SUCCESSFUL GALA THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT!

The 14th annual Parkland College Foundation Gala this year grossed over $65,000! Thank you to over 275 guests who came out Friday, November 4 to enjoy delicious food from the Champaign Country Club, entertainment, and refreshments. There was a wide assortment of silent auction items, with spirited bidding on several items.

This event would not have been as successful without the support of our event sponsor, Central Illinois Manufacturing. Special thanks to the sponsors, companies, and individuals who donated items for the gala. We also thank the following:

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Many thanks to our 2011 Gala Committee, volunteers, and friends who make this a special evening:
Jill Arends
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Please mark your calendars for the 15th annual Gala on Friday, October 19, 2012!
Dear Parkland family,

Parkland College experienced steady growth in annual enrollment during the past decade (a 15% increase between AY 2000–01 to AY 2009–10). Our current decade promises the same solid growth, as more residents look to higher education to improve their quality of life. As a natural result of this growth, greater numbers of our students are seeking financial assistance than ever before.

Many students do not receive adequate federal assistance with tuition, so they turn to Parkland College and the Parkland College Foundation for scholarships. Because of your generosity, these students often do receive the boost they need to complete their educational dreams. They greatly appreciate it, too, like these students:

“Thanks again for the financial support. I have a very supportive family, but it motivates me even more to know that the community is behind me also. I hope someday to give back to the very institution and community that helped me.”

—Michael Brazelton, recipient, Champaign Vo-Tech Construction Technology Scholarship

“To follow your heart and study something that you love is certainly a luxury. I know I could not afford this luxury without aid such as your scholarship; having support and recognition has fueled my discipline in many ways.”

—Elaine Emswiler, recipient, Vitoux Family Music Scholarship

Along with them, I want to thank you for your past contributions to the Parkland College Foundation. In 2010–2011, the Foundation awarded 246 scholarships to 222 students totaling over $214,000. The Foundation’s recent 14th Annual Gala, an event to raise scholarship funds, grossed more than $65,000.

We hope to read even more thank-you notes for scholarship assistance this year, but we can’t do it without you. Please consider a year-end gift to one of the many scholarships listed on our web page, at www.parkland.edu/foundation, or to our unrestricted scholarship fund.

Wishing you an enjoyable holiday season and a stellar New Year,

Tom Ramage
REMEMBERING A PARKLAND TREASURE:
THE KAREN KEENER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

You can be part of a community of family, friends, colleagues, and former students of Karen M. Keener, also known as Mardy, who are coming together to celebrate her life on the first anniversary of her death November 12, 2010. In Karen’s memory, we are creating an endowed scholarship fund at Parkland College.

In her career at Parkland, Karen taught English, chaired the Humanities Department, directed International Programs, and served as a mentor and advocate for her students and new faculty. Karen was also a co-leader on many Parkland College tours abroad.

You have an opportunity to honor Karen's memory by contributing to the memorial fund in her name. Thank you for your help in remembering Karen. Please contact the Foundation at 217/351-2458 for more information.

CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER DUE TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31

The Pension Protection Act of 2006, which is set to expire on December 31, 2011, allows individuals 70½ years of age or older to make a tax-free gift to charity from their IRA. Prior to this law, a gift to charity from your IRA was considered a taxable distribution. For those with excess IRA funds or those who want to lower the amount of their required minimum IRA distribution, this is a great option.

The basic provisions of the act are:

- You must be at least 70½ years of age.
- Tax benefits apply for gifts up to $100,000 per person per year.
- You must transfer funds directly from an IRA to one or more eligible charitable organizations.
- Distributions can only be made from traditional IRA accounts or Roth IRAs. Charitable donations from 403(b) plans, 401(k) plans, pension plans, and other retirement plans are ineligible for the tax-free treatment.
- Donors cannot receive any goods or services in return for their charitable IRA rollover contribution.

People can use their IRA to make a tax-free charitable donation for an annual contribution, a major gift, or to satisfy a current pledge. For more information, please contact Mike Hagan, director of planned and major gifts, at mhagan@parkland.edu or at 217/351-2457.
THE MURRAY WISE ASSOCIATES AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Parkland College Foundation is pleased to announce that Murray and Valerie Wise and the Murray Wise Family Foundation have pledged $500,000 to the Parkland College Foundation to endow a Murray Wise Associates Agriculture Scholarship at Parkland College.

Murray Wise founded the Champaign-based Westchester Group, Inc., a leading global agricultural asset management company, in 1986 and sold controlling interest in it to TIAA-CREFF in 2010. He and his wife Valerie formed the Murray Wise Family Foundation in 1995 as well as the Oxford Adoption Foundation in 2003. The family foundation supports scholarships and other philanthropic projects most focused around education, while the Oxford Adoption Foundation provides low-interest loans to people seeking international adoptions.

Recipients of the newly created scholarship must be enrolled in one of the agriculture fields at Parkland, have a cumulative GPA of 3.00, and be an enterprising individual with a strong background of accomplishments and entrepreneurism.

For more information on the scholarship and to apply, please visit www.parkland.edu/foundation.

DONATE TO PARKLAND WHILE SHOPPING AT SCHNUCKS

Parkland and Schnucks have teamed up to make it easy for you to donate to the Parkland College Foundation while you shop at Schnucks. Up to 3% of your purchases will be donated to the Foundation by signing up and using a Schnucks eScrip Customer Card. Just follow these easy steps:

• Pick up a Schnucks eScrip Customer Card at the customer service desk.
• Register your Schnucks eScrip Customer Card by calling 800-931-6258. Please select Group ID #500030333 to designate the Parkland College Foundation to receive your donation.
• You can also sign in to “my eScrip” at www.escrip.com/schnucks.jsp to activate your new card and to register additional credit/debit cards to maximize your contributions 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.
• When you shop at Schnucks, give the checker your Schnucks eScrip Customer Card to scan every time you shop. Contributions will be paid on all of your purchases with the exception of gift cards, money orders, and services.
• For your convenience, Schnucks eScrip Customer Cards may be used for both the eScrip and Fuel Rewards programs.

If you have any questions about the Schnucks eScrip Customer Card program, please contact Mike Hagan at 217/351-2457.
ADDITIONAL FALL 2011 SCHOLARSHIPS

August C. Meyer Sr. Scholarship
David Erickson
Rebekah Rothemel

Carle Scholars
Sarah Havice

Clifford-Jacobs Scholarship
Paul Hood

Dane Bundy Memorial Award
Taylor Morefield

Dorothea Frederickson Smith Award
Shakela Rogers-Richardson

Fisher National Bank Scholarship
Daniel Beachy
Christopher Starbird

Foundation Unrestricted Scholarship
Christopher Starbird

Illinois Health Improvement Foundation Scholarship
Mychal Powell

Mike Mettler & Priscilla Atkins Scholarship for Horticulture
Timothy Lahey
Curtis Prochnow

Mike Mettler & Priscilla Atkins Scholarship for Literature
Health Gernenz

Kristine Rotzoll Memorial Scholarship
Shannon Reynolds

AWARDS AND EVENTS

VALENTI COMPASSIONATE CARE AWARDS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now being accepted by the Parkland College Health Professions department for the 2012 recipients of the Gloria Valenti Compassionate Care Award. This award was established to honor Gloria Valenti, a model compassionate care giver. The purpose of the award is to encourage and foster compassionate care, now and in the future.

According to Gloria Valenti, “The sincere expressions of caring, such as respectful listening and the offering of hope to patients, can make a meaningful difference in their lives. It is always a worthy goal to care deeply.”

Nominations can be made by faculty, peers, patients, families, or anyone in the community in a position to observe the student’s care. The nomination deadline is March 31 of each year. For more information, please call Parkland Health Professions at 217/351-2224.

JOINING MARTHA WAGNER-WEINBERG (LEFT), WHOSE FATHER’S BEQUEST ESTABLISHED THE GLORIA VALENTI COMPASSIONATE CARE AWARD, ARE FIRST RECIPIENTS OF THE AWARD (L TO R): MICHAEL KITTLE, JAMIE LOGSDON, AND LAURA DEANGELIS, WITH GLORIA VALENTI (FAR RIGHT).

VISIT US ONLINE!

Want information on Foundation scholarships that are available? Thinking of making a gift to support your favorite Parkland College program? Want to view past newsletters? Want to contact us by e-mail? Then visit the Foundation’s webpage at www.parkland.edu/alumnifoundation/foundation.

You’ll find details, criteria, and deadline dates of all the scholarships that the Foundation offers to Parkland students, as well as an online donation form, information on our measurable successes, a snapshot of the Alumni Association, and past issues of the Parkland Update.

We’re just a click away!

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK!
We want to know how you’re doing! 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’s names, special interests and activities): _____________________________________________

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