

Parkland Alumni to Lead 2006 Campaign

Barbara and Joe Henderson chosen as Co-Chairs of the 2006 Partners for Parkland Campaign



Barbara and Joe Henderson

The annual *Partners for Parkland* campaign will kick-off August 2006 with Barbara and Joe Henderson as co-chairs. Carl Meyer, Executive Director of the Parkland College Foundation, stated this year's co-chairs had their first association with Parkland over 33 years ago and we are pleased to have their support today.

Joe Henderson's home town is Urbana. He is a 1974 graduate of Parkland College then went to the University of Illinois for a degree in finance and then to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville for his MBA. He has an extensive background in the banking industry. Joe is currently the President, CEO of Central Illinois Bank.

Barbara Henderson's home town is Urbana. She is a 1974 graduate of Parkland College and then went on to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville for her B.S. degree. She has spent her career working in operations for the insurance industry as well as the real estate industry. Barbara is currently the Chief Operating Officer for the Devonshire Group.

The Henderson's have spent many years as community volunteers. "We feel we are a real success story for Parkland College. We graduated from Parkland College, we went on to higher education, we established successful careers and we are using our skills and knowledge in the community in which we grew up. We are very happy to partner with the College this year. We always support programs that help others that can not make it alone. Whether it is for a student, for a program or for the institution, we feel it is important to maintain Parkland as an educational leader."

Information regarding the *Parkland for Partners* campaign can be secured from the Parkland College Foundation office, 217/351-2458.

Celebrating Excellence

*Gala honoring Zelema Harris
President, Parkland College*

June 3, 2006

6 p.m. Reception | 7 p.m. Dinner

Champaign Country Club

Black tie optional

*Proceeds benefit the
Zelema Harris Endowed Scholarship*

Cost: \$200 per ticket

Please call 217/351-2464 for
more information.

Presenting Sponsor:



Upcoming Events

Parkland College Scholarship Reception

Wednesday, April 19 • 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Parkland College Gymnasium
Please call 351-2464 for more information.

Arbor Day Celebration

Friday, April 28 • 10 a.m.
Parkland College Child Development
Center, Donald and Alice Dodds, Jr.
Multipurpose Room
Please call 351-2464 to order a tree
or for more information.

Retirement Reception for Zelema Harris

Friday, April 28 • 4 to 6 p.m.
Parkland College Gallery Lounge
Public invited, light refreshments,
no gifts, please.

Mature Lifestyles Seminar

sponsored by Hickory Point Bank & Trust
Wednesday, May 10 • 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Tony Noel Agricultural Technology
Applications Center
Please call 351-2457 for more information.

Greenhouse and Plant Laboratory Open House

Wednesday, June 21 • 5 to 6:30 p.m.
New Greenhouse and Plant Laboratory
Please call 351-2464 for more information.

Message from the President



*Zelema Harris
President, Parkland College*

Dear Friends:

As the trees start budding and the flowers start to break through the ground, it is apparent that the spring awakening has begun. And the Parkland Foundation is in full swing for their upcoming spring events: Arbor Day, Mature Lifestyles Seminar, the Scholarship Reception and the much-anticipated Greenhouse Grand Opening. All of these events are made possible by the wonderful support of our donors and our community.

We congratulate Kaizad Irani, Associate Professor of Horticulture in the Business and Agri-Industries Department, on being chosen as the Outstanding Technical Teacher of the Year for 2006 by the American Technical Education Association. This is yet another example of why Parkland College is a premier institution – the dedicated faculty and staff who teach and aide our students.

I'm pleased that Joe and Barbara Henderson, both 1974 alums, have accepted the co-chair positions of the 2006 Partners for Parkland Campaign. Our annual campaign is important for funding the scholarships that will be awarded this month as well as funding programs at the college. We thank the Henderson's for taking on this leadership role.

As I'm sure you know June 30 marks my last day as President of Parkland College. I have enjoyed sixteen years at this great institution, and now I look forward to starting the next phase of my life.

So, I thank you for all of the support that you have shown to Parkland and to me during my long tenure. I look forward to seeing you and saying "Farewell" at the upcoming spring events.

Zelema Harris
Zelema Harris
President

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kaizad Irani, Associate Professor of Horticulture in the Business and Agri-Industries Department at Parkland. He has been chosen as the Outstanding Technical Teacher of the Year for 2006 by the American Technical Education Association. Kaizad was selected from a group of nine nominees from across the nation. His award was presented on March 16, 2006, at the ATEA conference in Louisville, Kentucky.



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Alumni Feature

Illinois Community College Trustees Association 2006 Pacesetter Award Nominee – Anni Poppen

“I started at a community college and I ended at a community college. I put myself through college working full-time. I started my own business directly out of community college.

“My name is Anni Poppen. I currently run a small design business out of Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, with clients all over the world including Chicago, New York, Las Vegas, and the Bahamas. I never would have had the skills, experience, and education to do that without Parkland College.

“I started at Elgin Community College undecided but veering toward science. I transferred to Parkland College in fall of 1996 when I decided to go into Veterinary Medicine. Parkland gave me the tools to prepare for one of the top veterinary medical schools in the nation at the University of Illinois. At Parkland, the small classes and attention to detail gave me the chance to excel in areas I normally would have slid by in at a larger school. Thanks to Parkland, I was fully prepared for my transfer into the Chemistry program, one of U of I’s most difficult programs. I kept a high grade point average and an organized routine



thanks to the building blocks Parkland instilled in me.

“Unfortunately there was a family emergency I had to attend to. When I lost my father, my biggest fan and mentor in education, I lost my drive. I took a year off to work and sort things out in my own world. In that year I discovered graphic design and started chatting with one of my regular clients where I worked, Paul Young. He was passionately involved with the design program at Parkland and convinced me to give it a shot. This program was amazing. My classes gave me real world experiences, allowed me to be back in the smaller

class sizes that I missed so much, and gave me opportunities in the community to start freelancing before I even graduated.

“When I graduated with honors I had a complete package to awe my interviewers with so well they overlooked my two-year degree and went straight to my portfolio. This, however, wasn’t enough for me; I wanted

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Join as a Friend!

Parkland College Alumni Association Membership Form

Become a member of the Alumni Association. As a member, you are entitled to: borrowing privileges at the Parkland Library; use of the Fitness Center via enrollment in NCR 850; invitations to Parkland College Alumni Association events; and more.

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 Number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Year Graduated _____ Degree _____ Program of Study _____ e-mail: _____

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 _____

Name and place of employment and job title _____

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.

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Parkland College Foundation Spring 2006 Scholarships

Scott Alender Memorial Scholarship

*Earnest Elam, III
Jason Liggett*

BankChamapign Scholarship

Carrie Murray

Roby Gregory Barnes Memorial Scholarship

Nancy Stewart

Mary Elizabeth Bash Memorial Scholarship

Kathryn Naron

Floyd Bauman Scholarship

David Maxwell

Jodi Brandon Scholarship

Rachel Forrest

Burke Family Farm Scholarship

Marc Bialeschki

Julia F. Burnham Scholarship

*Cristy Fulscher
Nicole Kane
Angela Neer*

Marilyn Casey Scholarship

*Susan Dial
Anglea Flores*

Chase Scholarship

Stefanie Ervin

Clark-Lindsey Village Health Center Auxiliary

Josh Meyer

Computer Science & Information Technology Scholarship

Tricia Kuykendall

Douglas County Community Scholarship

Jadie Duggins

Jean Due Scholarship

Grace Zulu

Joyce & Dale Ewen Family Scholarship

Kathryn Naron

Parkland College Faculty & Staff Scholarship

*Heather Bode
Sara Munster*

Champaign County Farm Bureau Scholarship

*Andrew Butzow
Arial Denny
Brian Keith
Charles Myerscough
Joshua Rund
Ryan Shaw
Kyle Welborn
Kurt Wolken*

Ford County Community Scholarship

Alicia Thompson

JoAnna Tenneh Diggs Hoff Memorial Scholarship

*Lorrie James
Lakesha Spurlock*

Marilyn E. Huckaba Alpha Xi Delta Scholarship

Casey Jenkins

Illinois Health Improvement Scholarship

*Jennifer Deweese
Lorrie James
Kimberly Lund
Donna Snyder
Steven Stammer*

Lykins Family Art Scholarship

*Tara Farrington
Regina Warren*

McGrain-Huff Scholarship

*Hui Liu
Kathryn Naron*

August C. Meyer, Sr. Scholarship

*David Maxwell
Michael Moriarity*

Randall Millas Theatre Scholarship

Claire Cowley

Jerry Monigold Scholarship

D. J. Dunn

Thomas James Neal & Linnie May Rice Neal Scholarship

*Andrea Fain
Heather Bode
Deborah Middlebrook
Charles R. Rohlfing
Alicia Thompson*

CDR Leonard H. Nettnin Memorial Scholarship

Michael Strack

Richard D. Norris Student Government Scholarship

*Keith Davis
Jon Volkman*

Piatt County Community Scholarship

*Charles Arney
Elizabeth Banta
Michael Strack*

Parkland Proud Scholarship

*Staci Brooks
Chelsey Clark
Ashley Cole
Austin Curtis
Raouf Raouf
Jennifer Schroeder
Brittanie Williams*

Rantoul Community Scholarship

*Reed Bruns
Cristy Fulscher
Ashley Schneider
Melissa Talley*

Sandra W. Reifsteck Scholarship

Kathryn Naron

Ted Silver Scholarship

Steven Stammer

Social Science Club of Champaign-Urbana

David Liss

Underwood-Alger Scholarship

Emily Klein

Veterinary Technology Anonymous Scholarship

Jennifer Knight

Veterinary Technology Scholarship

*Heather Brauner
Rebecca Britz
Jaclyn Kellenberger
Sarah Ripper*

Vitoux Family Agriculture Scholarship

*Anie Pluskowski
Katie Trainor*

Judi Davis Weatherall Memorial Scholarship

Hui Liu

Women's Scholarship

*Debra Prince
Kimberly Thoren
Cecily Washington*

Scholarship Donors Change Lives

— By Deborah Case
Director of Gift Planning
Parkland College Foundation

Every day, individual lives are changed by the opportunities available at Parkland College. Whether it is a class opening their eyes to new career options or a professor who helps them discover their talents, our students make their own history with our donor's assistance.

Together with our scholarship recipients, we celebrate the role that scholarships play in shaping the past and the future.

Endowed scholarships benefit the recipients immediately, but also they benefit Parkland College. The students who are able to study at Parkland because they have received scholarship aid bring talents and new perspective to our college. If you have made a scholarship gift, thank you! If not, we hope that you'll consider this opportunity to help Parkland College and to change lives.



Parkland College Agriculture Alliances

Since 2001, The Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation (CCFB) has partnered with the Parkland College Foundation and the Parkland College Trustees to provide scholarships to students attending Parkland majoring in an Agriculture curriculum. The recipients of the \$1,000.00 scholarships has grown from four in 2001 to twelve recipients in 2005 and from two in 2001 to four in 2005, co-sponsored by CCFB Foundation and Parkland College Foundation and Parkland College Trustees, respectively, for an overall total of \$52,000 for 52 students. Whether being co-sponsored by the Foundation or Trustees, both

freshman and transfer students in Champaign County who are enthusiastic and show potential as they pursue education and careers in Agriculture are benefiting from this significant partnership.

With the inception of Earth Partners in 1993 by Robbie Berg, Parkland College immediately became involved by having agriculture faculty serve on the Earth Partners board. Earth Partners is a regional agricultural literacy program for teachers that offers workshops focusing on sustainable agriculture and biodiversity, nutrition and wellness, recycling and renewable resources, and other topics. In 1997 the Illinois State

Board of Education honored Earth Partners and Parkland College with the Partnership of Merit Business-Education Award. And in 2003 the Parkland College Agriculture Program was also honored as the Outstanding Community College Agriculture Program by the National Association of Agriculture Educators. Today, with the completion of the Greenhouse and Plant Laboratory facility on campus, Parkland College is positioned to provide many learning opportunities not only for students, but also for Earth Partners and the elementary and secondary teachers in east central Illinois.

Alumni Feature continued —

to start my own business. In 2003, I started what was called LMNtal Design. Since then I have worked with the music industry, the medical industry, started a second business in tourist merchandising in the Bahamas, and have won two years in a row for best corporate identity at Champaign-Urbana's Ad Club awards (CHAAMPS). I recently took part in producing a short animation with the Krannert team that is now the opening sequence in "The End of Cinematics," composed and written by Mikel Rouse, which is now touring the world. And, to bring things full circle, the project I just finished was the University of Illinois' Veterinary Medicine Open House collateral.

"I couldn't be more grateful for the experiences I had at Parkland College, and I surely wouldn't be where I am today without them."

Anni Poppen recently merged her business as a creative associate for Surface 51.

Honoring Norm Lambert



Parkland College President Zelema Harris, left, and Parkland College Foundation Director Carl Meyer, right, hold a check establishing the Norm Lambert Endowed Scholarship fund with Gigi Lambert and family.

On Friday, February 24, the Parkland College Black Faculty and Staff organization presented checks totaling \$5,065.00 to Carl Meyer, Executive Director of the Foundation, to be used for the Norm

Lambert Endowed Scholarship fund. The fund is currently over \$7,500.00 with plans from the organization to raise over \$10,000.00 for an endowment.

\$14 Million!

Raised during 2001-2005 "Creating Brighter Futures" Major Gifts Campaign

—By Dr. Jim Selby, Vice President of the Clements Group

Dr. Zelema Harris, President of Parkland College, Illinois, recently announced the very successful conclusion of a four-year campaign with well over \$14,000,000 collected in cash and pledges. She said that the campaign success was due to the leadership of the campaign. "We had people leading the campaign who were highly respected, well-connected to the community, and believed in Parkland," she said.

Dr. Harris also singled out the Parkland College Foundation Director, Carl Meyer, for directing all aspects of the campaign. "We have a director to whom Parkland is a passion, not a job." Carl Meyer in turn complimented the campaign leadership, who helped focus on significant needs of the College. And these needs obviously resonated with community givers.

Dr. Jim Selby, Vice-President of the Clements Group, advised the campaign. "This campaign was successful because of everything mentioned by President Harris and Carl Meyer, but they are being far too modest about their roles in this successful effort," said Selby. He pointed out that Dr. Harris has had continual Executive Awareness

meetings since October 2001, sometimes having a half-dozen in a month. Carl and Julie McGown, Assistant Director of Foundation and Alumni Relations, kept everything in precise coordination, making it easier for the campaign leadership to do its job.

Campaign Chairs Donald Dodds and George Shapland, along with Lead Gift Chairs, Greg Lykins and Richard Noel, did the bulk of the fund-raising. Thirty Lead Gifts (\$100,000 or more) were received, two at the \$2,000,000 level, two at the \$1,000,000 level, two at the \$500,000 level, six at the \$250,000 level, and eighteen at the \$100,000 level, for total Lead Gifts of \$12,646,142. "This is truly phenomenal for a community college, especially one in the same town as the University of Illinois with its enormous fund-raising campaigns," said Selby.

What is even more impressive, concludes Selby, is that Parkland College has positioned itself for many planned gifts. "In every campaign we hope to receive significant gifts, broaden the base of givers, and encourage planned giving; Parkland College accomplished all three goals."



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