in a dorm or apartment. A home-stay situation can encourage a young student to become more connected to the community, thereby increasing the student’s chances for success. Additionally, hosting an international student can provide opportunities for your family to learn more about the world. Most importantly, becoming a host family can create friendships that span the globe and last a lifetime!

Parkland College is also creating a **Home Away from Home Program** whereby individuals and families who are unable to host an international student in their homes on a full-time basis can host the student from time to time. Whether the student comes over for holidays, or you take the student out to a movie or shopping, making a connection with an international student once or twice a month can be a rewarding experience for you and your family.

If you are interested in participating in either of these programs, please contact Parkland’s Office of International Student Services at 217-351-2890 or by email at intlinfo@parkland.edu.

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What’s in Your Estate Plan?

The following True or False quiz will help you measure how much (or how little) you know about having a will:

**True or False:** Most states will honor a handwritten will as long as it is signed by an attorney.

**True or False:** A married couple only needs to have one will.

**True or False:** If a person dies without a will, the state automatically takes one-half of the estate for probate fees.

**True or False:** It is illegal to open and read a deceased person’s will until after the funeral.

**True or False:** A codicil is the stamped impression that makes a will valid.

**All of the answers are false.**

While some states may recognize a handwritten will, no state requires that a will must be signed by an attorney.

Each partner in the marriage should have his or her own will.

While it is true the state, in the absence of a valid will, dictates the disposition of the estate, it does not automatically receive half the amount. However, if you die with no will, there may be a large increase in probate costs.

A will can be opened and read anytime after death, or earlier with appropriate permission.

A codicil is an addendum added later to a previously prepared will.

For additional information about estate planning, please contact Mike Hagan, Director of Planned and Major Gifts at mhagan@parkland.edu or at 217/351-2457.

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*Kraft Foods of Champaign, Illinois contributed $1,000.00 to be used as scholarships for Parkland’s College for Kids program. Pictured above from left to right are Debbie Lewis, Jess Terry, Randy Klongland, all of Kraft Foods; Carl R. Meyer, Executive Director of the Parkland College Foundation; and Theresa Grodi of Kraft Foods. Not pictured from Kraft Foods are Charla Sherwood, Karen Becker, and Scott Frick.*
Fall 2007 Scholarships

AB Land Surveying Scholarship
Tyson Worthington

Agriculture Business Management Scholarship
Kody Alexander

John and Marge Albin Scholarship
Dane Kief
Teresa Osterbur

AMBUSC Scholarship
Amber Burhoff
Jenna Musgrove

Tonia Anding Memorial Scholarship
John Shatzer

William C. Annin Memorial Scholarship
Eric Melander

Art & Design Faculty Award
Sean Gregory

Astronomy Club Scholarship
Mary Riley

Berna, Clancy & Associates Surveying Scholarship
Tyler Worthington

Brannon Technology Scholarship
Sam Jiji

Burke Family Farm Scholarship
Chet Little

Billy Byers Accounting Scholarship
Stephen Paul

Carle Scholars at Parkland
Amber Beckhoff
Sharon Beckman
Nikki Bowman
Amy Johnson
Candice Johnson
Julia Kritzler
Kayla Kuhlberg
Melissa Means
Lataisha Silas
Vanessa Stephens
Jean Thomas

Champaign Rotary Vo Tech Scholarship - Information Technology
Ryan Blackman
Timothy Robert

Champaign Rotary Vo Tech Scholarship - Fine and Applied Arts
Sean Gregory

Champaign Rotary Vo Tech Scholarship - Health Professions
Margaret Grosshans

Champaign Rotary Vo Tech Scholarship - Automotive Technology
Talon Ipx

Champaign Rotary Vo Tech Scholarship - Construction Technology
Wesley Kaeb

Champaign Rotary Vo Tech Scholarship - Diesel Power Technology
Zach Koehrerlein

Clifford-Jacobs Scholarship
Daniel Dewitt

Computer Science & Information Technology
Ryan Blackman
Charles Cole
Michelle Williams

Criminal Justice Memorial Scholarship
Elizabeth Villagomez

Donald C. Dodds, Jr. Scholarship
Shreemad Patel

Douglas County Community Scholarship
Ashley Beightler
Kristen Drake

Irm A. H. Ebert Office Careers/Computer Science Scholarship
Kashmir Avoahia

Electric Pictures Award of Excellence
Bonne Voigt

Enos Phillips Memorial Scholarship
Kyle Lowry

Sam Erwin Memorial Scholarship
Shreemad Patel

Joyce & Dale Ewen Family Scholarship
Amber Beckhoff

Champaign County Fair Queen Scholarship
Kayla Zachowski

Champaign County Farm Bureau Scholarship
Blake Calacrosse
Emily Fruhling
Richard Haines
Bryce Hites
Stephanie LaTour
Daniel Stierwalt

First Mid-Illinois Bank Scholarship
Kristen Drake
Allie Ellsworth
Brand Lewis
Jessica Lubbers

Ford Community College Scholarship
Bennie Drake

Fox Development Scholarship
Alaa Ahmad
Tiera Campbell
Leah Zimmerman

Theresa L. Golaszewski Women in Business Scholarship
Ka Man Leung

Goudy Type Award
Debra Janieson

Graphic Design Best of Show
Ad Michaeli

HDC Engineering Scholarship
Benjamin Kaeb

Jean & Lloyd Helper Nursing Scholarship
Ashley Beightler
Aderonke Emmanuel
Laura Hiller
John Shatzer

Hites Family Scholarship
Sara Gambrel
Sussan King

JoAnna Tenneh Diggs Hoff Memorial Scholarship
Danici Roberts

Marilyn E. Huckaba Alpha Xi Delta Scholarship
Natalie Goslin

Catherine & Leo Huff Memorial Scholarship
Ashley Beightler
John Shatzer

Floyd and Marian Ingersoll Agriculture Scholarship
April Dohrman

Dr. David M. and Shirley A. Jones Scholarship
Benjamin Frazetto

David M. Jones Memorial Scholarship
Jan Hansen
Amanda Kreeb
Nicole Martin
Travis Shoemaker
Kenton Visser

Kenda Lawless Memorial Scholarship
Federico Bassetti

Lykins Family Art Scholarship
Allie Ellsworth

Lykins Family Nursing Scholarship
Ashley Beightler
John Shatzer

Main Street Bank and Trust Scholarship
Elizabeth Doty
Amanda Forrest
Morgan James
Ryan Lowry
Crystal Oliger
Tabitha Sands

John Matthews Memorial Agricultural Scholarship
Teressa Osterbur

Peter McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship
Kristen Drake

Metals Award
Sarah Holt

August C. Meyer, Sr. Scholarship
Velaphone Bango-sengthong

Meyer Charitable Foundation Scholarship
Angela Stacey

Randall Millis Theatre Scholarship
Hannah Doty
Charles Miericke

David L. Miller Scholarship
Tyone Minnie-weather

Thomas James Neal & Lynnie May Rice Neal Scholarship
Nicole Basala

Don M. Nelson Ag Transfer Scholarship
Susan King
Joshua Wurmnest

CDB Leonard H. Nettnin Memorial Scholarship
Adam Keg
Michelle Williams

Office Careers and Information Technology Scholarship
April Steele

Platt County Community Scholarship
Amanda Charles
Jessica Lubbers
John Moody

PROF Scholarship
Taneeka Cobb
Antwanette Newton
Armando Sandovyal
Erika Williams

Parkland Proud Scholarship
Kyle Bales
Josh Capili
Leah Clark
Kyle Guy
Nicole McCoy
Rachel Pryor
Mitchell Rolson
Cassidy Williams

Rantoul Community Scholarship
Shreemad Patel

Tanovel Products Division - James Dunn

Riverton Digital Media Program Award of Excellence
Amber Walters

Kristine Rotzoll Memorial Scholarship
Joy saline Horton

Jimm V. Scott Memorial Scholarship
Wataru Horie

George Shapland Scholarship
Timothy Turner

Shaw Creative Award
Anne McIntyre

Champaign County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Justice Award
Alta Atwood
Kristen Drake

Smyer Scholarship
Rachel Doss
William Rahn

M. G. and Gladys Snyder Scholarship
Rashaun Carter

Champaign County Sports Car Club Scholarship
Dane Anderson
Thomas Fischer
James Koltz

Personal Care Study Abroad - Ecuador
Melissa Chavez
Jennifer DeWeese
Kristi Howery
John Shatzer

Parkland Surveying Chapter Scholarship
Tyler Worthington

Theatre Production Award
Jake Foster
Rachel Ladd
Elaine Richardson

Lauretta Turner Memorial Scholarship
Jessica Lubbers

Parkland College/UC Alumni Associations’ Two + Two Scholarship
Geovanny Vega-Zamora

Underwood-Alger Scholarship
Maria Doryjeea

Parkland College Foundation Unrestricted Scholarship
Maria Flores
Bradley Hardcastle
Caleb King
Justin Roth
Karla Wilson

Vei InfoTech Award of Excellence
Bridge Jamieson

Vitoux Family LAS Scholarship
LeAndra Vogelzang

Women’s Scholarship
Jamie Faulkner
Jan Hansen

Women in Computer Science and Information Technology Scholarship
Michelle Williams
Gayle Wright and Owen LeGare Scholarship
Ruston Edelman

William P. Waxley Memorial Scholarship
Stephen Paul

Zeleta Harris Endowed Scholarship
Carlene Lewis
Nancy Nickell
LeAndra Vogelzang
First Parkland Employee Creates Endowments

Rachel Schroeder, the first employee hired by the Parkland College Board of Trustees, has recently contributed $50,000 to the Parkland College Foundation for two new scholarship endowments of $25,000 each. Ms. Schroeder has established both the Rachel Schroeder Health Care and Rachel Schroeder Agriculture Scholarships.

The former scholarship will assist students in the Health Professions program that have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale and write an essay on the student’s motivation and commitment to earning a degree in the health care field. The latter will assist students in an Agricultural field with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale and who write an essay on the student’s motivation and commitment to earning a degree in the agriculture field.

If you are interested in endowing a scholarship or have other questions about the Foundation’s scholarships, please call 217-351-2464.

Attending the Partners for Parkland Kick-Off Reception were Dr. Thomas Ramage, Interim President on the left; Rachel Schroeder; and Donald C Dodds, Jr., President of the Parkland College Foundation Board of Directors, on the right.