Gift of Education Luncheon Breaks Record for Scholarship Support

The Cape Fear Community College Foundation recently raised $257,325 for student scholarships during its fourth annual “Changing Lives Through the Gift of Education,” luncheon on May 22. That is over $82,000 more than was raised at last year’s event and brought the Foundation’s 2007-08 fund total to more than $1.3 million.

In the keynote address, one of the nation’s leading advocates for education, former Governor Jim Hunt discussed the merits of higher education to a crowd of more than 425 community friends gathered at the Schwartz Center on Thursday, May 22. Hunt, who is the only governor of North Carolina elected to four terms, addressed the importance of supporting and strengthening our state’s community college system.

Attendees also had the opportunity to see presentations about various programs within the college and hear from students who have received Foundation scholarships. “Without scholarships, it would have been difficult for me to afford to go to school,” said recent CFCC graduate Dawn Hale. “I am very grateful for the support of the Foundation, and also the generosity of our community. CFCC students like myself are very fortunate to have the Foundation working on our behalf.”

Alumni Spotlight

C athleena Fonville attended Cape Fear Community College from 1996-1999 and earned her A.A.S. in Electronic Engineering with Instrumentation emphasis. After graduating from Cape Fear she went on to receive her B.S.E.T in Electrical Engineering from the University of North Carolina Charlotte.

She is currently employed by General Electric as a Supplier Quality Engineer. Fonville attributes her achievement “to God, first and foremost, and the education she received from Cape Fear which allowed her to succeed at Corning Incorporated and General Electric, which are two of the biggest industrial facilities in Wilmington, NC.”

Fonville believes that “CFCC helps to create people who are valuable to the workforce with all of the different programs they have to offer people.”
Generous Community Partners Support CFCC

On June 9th, Dan Webb (far left) and Michael Cranford (far right) of Gregory Poole presented CFCC President Eric McKeithan and Cal Geary, lead instructor for marine & diesel mechanics, a check for $2,000.00. By partnering with Blanchard Machinery and Caterpillar, they are proudly donating equipment and scholarship money for the advancement of students in the Marine Diesel program at CFCC. Gregory Poole Marine Power is confident its partnership with CFCC will strongly benefit both organizations as well as the Wilmington community.


Alumni Association Update

The CFCC Alumni Association, which debuted at a February 23rd Alumni Kick-Off event before the CFCC Sea Devil’s men’s basketball game, is off to a great start. The Association now boasts a membership of over 1,000 alumni and is growing every day! If you attended CFCC and would like to join for FREE, visit www.cfcc.edu/alumni.

In addition, the CFCC Alumni Council is busy drafting by-laws for the Association, and recently approved a mission statement (below). We’ll keep you posted on the success of this great new organization at CFCC!

The mission of the Cape Fear Community College Alumni Association is to form partnerships and strengthen relationships between the community, the College, and its alumni. Initiatives will be based on the Association’s core values of giving back through involvement, fellowship and service. The Association will be a positive, goal-oriented steward for CFCC, its mission and goals.

Margaret Stargell of the Willie Stargell Foundation (shown above with CFCC Foundation Chair Betsy Leonard, left, and President Eric McKeithan, right) recently presented $25,000 to CFCC. The gift will be used to award scholarships to students in the nursing program with a specialized interest in patients in varying stages of renal disease. CFCC’s health care programs have garnered an outstanding reputation among the local health care community by earning a stunning 100% pass rate on their respective certification exams each year.
2008 Order of the Cape Fear Inductees Honored

On June 26, the Foundation was honored to induct several generous individuals and organizations into the Order of the Cape Fear at its annual Donor Appreciation event, including the Winter Park Volunteer Fire Department (pictured above). The Order of the Cape Fear is CFCC's most prestigious giving society, and honors donors whose cumulative gifts have exceeded $10,000. Also inducted for 2008 were: the CJB Foundation; Bobby W. Harrelson; Warren Kennedy, Jr./Clint B. Robertson Endowed Scholarship; Kiwanis Club of Wilmington, Inc.; NHRMC Auxiliary, Inc.; the Dr. William and Maryann Robison Endowed Scholarship; George Rountree, III; SSN777 Endowment Fund; The Willie Stargell Foundation; Dr. and Mrs. Ellis Tinsley, Sr.; Madeline “Tuggie” Trask; Jon and Deedy Vincent; and Margaret K. Vinson.

Support Our Students

Give the Gift of Education. Gifts to the CFCC Foundation are used to support our students and further the work of the college and are deeply appreciated. Over 200 scholarships are awarded each semester to deserving students who otherwise might not have the opportunity to improve their lives. A gift of $1,000 will provide most CFCC students with tuition, fees and books for one semester.

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For more information, please call the Foundation at 362-7207 or visit www.cfcc.edu/foundation.

2008-09 Student Ambassadors Selected

The CFCC Student Ambassador Program teaches the importance of responsibility and teamwork and creates a well-rounded college experience for a select group of students each academic year. Ambassadors are chosen based on their academic achievement, leadership ability, and college involvement, and they represent the College at various functions and special events. In exchange for their service, Ambassadors receive a scholarship which covers expenses for tuition, fees and textbooks.

The following students have been selected as the 2008-09 Student Ambassadors:

Wade Boteler, Skye Collins, Amber Livengood, Thomas Lopez, Maria Mayorga, Nancy Pechersky, Dustin Rudisill (co-chair), Heather Seagroves and Laurel Servicky (co-chair).
Mark your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

Ribbon Cutting, CFCC Safety Training Center
Thursday, September 11, 8:30 am, CFCC North Campus, 4500 Blue Clay Road

CFCC Constitution Day Celebration, "Celebrating our Constitution, History and FREEDOM"
Wednesday, September 17, noon, CFCC Galehouse Building by the Flag

CFCC Foundation Staff pose in costume at the 2008 Donor Appreciation “1950s Beach Bash” event on Thursday, June 26. Over 250 donors and their guests enjoyed an evening of 1950’s food, fellowship and dancing at CFCC’s North Campus.

Left to right: Dana McKoy, Margaret Robison, Kay Warren, Val Clemmons and Debbie Ward. (Special thanks to Joe “Big Cat” Robinson of Parker’s Collision for the use of his 1957 Chevy at the event.)

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