

## Farewell Letter from Zelema Harris



Dear Parkland Faculty, Staff, Retirees,  
and Alumni:

This is my final letter to you as Parkland's President. This past Commencement, my sixteenth at Parkland, was especially meaningful to me as I was permitted to address the graduates as the keynote speaker. In my presentation, I recognized six alumni as being exemplary Parkland graduates. These graduates have been identified as "Living Out Loud" in their personal lives and in the community. You will have the opportunity to meet these individuals in this issue of the Update.

As President, I have taken part in commencements and honors convocations, scholarship receptions, Foundation galas, groundbreakings, Arbor Day programs, and many other celebrations throughout the years. And while these events are annual occurrences, each is unique and memorable in its own right. It has been a joy to witness the excitement and potential of each student who has walked the hallways at Parkland. From the students who came here right out of high school to the ones who hesitated to step foot on campus as an older, non-traditional student. These are the memories that I will miss most.

However, I am eager to start on the next phase of my life – enjoying time with my family (including my 1-year-old granddaughter, Malia) and traveling. It has been my pleasure to serve as President of Parkland College, and I thank you all for your support over the years.

Best wishes,

Zelema Harris

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# Celebrating Excellence Gala honoring Zelema Harris



Attendees at the Saturday, June 3, Celebrating Excellence Gala honoring Zelema Harris at the Champaign Country Club included, left to right, John and Marge Albin and Alice and Donald C. Dodds, Jr., Patron sponsor of the Gala.



Former University of Illinois President Stanley Ikenberry, center, was Master of Ceremonies for the Gala. He is pictured here with University of Illinois Chancellor Richard Herman, on his left, and University of Illinois President B. Joseph White at the podium.



Other attendees of the Gala included, left to right, Anne and Wayne Weber and Anita and Stuart Broeren



From left to right are Greg Lykins, chair of the Main Street Bank & Trust board and Partnership sponsor of the Gala; Margot Lykins; University of Illinois Chancellor Richard Herman; and Dr. Alice Marie Jacobs, President of Danville Area Community College.



Jan and Larry Wood also enjoyed the celebration.



Dr. Harris, second from left, stands with Parkland College Board of Trustees Chairman Linden Warfel; Dr. Alice Marie Jacobs, President of Danville Area Community College; James Ayers, member of the Parkland College Board of Trustees and Partnership sponsor of the Gala; and Bonnie Kelley, member of the Parkland College Board of Trustees and Patron sponsor of the Gala.



Dr. Harris, third from the right, poses with her family. From left to right, JB Blanc; Cynthia Bond Blanc, her daughter; granddaughter Malia Bond Blanc; Zelema Harris, Jay Harris, her son; and Narissa Bond, her daughter. Ms. Bond Blanc recited a poem she had written for her mother's celebration and Ms. Bond performed a song she had written for the event.

# Clifford-Jacobs Forging Company, Inc.

## *New Scholarship at Parkland College*

**D**avid J. Sulzbach, President & Chief Operating Officer of Clifford-Jacobs Forging Company, Inc., announced the establishment of the "Clifford-Jacobs Scholarship" at Parkland College. The Scholarship is being established in honor of W.E.C. "Cass" Clifford and his partner, David B. Jacobs, who formed a partnership in December 1919 that created Clifford-Jacobs Forging Company.

The Scholarship will be in the amount \$2,500 annually (\$1,250 per semester) and is intended for students enrolled in the Industrial Technology program at Parkland College. Recipients shall have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given if a student is related to a Clifford-Jacobs family member or employee or who is a direct descendant of same. "We recognize the vital mission that Parkland College is fulfilling in its Industrial Technology program, as we have several employees who either are currently enrolled and/or who have successfully completed that program, and who are making an outstanding contribution to our ongoing success," Sulzbach commented. "We believe this is a wonderful way in which to honor the founders of our company by establishing a scholarship at an outstanding institution that succeeds in their mission of preparing students for real-life careers, and to give



*Second and fourth generation descendants of David B. Jacobs were on hand when the first year's scholarship contribution was presented by Ruth Jacobs Baldwin (right) to Deborah Case (left), Director of Gift Planning for the Parkland College Foundation.*

something meaningful back to our community from which we draw our employees," Sulzbach added.

Clifford-Jacobs is a supplier of custom steel forgings to OEM customers throughout North America, including Illinois manufacturers such as Caterpillar, John Deere, Boeing, Gardner-Denver and the Mueller Company

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## **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.*

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Name and place of employment and job title \_\_\_\_\_

Personal news (spouse's name, children, special interests and activities) \_\_\_\_\_

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# Alumni Features

*The following Parkland College Alumni were recognized at the 2006 Parkland College Commencement Exercise*

DR. ANITA BROEREN exemplifies Living Out Loud with a grace and gratitude that show through her tireless volunteer work throughout our community. Dr. Broeren graduated from Parkland in 1974 and went on to earn her Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Eastern Illinois University and her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. Today, Dr. Broeren is Director of Development and Alumni Relations in the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations at the University of Illinois.

And STU BROEREN learned as a boy that overcoming obstacles is a necessary part of Living Out Loud, and that faith surmounts all obstacles. Stu (who is also Anita's husband) graduated from Parkland in 1975. He went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Illinois and is President and CEO of one of the largest construction firms in the area: Broeren-Russo Construction.

DARLENE FOWLER, who graduated with honors from Parkland in 2002 with an AA Degree in Mass Communications, lives life out loud by nurturing the creative richness of our diverse community. After earning a Bachelor's Degree at the University of Illinois, Darlene is now Production/Outreach Assistant with Urbana Public Television.

JAMES C. HARDEN III, a 1995 graduate, lives every moment in a way so that he will not have to say at the end of his time here on earth, "I wish I would have done things differently." James went on to complete his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees at Eastern Illinois University and serves as Dean of Students for the Edison Middle School.



*Tony Tangora*

TONY TANGORA, a 2000 Parkland grad, lives out loud with a positiveness and unstoppable attitude, because, as he says, "Life is just too damn short to settle." Tony received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Illinois and lives in Chicago where he works as Associate Director of Development for the University of Illinois.

A 1977 Parkland graduate, REVEREND HATTIE PAULK, exemplifies what Living Out Loud is all about with her passion for making a better future for our children. Reverend Paulk later earned a Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Illinois University and is Associate Minister at Church of Living God in Champaign.

Thank you alumni!!



*Anita and Stuart Broeren*



*Darlene Fowler*

# Parkland Awards

## ICCTA 2006 Outstanding Faculty Member

**David Bock**, Program Director of Computer Graphics and Associate Professor in Computer Science has been named as Parkland's 2006 Illinois Community College Trustees Association Outstanding Faculty Member. David was recognized at the ICCTA awards banquet in Springfield on June 9.

## 2006 Terry O'Banion Shared Journey Exemplary Practice Award

In a national competition, Parkland College was chosen as one of five community colleges to receive the 2006 Terry O'Banion Shared Journey Exemplary Practice Award given by the National Council on Student Development, an affiliate council of the American Association of Community Colleges.

This award celebrates the outstanding nature of a program that fosters the aims of student development in community colleges. Programs are deemed outstanding because they are highly innovative and a model of best practices in the field, and because the evidence of effectiveness includes compelling data that has been demonstrated over time.

**Linda Moore**, Dean of Student Services and **Sharon Kristovich**, Director of the Office of Institutional Research, Evaluation, and Planning submitted the work that Parkland has done in The Academic Development Center and on Campus-wide Retention Efforts. According to Linda Moore, Parkland was recognized as outstanding for two reasons. "Parkland's efforts to ensure student success have been college-wide, involving collaborative and innovative efforts among multiple academic and student services departments. The other reason is that we have systematic evaluation plans in place, and have data indicating the effectiveness of our programs."

## 2006 IMACC Distinguished Service Award

**Vicki Beitler**, of the Parkland Mathematics Department, has received the 2006 Illinois Mathematics Association of Community Colleges Distinguished Service Award. This annual award honors one of its members for career of outstanding service to the IMACC. The recipient must have been an IMACC member for at least 10 years, have served in an elected office, and have served at least 4 years in some combinations of elected offices, committee appointments, as conference coordinator, or as editor of the Math ConneXion.

Vicki has served three years on the Board of Directors, has served as conference coordinator or co-coordinator 6 times, and has just completed her eleventh consecutive year as IMACC Secretary.

## Skills USA

Students from the Automotive Collision Repair program went to Springfield, Illinois, to compete in the Skills USA competition. Four of the top five awards went to Parkland students. In fifth place was **Jesse Ferguson**, fourth place was **Justin Slife**, second place was **Mike Johnson**, and first place was **Keith Heinzelman**. The first place winner from each state will go to the national competition in Kansas City, Missouri.

## Travel the World with Parkland!

Professor Emeritus Karen Keener hosted 26 men and women on a fabulous tour of Spain in March. By all accounts, the tour was enthralling, with walking tours of art, architecture, and the exciting history of Spanish culture.

In May, Professor Martha Bowser-Kiener hosted a tour to Tuscany, with stops in Florence, Siena, and the gorgeous Italian countryside (not to mention the fantastic food and wine).

Travel Abroad is an affordable, convenient, and highly enjoyable way for you to experience other cultures. All of the details and hassles are taken care of for you, in terms of transportation, lodging, some meals, some attractions, and other planning. You are greeted by guides who speak the language and can make the country come alive for you.

More tours are planned, with hopes to include tours in the United States. If you would like to get on the mailing list to stay updated, call Molly Murphy in Parkland's Community Education unit at 217-351-2546 or e-mail [momurphy@parkland.edu](mailto:momurphy@parkland.edu).

# Christie Clinic Scholarship Recipients



*A scholarship reception was held on May 18 to award the C.W. Christie Foundation Scholarships. The above Parkland College Nursing and Health Careers students each received \$1,000.00. First row, left to right: Laura Helm, Jessica Richardson, Krista Liggett, Jessica Lubbers, Cylie Cole, Melissa Chavez. Back row, left to right: Ashton Bull, Erica Sparks, Brandi McGraw, Tara Stigers, Brett Clark, Breann Swan, and Valerie Brackemyre.*



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