WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON

Warm and hearty thanks go to all our donors throughout 2010 for your continued or new support of Parkland College students pursuing dreams and goals for a brighter future. Such a future includes obtaining a good education they can use to seek out employment that sustains their families for years to come.

Your support makes all the difference in the world to a student who might be struggling financially to meet his or her goals.

In the spirit of the season, we are grateful to you, our friends and donors, and hope that you and your families have a truly wonderful and safe holiday.

A VOLUNTEER SALUTE

Tireless champion for Parkland continues to give

Again this year, former Board of Trustees member and current Parkland College Foundation Board President Donald C. Dodds, Jr. has offered generous support to Parkland College students and to the work that the school provides to all residents of east central Illinois.

Dodds’s tenure as president on the foundation’s board of directors is now in its 17th year, and his spirit of giving and sharing continues to inspire. We salute his unwavering generosity of time and commitment, in addition to the financial support he has provided for scholarships, the Multi-Purpose Room in the Child Development Center, and numerous projects throughout the college campus over the years.

Thank you for your service and dedication to Parkland, Donald Dodds!
Dear Parkland alumni and supporters,

I am pleased to share with you the status of our two-phase master plan for new construction and existing space improvement at Parkland College’s main campus. As you can see, although there is still much work to do, we’re making significant progress.

For detailed construction and repair updates, please visit www.parkland.edu and click “We’re Growing” at the bottom of the home page.

**Facility Upgrades**

_Elevators._ All upgrades have been completed on elevators within the campus’ X, A, B, C, M, P , and L Wings.

_Roofs._ Phase I of scheduled roof repairs has been completed, while Phase 2 work, planned for the A, L, M, and P Wings, is currently being designed. Bidding on the work is tentatively scheduled for April 2011.

_Wing Remodeling._ C Wing trim work is nearing completion, and trim work in the B Wing will begin shortly. Carpet installation in the lower X Wing is scheduled for the winter break.

**New Construction Progress**

_Applied Technology Center (ATC)._ Contracts are being completed between the contractors and the State of Illinois’ Capital Development Board to build the 64,000 sq. ft. facility that will house Parkland’s Automotive, Ford ASSET, Collision Repair, Industrial Technology, and Welding programs. With construction plans/documentation now complete and approved by the Board of Trustees and the CDB, the intent is to have the facility ready for classes in spring 2012.

_Student Services Center._ Design work should begin before the end of 2010 to create this 80,000 sq. ft. facility that will house all student services functions and add student lounge and food service space. The state’s Capital Development Board is completing contracts with chosen lead architect Perkins and Will. Illinois recently released $2 million of appropriated funding for this project, which will be used to pay for facility design fees and construction documents.

_Fitness Center._ In conjunction with the Student Services Center, we will be constructing a new Fitness Center adjacent to the gym and remodeling the lower level of the gymnasium in the process. Completing the project would give the College a “state of the art” athletic facility with space for Kinesiology, dance, aerobics, and strength training courses, an indoor walking track, new locker rooms and team rooms, and coaches’ offices.

_Physical Plant/Grounds Building._ Constructing the ATC requires that our existing Physical Plant/Grounds building be demolished and relocated. A site at the northwest corner of the college property, currently being readied for a new concrete floor, will be the location of a 9,000-square-foot, wood framed/steel sided, new Grounds building.

Happy holidays,

Tom Ramage
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NAMES CLASS OF 2010

The Parkland College Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2010 will be inducted during ceremonies at halftime of the men’s basketball game vs. Danville on Saturday, January 29, 2011. The Class is represented by former student-athletes Kim Burke (women’s basketball); Jennifer Carroll (women’s basketball); Dan Grant (baseball); Howard Walker (baseball); former coach Tim Wulf (women’s basketball); contributor Billie Mitchell, former administrative assistant for the Athletic Department; and the 2002 Softball team, NJCAA national runner-up.

INSTRUCTOR WINS EIU ALUMNI AWARD

Parkland College English Professor Richard D. Morris has received a 2010 Outstanding Graduate Alumni Award from Eastern Illinois University, conferred on alumni who have excelled in their fields at the local and national level.

Dr. Morris earned a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1989 and a Master of Arts in English in 1990 from Eastern Illinois University. In 1996, he earned a Ph.D. in English from Purdue University. At Parkland, Dr. Morris has served as the director of Composition; coordinator of the introductory course to the Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS 189); coordinator of Parkland’s collegewide mentoring program; and Parkland coordinator for the EIU English Graduate Assistant Teaching Internship.

With Michelle Sidler and Elizabeth Smith, Dr. Morris assembled and edited the collection *Computers in the Composition Classroom: A Critical Sourcebook*, which was awarded Best Book by the international Computers and Writing Conference in 2009. He has also written four short plays; one of them, *Visiting Hour*, was performed at the Parkland Theatre in February 2007. A full-length play he wrote, *Memorial Day*, was given a staged reading in January 2009 at the theatre.

LET OTHERS KNOW WHAT’S NEW WITH YOU!

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Address __________________________________________ City ___________________________________________ State ______ Zip _______________

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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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For more information, call 217/351-2458.
YEAR-END GIVING

The year’s end often marks a time in which many people pause to reflect and plan. Taking time between now and December 31 to thoughtfully consider your charitable giving can help assure maximum benefits to you and to your charitable interests. Prioritizing what to give and when to give it can increase the impact of your gifts while meeting personal priorities.

**Enjoy Tax Savings.** Federal (and many state) tax laws make it possible for you to reduce or eliminate taxes on charitable donations. When you itemize your deductions, in fact, funds used as charitable gifts can be deducted from the amount otherwise subject to federal income tax, allowing you to give more than you thought possible. Since the amount and timing of charitable gifts are totally within the giver’s control, millions of Americans take advantage of the opportunity these year-end charitable gifts offer to reduce their tax liability.

**Gifts of Cash.** While all gifts mailed or otherwise delivered by December 31 qualify for tax deductibility for 2010, gifts of cash or by check are the most popular giving methods. Through gifts of cash, it is possible to eliminate or reduce income tax on up to 50% of your gross income. Larger gifts may result in tax savings in as many as six tax years. Remember, the higher your tax bracket, the more you save.

**Save More When You Give Other Assets.** Gifts of property such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and similar assets that have increased in value over time can result in extra tax savings. If you donate assets you’ve held for longer than one year, you can generally deduct them at their current value, including any paper profits from your taxable income. In addition to the regular tax savings, Congress has provided that you do not have to pay capital gains tax on assets given to charity. This additional tax savings is one reason why some people choose to give in this way. Gifts of appreciated assets can eliminate tax on up to 30% of your adjusted gross income. The best assets for you to give are those that have increased the highest in value and would result in higher capital gains taxes if sold. Many also choose to give low-yielding assets, resulting in little or no impact on future spendable income.

**Leaving a Legacy.** Toward the end of each year, many people also review their long-range estate and financial plans. Wills, life insurance policies, retirement accounts, and other planning vehicles can offer exceptional opportunities for leaving a lasting legacy to charitable interests. As you review your plans, keep in mind that recent tax law changes have resulted in lower estate and gift taxes for many Americans, leaving more assets available for loved ones and other priorities such as making charitable gifts.

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

COSTA RICA EDUCATIONAL TOUR

Explore sites in and around San José, the capital of Costa Rica, with Parkland agriculture and Spanish language students during a 10-day Study Abroad opportunity in spring 2011.

Parkland’s supervised Study Abroad program, “Study in Costa Rica,” will take place March 18-27, 2011. Designed for students seeking field experience in international agriculture as well as students taking intermediate Spanish, the tour offers visits to tropical crops, cocoa, coffee, banana, and pineapple plantations; dairy farms; vegetable and flower farms; beef cattle farms; and more. Participants gain firsthand knowledge of agriculture’s role in international food production/trade as well as a great understanding of how cultural and economic diversity influences agriculture.

“The impact this trip has had on previous attendees has been tremendous,” Study Abroad coordinator Don Bergfield said, recalling a recent meeting with a former agriculture student now on internship with Archer Daniels Midland Company as a grain merchandiser. “[The student] told me that the Costa Rica trip was one of the most important factors in landing him the internship at ADM’s Hutchison, Kansas, plant,” Bergfield said. He added that the student was recently offered a full-time position with ADM upon completion of his degree at Illinois State University this spring.

Residents needing more information or who wish to apply for this exciting adventure should contact Don Bergfield, Study Abroad coordinator for Business and Agri-Industries, at 217/351-2406 or dbergfield@parkland.edu.
NEW VENUE, GREAT SUCCESS

13th Annual Gala

The 2010 Parkland College Foundation Annual Gala Fundraiser was held on Friday, October 15 at the Champaign Country Club. Over 250 attendees were treated to delicious appetizers and desserts, a wine toss, and a silent auction with items such as a John Deere lawn tractor and Coleman gas grill. More than $45,000 was raised for Parkland College scholarships.

Thanks to our presenting sponsor, Central Illinois Manufacturing, and to our corporate sponsors, whose support was the reason for such a successful event.


Special friends of the event include Arends Brothers LLC, Hicksgas, Marine Bank, Pepsi-Cola CU Bottling Co., and Premiere Global Sports.
PARKLAND ART GALLERY WINS AWARDS

The Parkland Art Gallery recently won awards from the Illinois Association of Museums (IAM) for materials surrounding one of the gallery’s biannual art exhibits.

The Award of Excellence was presented to the gallery for the 2010 National Ceramics Biennial Invitational catalogue that accompanied its exhibition of the same title. Parkland also earned the IAM Award of Merit for an episode of the Parkland Channel (PCTV) program “For Arts’ Sake” which spotlighted this year’s ceramics invitational. The awards were presented at the IAM Conference in Naperville on November 4. The association gives Awards of Excellence for creative and professional works that use available resources and meet professional standards.

Both the gallery’s catalogue and PCTV episode promoted the “State of the Art: 2010 Biennial Ceramics Invitational” exhibit that was on display at the Parkland Art Gallery from February 15 to March 30. The catalogue allowed the artists and the gallery to have documentation of this exhibition, said gallery director Lisa Costello.