PARTNERS FOR PARKLAND

In 2008, the Partners for Parkland campaign raised $813,000, a 24% growth from 2007, thanks to the support of our Co-Chairs, Bonnie Kelley and David Barr, as well as the following volunteers whose efforts were instrumental in the campaign’s success. A warm thank you to Division Chair volunteers in 2008: Bonnie Blair, Scott Bechtel, Todd Black, Mike Cocagne, Laura Frerichs, Lorna Geiler, Dana Gray, Terry Harter, John Hecker, Joe Henderson, Gene Lamb, Kim Martin, Mark McHale, David Morse, Mark Pelafoos, Jim Slack, Jerry Schweighart, Jeff Troxell, Marjorie Williams, and Martha Yallaly.

Funds donated to the Annual Campaign support the constantly changing educational climate which includes obtaining state-of-the-art technical equipment and program improvements. And, during the 2007-2008 academic year, the Foundation awarded 231 scholarships to 182 deserving students totaling over $185,000.

Special thanks also to the Foundation’s Investment Committee, in particular board member David Johnson, whose input and expertise allowed a decrease of only 5.41% in 2008, compared to a decline of 38.5% in the S&P 500.

Your continued and generous support has contributed to Parkland College consistently maintaining a premier reputation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15
Scholarship Reception, recognizing Parkland College Salute, Trustees, and Foundation Scholarship Recipients and Donors, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Parkland College Theatre. Reception following in the Gallery Lounge. Please call 217/351-2464 for more information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24
Arbor Day Celebration, 10 a.m., Parkland College Child Development Center Multipurpose Room. Please call 217/351-2464 for more information.

THURSDAY, MAY 7
Parkland’s Associate Degree Nursing Program’s 40th Anniversary, 5 to 7 p.m., Gallery Lounge on campus. Please call 217/351-2458 for more information or to have your name added to the invitation list.

Don’t miss Parkland’s Associate Degree Nursing Program’s 40th Anniversary!

Thursday, May 7 • 5–7 p.m., Gallery Lounge
All nursing alumni are invited and encouraged to attend!
Dear District 505 alumni and residents,

I am pleased to share with you just a few of the exciting changes occurring in and around Parkland College these days, offering community residents greater opportunities to prepare for and keep local jobs that, in these economic times, grow scarcer by the minute.

**Skilled Manufacturing Technicians Partnership (SMT)**

Recently awarded a 3-year employment and training grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, the new SMT will help manufacturing employees land more highly skilled maintenance/repair technical jobs. This partnership includes area workforce leaders and K-12 schools. Parkland will obtain industry-specific equipment, lease lab space, and provide on-campus training, internships, and mentoring to achieve SMT goals.

**Engineering Science and Technologies (EST) complex**

Work on a new 77,000 sq. ft. EST complex on the west side of campus begins this summer. It will provide the classroom and lab space desperately needed for our current programs, allowing several key programs to expand due to student demand. It is also expected to create hundreds of jobs during construction.

**Parkland College on Mattis**

This past fall, we finished renovating vacant space at what we now call “Parkland College on Mattis Avenue,” a facility we purchased in Champaign. The building now includes a state-of-the-art Health Professions annex, which can better accommodate growing enrollments in several high-demand programs:

- Associate Degree Nursing (ADN)
- Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)
- Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA)
- Massage Therapy
- Medical Assisting
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Paramedic
- Phlebotomy

You’ll enjoy more exciting news in this spring’s Parkland Update. Remember, such good news isn’t possible without your support!

Yours for higher learning,

Dr. Thomas Ramage

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**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 an on-line 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!

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**ARBOR DAY**

On Arbor Day, Friday, April 24, 2009, you can honor or remember a friend or a loved one with a living gift. Your contribution of $300.00 or more to the Parkland College Foundation will get you a tree planted in Parkland’s Memorial Grove with a small plaque.

If you are interested in purchasing a tree, please contact the Foundation by April 10, at 217/351-2464.

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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On Saturday, February 28, 2009, Parkland College welcomed its second class into the Athletic Hall of Fame. The ceremonies took place during halftime of the Men’s Basketball game vs. Illinois Central College. Kenny Banks, a two-time NJCAA All-American in track, unveiled the Class of 2008 banner which will hang on the north wall in the gym.

**Members of the Class of 2008:**

**Wayne Angel (1971-73)**
A two-time NJCAA All-American in track, Angel was second in the 600-yd. dash and ran a leg on the second-place 2-mile relay team. He also competed in cross country and wrestling at Parkland before transferring to Illinois, where he was a two-time Big Ten champion and tri-captain. An Olympic Trials participant in 1980 and ‘84, Angel is in his fifth year as Illinois men’s track coach. He is a native of Rantoul and was previously inducted into the Rantoul High School Hall of Fame. Wayne and his wife Tammy are the proud parents of Danielle, Wayne, Geoffrey, and Raven.

**Kenny Banks (1986-87)**
A two-time NJCAA All-American in the high jump, Banks holds the school record in the event indoors (7 feet, 2 inches) and outdoors (7-6½). After Parkland, he transferred to Arkansas where he became a top ranked high jumper. Banks finished fourth in the U.S. Championships in 1986 and ’88, and competed in the Olympic Trials in ’88. Banks lives in Houston where he owns Houston KACO, Inc., a general contracting firm. His company was hired to assist in the cleanup efforts of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Ike.

**Chris Cuchra (1993-94)**
Cuchra was a catcher on the 1993 and ’94 baseball teams. He still holds the Parkland single season records for home runs (13) and RBI (78) and also ranks in the top 10 in batting average (.435), doubles (20) and hits (84). Cuchra helped the Cobras to a 96-21 record. After Parkland, he played one season at Armstrong State (Savannah, GA) and one season at Berry College (Mount Berry, GA). He resides in Ancona, IL where he owns Cuchra Transport, Inc. Chris and his wife Laura are the proud parents of one daughter, Taylor Ann.

**Roger Herbsleb (1973-2002)**
Herbsleb was a scorekeeper for men’s and women’s basketball as well as volleyball for nearly 30 years. He was a 20-year employee at Parkland, serving as the supervisor of the Print Shop, before retiring in 1993. Roger and his wife Phyllis live in Mahomet and have six children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Ken Pritchett (1968-78)**
Parkland’s first men’s basketball coach, Ken won more than 150 games. The highlight of his run was a 24-5 record in 1977-78. In 2008, Pritchett was inducted into the Lawrenceville (IL) H.S. Hall of Fame, where he was 93-18 in four years as basketball coach. Ken and his wife Tammy live in Grayville, IL and have three children and 10 grandchildren.

**Lynette Trout (1975-98)**
Lynette founded the women’s athletic program at Parkland, coaching softball, volleyball, and women’s basketball. In 1975-76, her volleyball team finished third in the state and her women’s basketball team advanced to nationals after going 19-0 in the regular season. Lynette taught for 30 years in the physical education and math departments at Parkland. Since her retirement, she lives on Lake Sara in Effingham.

**2002 Men’s Baseball – NJCAA National Champions**
 Became the third Parkland team to win an NJCAA national championship and still holds the school record for single-season wins (55) and winning percentage (.859). The Cobras went 55-9 and were led by First Team All-Americans in pitcher Derek Drage and infielder Dan Grant. Other team members: Luke Atkins, Anthony Billups, Mike Coles, Mark Colleran, Dan Davy, Derek DeClerk, Craig Dilley, Matt Elder, James Erdelac, Bo Gum, Casey Hammond, Matt Hayes, Brent Heaberlin, Matt Huckstep, Tommy Johnson, Ben Lee, Andrew Leichty, Beau Links, Chris Malone, Ryan Marker, David Smith, Michael Stitz, Mike Tomaszewski, Pat West, Kyle Widegren, and Steve Ziroli. Coaches were Jeff Gertz, Rod Lovett, and David Seifert, and Brendan McHale was the trainer.
SPRING 2009 SCHOLARSHIPS

AgReliant Genetics Scholarship
Landon Reutter
Aaron Schaffer

Scott Alender Memorial Scholarship
Bailee Poggendorf

AMBUCS Respiratory/Occupational Therapy Scholarship
Jaouad El Hamrini

BankChampaign Scholarship
Kaci Ogden

Robby Gregory Barnes Memorial Scholarship
Ashley Runck

Joseph S. and Sarah E. Bash Nursing Scholarship
Laura Coblentz

Mary Elizabeth Bash Memorial Scholarship
Joy Wilson

Floyd Bauman Scholarship
Marcus Brown

Birkey’s Farm Store Scholarship
Distom Luhrsen

Jodi Brandon Scholarship
Christopher Plunk

Jac Bruno Scholarship
Miranda Fessler

Dane Bundy Memorial Scholarship
Kohei Jimmura
Rae Anne Lindsay

Burke Family Farm Scholarship
Darren Fiedler

Hamm Burke American Legion
Carol Kalk

Julia F. Burnham Scholarship
Jeong Hyun Hwang

Carle Scholars
Jennifer Beck
Amy Ismail
Jamie Moller
Laurie Pettigrew
Glenda Schmidt

Marilyn Casey Nursing Scholarship
Julie Folsom

Champaign County Sports Car Club Scholarship
Scott Breeding
Clayton Coulter
Naveed Somani

Champaign-Urbana AIB Chapter
Benjamin Ryckman

F. Lorene Christians Nursing Scholarship
Janet Mattingly

Clifford-Jacobs Scholarship
Daniel Arney

Computer Science & Information Technology Scholarship
Lee Alexander, Jr.
Beverly Black
Leah Clark
Darcie Cohoe

Douglas County Community Scholarship
Caroline Carleton

Jean Due Scholarship
Linda Fields

Fenton E. English Scholarship
Isaac Hayes

Joyce & Dale Ewen Family Scholarship
Kyung-Youn Kim

Parkland College Faculty & Staff Scholarship
Lisa Hofmann
Darby Wickline

Patricia K. Flessner Scholarship
Dallas Knauer

Ford County Community Scholarship
Alycia Carter

Juanita Gammon Graphic Design Scholarship
Paula Popowski

Hites Foundation Scholarship
Adam Kerr
Susan King

JoAnna Tenneh Diggs Hoff Memorial Scholarship
Renee DeBord

Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts
Eric Dippel
Austin Moore

Illinois Community College System Foundation Health Improvement Award
Ann Kibler
Linda Scribner

Maurer Family Scholarship
Hamid Bougrine
Jaouad El Hamrini

McGrain-Huff Scholarship
Laura Coblentz
Jonathan Hudson

Peter McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship
Denise Deleon

Randall A. Millas Theatre Scholarship
Matthew Eberle

David L. Miller Memorial Fund
Dana Litwin

Thomas James Neal & Lynnie May Rice Neal Scholarship
Sandra Gehrt
Sean Luna

Commander Leonard H. Nettnin Memorial Scholarship
Peter Milinkovic

Richard D. Norris Student Government Scholarship
Jeong Hyun Hwang
Simeon Pavlov

O’Dell Family Scholarship
Kyle Vogelzang

Parts Plus Award
Naveed Somani

Piatt County Community Scholarship
Carol Kalk
Kristi Crisman

Parkland Proud Scholarship
Carol Burton
Lindie Ferrell
Nancy Gill
Devin Huckstep
Jesse Marsh
Jason Martin
Audrey Young

Rantoul Community Scholarship
Dallas Knauer
Sean Luna
Danice Roberts

Sandra W. Reifsteck Scholarship
Laura Coblentz

Kristine Rotzoll Memorial Scholarship
Kate Messmer

Jayne Ryoti Scholarship
Tim Thorp

Rachel & Vernie Schroeder Scholarship for Nursing
Debi Ballew

Rachel & Vernie Schroeder Scholarship for Agriculture
Zachary Bunting

Jimm Scott Memorial Scholarship
Jeffrey Chism

Herb Seto Scholarship
Christopher Holmes-Singh

George Shapland Scholarship
Remona Freeman

Ted Silver Scholarship
Jonathan Hudson

Southwood Van-Es Scholarship (AAUW)
Laura Coblentz

Charles Thomas Memorial
Remona Freeman

Underwood-Alger Scholarship
Kenton Visser

Foundation Unrestricted Scholarship
Justin Duncan
Lars Oberg

Ernest Vassar Memorial Award
Axtom Cole

Veterinary Technology Scholarship
Leah Rhoads

Vet Tech Anonymous Award
Christina Roberts

Vitoux Family Agriculture Scholarship
Gregory Meiss

Vitoux Family LAS Scholarship
Lisa Hofmann

Vitoux Family Music Scholarship
Hillary Engel

Judith Davis Weatherall Memorial Scholarship
John Tellier

Melissa Bailey Wolfram Memorial Scholarship
Leeza Chapman
Staci Swisher
PARKLAND COLLEGE TRAINS HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO HELP MEET HIGH DEMAND FOR CAREGIVERS FOR THE ELDERLY

Carle Foundation Hospital makes significant contribution for related curriculum and certificate program

As the population ages, the need for healthcare workers and caregivers specially trained to care for the elderly is on the rise. In addition to the large demand for healthcare providers in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, many elderly people are hiring home health aides or depending on family members to allow them to receive the care and assistance they need while safely staying in their homes.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that between 2000 and 2010 an additional 1.2 million nursing aides and home health aides will be needed to cover the anticipated growth in long-term care positions and replace departing workers. Locally, according to the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging, the 60+ population is expected to number 234,624 by 2030.

To help meet these increasing demands of the local aging community, Carle Foundation Hospital has generously donated to Parkland College to help build a workforce trained to care for the elderly and to strengthen family caregivers. The donation is currently funding:

- The creation of new geriatric-centered coursework for licensed practical nurses and registered nurses.
- The Multi-disciplinary Certificate Program in Geriatrics for Non-Physicians is open to anyone in the healthcare field as well as anyone interested in caring for the elderly, such as adult children.

The geriatric-centered coursework is in development, and the Multi-disciplinary Certificate Program is currently being offered. Those enrolled are learning skills that directly benefit older adults who are living at home and need assistance, or who may still live relatively independently in alternate living accommodations.

“The needs of the older population have been overlooked for a while,” said Tom Ramage, president of Parkland College. “Nursing homes have a difficult time filling their staffing needs. We think Carle’s support of Parkland will allow us to aim our healthcare graduates at those institutions, and these graduates will ultimately strengthen care in their own homes.”

Nursing aides and home health aides provide much of the care in long-term care settings, both in nursing homes and in the community. Parkland College’s community education unit – which is currently providing programs on wellness, nutrition and safe driving – educates non-nurse caregivers, including home health aides or family members. This, too, is aimed at meeting the increasing needs of the aging population. In fact, the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging indicates 12 million older Americans will need long-term care by 2020.

“Carle Foundation Hospital is committed to the development of today’s and tomorrow’s healthcare workforce, including physicians. That’s a primary reason Carle established a geriatric fellowship to prepare doctors in elderly care,” said James C. Leonard, MD, president and CEO of Carle Foundation Hospital.

Carle Foundation Hospital has been funding Carle Scholars at Parkland College since 2000 and has donated more than $1.2 million to date.

TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Parkland’s associate professor of psychology Terry Scott Adcock and Fay Rouseff-Baker, associate vice president for Teaching and Learning, recently shared the honor as the 2009 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development’s (NISOD) Teaching Excellence Award winners for Parkland. The NISOD award is given annually to a Parkland faculty member whose dedication to teaching and leadership excellence is evident by effectiveness in the classroom.

A leader in online learning, Adcock was instrumental in redesigning Parkland’s online Psychology 101 course and in developing its online Teaching Certification course. She was also co-chair of the Faculty Evaluation Task Force that created a new instructor evaluation tool for Parkland students. Adcock began her career at Parkland in 1984, joining as a full-time faculty member in 1998.

Rouseff-Baker has been the top administrator of the Center for Excellence in Teaching in Learning for 15 years. Under her leadership, the center designed and implemented multiple courses, seminars, and workshops to promote faculty learning; the faculty Mentoring Program; and an ongoing learning system for faculty and staff. Recipient of the 1984 Illinois Master Teacher Award, Rouseff-Baker taught English for nearly 30 years at the public school and community college levels.

Adcock and Rouseff-Baker will each receive $1,000 for professional development, a plaque, and award recognition during the annual NISOD conference at Texas in May.
LET OTHERS KNOW WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU!

Name ____________________________________________ Social Security/ID 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) __________________________

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