We Salute our Corporate Sponsors

Thanks to the generosity of SUPERVALU in Urbana, Illinois, which has pledged $75,000 over a period of three years, five $1,000 scholarships will be offered each year to Parkland College students. In addition, SUPERVALU has pledged a total of $45,000 to support new equipment in the William M. Staerkel Planetarium and $5,000 each year as a sponsor of the Foundation’s Annual Golf Outing and Update newsletter.

At the heart of SUPERVALU’s charitable giving is the idea that being a good corporate citizen is an ongoing responsibility. By helping to create stronger communities, they enhance the quality of life for their customers and employees. SUPERVALU strives to give to those organizations where they can do the most good.

Dozens of SUPERVALU’s employees in the Champaign-Urbana area are Parkland students. But SUPERVALU’s commitment to educational support does not end locally. SUPERVALU has a Tuition Reimbursement program that pays 85% of tuition and fees up to $5,000 per year.

Corporate partnerships are an important part of the Foundation’s annual contributions and support not only to scholarships, but also provide assistance to Parkland’s programs and equipment needs. “This opportunity with SUPERVALU creates visibility for all participants and invests in our community,” says Carl Meyer, executive director of the Parkland College Foundation.

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Spotlight on: William Froom

Mr. Froom served Champaign-Urbana from 1937 to 2006. His service to Parkland included the original planning committee in 1963; his election to the first Board of Trustees and as first chairman in 1966; and active participation, including president, in the Parkland College Foundation from 1975 to 1996. Mr. Froom was named the first recipient of the Parkland College Distinguished Service Award. On April 20, 2007, at 4 p.m., Parkland will officially dedicate the perimeter road on campus as the William W. Froom Way.

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Winter and Spring Dates in Parkland History:

- **January 12, 1976**
  - Gymnasium completed

- **January 30, 1978**
  - WPCD-FM began broadcasting

- **February 1, 1983**
  - South building completed and occupied as art and welding laboratories

- **February 23, 1967**
  - Downtown Champaign selected as site for temporary campus

- **March 5, 1969**
  - Parkland College Foundation organized

- **March 15, 1980**
  - Parkland selected as site for National Science Foundation National Chautauqua series

- **March 5, 1966**
  - Nickname and college colors adopted

- **March 12, 1966**
  - Voters approved referendum to establish a new community college district to include parts of twelve counties

- **March 7, 1966**
  - First Board of Trustees elected

- **April 5, 1976**
  - Patton Woods Nature Conservancy leased for educational purposes

- **May 15, 1980**
  - Parkland selected as site for National Science Foundation National Chautauqua series

- **May 7, 1966**
  - Full accreditation granted by North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools

- **May 15, 1980**
  - First Board of Trustees elected

- **May 15, 1980**
  - Nickname and college colors adopted

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**May 7, 1966, First Board of Trustees elected. Pictured are from left to right: D Wayne Niewold (Loda); Charles M Zipprodt (Urbana); Norman R Weller (Hindsboro); William W Froom, Chairman (Champaign); Douglas E Hager, Secretary (Gibson City); CW Barnes (Monticello); John H Mathews, Vice-Chairman (Tolono). Photo courtesy of Parkland College Library Archives.**
Dear Friends of Parkland,

Thank you again for your continued kindness to me and my family during my first year at Parkland. I have received a clean bill of health from my doctor and continue to be thankful for the care I have received during my heart surgery and subsequent recovery.

As I write this message to you, the snow from our February 2007 blizzard is melting and the days are growing longer, which means spring is right around the corner. I am really looking forward to the spring activities coming up at Parkland – the Foundation’s Scholarship Reception, Arbor Day, the Foundation Gala, Honors Convocation, and of course, Commencement.

Another event coming up in April will be honoring the late William Froom – a founding Trustee of Parkland College and his continued support through his service to the Parkland Foundation. In April, we will be memorializing Mr. Froom by dedicating the perimeter road around campus in his name – William W. Froom Way.

I hope that you enjoy reading about the loving tribute of Mr. Sidney Stafford, who recently established an endowed scholarship in memory of his son, Timothy, who was a Parkland graduate. It’s heartwarming to learn of such lasting memorials, which will benefit future students at Parkland.

That is why we appreciate you, our donors, for your continued support of Parkland College. Thank you for believing in our mission – and in our students. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events this spring.

Best Wishes,

Robert Exley
President, Parkland College

Foundation Events

March
19 Congressman Timothy Johnson – Update on Agriculture, 9 a.m., Tony Noel Agriculture Technology Applications Center, please call 217-351-2464 for more information

April
18 Foundation/Salute/Trustees Scholarship Reception, presenting sponsor SUPERVALU, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Parkland College Gymnasium, please call 217-351-2464 for more information
20 William W. Froom Way Dedication, 4 p.m., Parkland College Campus, please call 217-351-2458
27 Arbor Day, 10:00 a.m., Parkland College Child Development Center, please call 217-351-2464 to dedicate a tree or for more information

May
4 Tenth Annual Parkland College Foundation Gala – Scholarship Fundraiser, presenting sponsors are Busey Bank and Main Street Bank & Trust, 6 to 9 p.m., Round Barn Banquet Center, please call 217-351-2464 to reserve tickets or for more information
8 Prairie Gardens Plant Lab Open House – 5 to 7 p.m., Prairie Gardens Plant Lab, Parkland College, please call 217-351-2464 for more information

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Parkland Alumnae Artist’s Work Wins Major College Award

Former Champaign resident Jodi Adams recently added one more accomplishment to her growing list of awards for her photography. This past holiday season, Adams’ black-and-white photograph of the 100-year old gazebo at Allerton Park in Monticello, Illinois, graced Columbia College Chicago’s holiday card for 2006. Adams’ work – which she titled “Sanctuary” – was selected from more than 27 art pieces submitted to the contest. In making their selection, the judges recognized suitability, aesthetics, originality, execution and how effectively the entry captures the spirit of Columbia College Chicago.

“To me, ‘Sanctuary’ epitomizes the unique relationship between people, architecture, and their environment,” Adams said. The photograph of the vine-covered gazebo juxtaposes the chipped paint of the word structure and the statue of the Buddha plainly seen through the gazebo doors. “My greatest joy comes from photographing nature. This gazebo, with the earth and sky reflected in its glass, is the perfect blending of the spiritual, physical and natural worlds.”

In 2005, Adams also won Columbia’s Holiday Card award for her photography, an image also photographed in Allerton Park. President Warrick Carter sends the cards to the entire faculty and staff at Columbia. This year, “Sanctuary” was also featured on a promotional piece mailed in early 2007 by Columbia to more than 25,000 recipients.

“Sanctuary” also was awarded the Purchase Award by Parkland where she was taking photography classes. It has been added to our permanent art collection. This image was the turning point in her life and the award and recognition received by Parkland is ultimately what brought her to the life-changing decision to quit her job, sell her house and move back to Chicago to attend college.

Adams was born in LaGrange, where she graduated from Lyons Township High School. After taking photography classes at Parkland College, she will graduate from Columbia College Chicago in 2007 with a bachelor’s degree in Photography. After graduation, Adams plans to travel the world as a freelance photographer. Her goal is to join the pantheon of noted, full-time photographers for National Geographic.
Spring 2007 Scholarship Recipients

AAUW Southwood VanEs Scholarship
Erika Brubaker

Scott Alender Memorial Scholarship
Katy Morris

AMBUCS Scholarship
Margaret Deagman

BankChampaign Scholarship
Nicole Basala
Douglas Lukusa
Carrie Murray

Roby Gregory Barnes Memorial Scholarship
Brianna Walden

Mary Elizabeth Bash Memorial Scholarship
John Shatzer

Floyd Bauman Scholarship
Carrie Murray

Jodi Brandon Scholarship
Bradley Ash

Brannon Technology Scholarship
Victor Onyango

Burke Family Farm Scholarship
Matthew Schlater

Julia F. Burnham Scholarship
Nichole Kane
Deborah Robert

Carle Scholars at Parkland
Amber Beckhoff
Jessica Keith
Abby Kilioan
Julia Kritzer
Angela Specht
Carrie Wennerdahl

Champaign County Social Science Club Scholarship
Amy Johnson

Computer Science & Information Technology Scholarship
Timothy Robert

Donald C. Dodds, Jr. Scholarship
Kristin Bluhm

Douglas County Community Scholarship
Sandra Gutierrez

Joyce & Dale Ewen Family Scholarship
Matthew Kreib
Rachel Graham

Parkland College Faculty & Staff Scholarship
Carlene Lewis
Brianna Walden

First Mid-Illinois Bank Scholarship
Sean Conner
Eloise Galviz
Heidi Huddleston
Rebecca Talbott

Ford County Community Scholarship
Joshua Wurmnest

Juanita Gammon Graphic Design Scholarship
Bonnie Voight

Velma Herington Graphic Design Scholarship
Ashley Beightler

Hites Family Scholarship
Sara Munster

JoAnna Tenneh Diggs Hoff Memorial Scholarship
Shannon Black
Jamie Faulkner

Marilyn E. Huckaba Alpha Xi Delta Scholarship
Nicole McCoy
Kaylan Wonser

McGrain-Huff Scholarship
Krista Liggett

Randall Millas Theatre Scholarship
Dotty Hannah

David L. Miller Memorial Scholarship
Candace Phillips

Thomas James Neal & Lynnie May Rice Neal Scholarship
Anna Kendall
Nicole Basala
Carrie Murray

CDR Leonard H. Nettnin Memorial Scholarship
Aaron Geiger
Matthew Kreib

Richard D. Norris Student Government Scholarship
Yiu Yan Chan
Ashley Davis
Stefani Redding

O’Dell Family Scholarship
Heather Schaffer
Heidi Schaffer

Pace Award
Paula Hyde

Parkland Proud Scholarship
Matthew Herriott
Jeremy Seaman
Allen King
Amber Dotson
Sarah Bronnemel
Ashley Burch
Serita Palmer
Ryan Brittenham

Platt County Community Scholarship
Jessica Lubbers
Carol Kalk
Margaret Deagman

Rantoul Community Scholarship
Reed Bruns
Jenna Musgrive

Sandra W. Reifsteck Scholarship
Stefanie Reading

Kristine Rotzoll Memorial Scholarship
Anna Kendall

Jayne Ryolt Scholarship Award
Joshua Parkin

Herb Seto Scholarship
Justin Miller

Ted Silver Scholarship
John Shatzer

M. G. and Gladys Snyder Scholarship
Jessa Taylor

Underwood-Alger Scholarship
Maria Donofree

Parkland College Foundation Unrestricted Scholarship
Katie Miller
Lindsey Houtzel
Joshua Houtzel
Muiruri Nightingale

Veterinary Technology Anonymous Scholarship
Kristine Horn
Marc Bozych
Jennifer Knight
Jena Komosa

Veterinary Technology Scholarship
Chelsea Kopasker

Vitoux Family Agriculture Scholarship
Phillip Poppe

Judi Davis Weatherall Memorial Scholarship
Ashley Beightler

Arthur Winakor Memorial Scholarship
Anna Kendall
Nicole Basala
Carrie Murray


Special thanks to Mr. Sidney M. Stafford on recently endowing a scholarship in memory of his son, Timothy Stafford, a Parkland College graduate.

The scholarships was established by Mr. Stafford to honor the life and professional aspirations of his son, Timothy Collin Stafford, a 1996 Associate in Arts Degree graduate from Parkland College in Champaign, Illinois. Tim was a “non-traditional” student returning to school after years of work in restaurant management. He dreamed of becoming an elementary school teacher. His life is a testimony to the many non-traditional university students who endeavor to change their lives and the world around them.

Born in Chicago in 1956, Tim was the only child of Sidney and Sally Collins Stafford. He grew up in Champaign, Illinois and graduated from Central High School. After more than 21 years in all facets of single and multi unit full service and fast food restaurant operations, management and administration, Tim decided to return to school to obtain a degree that would certify him as an elementary school teacher. He attended Parkland College, working full time and pursuing his coursework part time. As a single father responsible for raising his daughter, Theresa, Tim met the challenges of balancing work, school and family duties.

In 1996 Tim transferred to the University of Illinois College of Education and became a full time student. Late in 1996, Tim suffered a heart attack that delayed his student teaching program. He returned to the College in 1997 and completed his degree and officially graduated with honors in May 1999. As a substitute teacher during the spring of 1999, he began his coursework towards a master’s degree. He accepted a position at Dr. Howard Elementary School for the fall of 1999.

As a teacher at Dr. Howard Elementary School in Champaign he taught fourth grade. He was well loved by his students and very much respected by Dr. Howard colleagues. Teaching was one of the great joys of his life.

He passed away suddenly on December 29, 2000. Through his love of life and dedication to his students, he won the hearts, minds, and admiration of the Champaign community in his short life as a teacher. Posthumously Tim was named as the WICD-TV’s Golden Apple Award winner in January 2001. He was selected for the award before he passed away and Channel 15 presented the award to Christine Brinkley, Principal of Dr. Howard School on January 18, 2001.

The Timothy Collins Stafford Scholarship will benefit those Parkland College students who dream of influencing the lives of elementary school children in their own communities. His father, Sidney Stafford said, “As a father I am proud of what my son accomplished. It is these aspects of Tim’s life that I want remembered and memorialized through the Parkland Scholarship program. May the students who receive the Timothy Collins Stafford Fund endeavor to make the impact that Tim did by living so fully and caring so deeply.”

Special Thanks to our Corporate Sponsors of the Gala

The Parkland College Foundation would also like to recognize our corporate sponsors of our 10th Annual Gala to be held on May 4, 2007 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Round Barn Banquet Center in Champaign.

Proceeds from the Gala support scholarships to deserving students at Parkland and we are grateful for the following corporations who are partnering with us on this event.


On behalf of the students who will benefit from these scholarships, thank you!
Planned gifts are a variety of charitable giving methods that allow you to express your personal values by integrating your charitable, family, and financial goals. Making a planned charitable gift usually requires the assistance of the charity’s development professional and/or a knowledgeable advisor, such as an attorney, financial planner, or CPA to help structure the gift.

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• Reduce your income tax and/or avoid capital gains tax
• Diversify your investment portfolio
• Receive income from your personal residence or farm
• Plan for the transfer of your business
• Leave a charitable legacy for future generations

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

Students voting in 1968 at the election which decided the colors - Green and Gold - and nickname - Cobras - of Parkland College.