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First Lady Praises Philanthropy Leaders

First Lady Anne Holton celebrated and praised the recipients of the 2008 Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy. Delivering the keynote address at Country Club of Virginia luncheon honoring the recipients on April 23, Ms. Holton acknowledged their contributions to community colleges across the state. "Hearing about these honorees and how they have stepped outside of themselves to give back to the community reassures me about the spirit of humanity," said Ms. Holton.

The Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy was created in 2006 to honor outstanding community college supporters across Virginia. These philanthropists have demonstrated a passion and commitment to ensuring that deserving people receive the advantage of a college education.

Each philanthropy leader becomes the namesake for one of 23 Commonwealth Legacy Scholarships, which are awarded to a student attending the community college in their area. This year, the **Wachovia Foundation** provided funds to sponsor these scholarships.

The Virginia Foundation for Community College Education surprised Barbara and Mark Fried at the luncheon by announcing the *Barbara and Mark Fried Commonwealth Legacy Scholarship Endowment for Great Expectations*. The Frieds have been advocates of the community college system for years and have been instrumental in launching a challenge grant for the *Great Expectations* program. More than \$100,000 was raised to establish the scholarship endowment.

"These distinguished individuals are sharing with us their secrets to make a better tomorrow. They are giving of themselves, improving people's lives by affording them the opportunity of higher education," said Glenn DuBois, Chancellor of Virginia's Community Colleges.

The Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy 2008 Recipients

Blue Ridge Community College

Mr. Carl A. Rosberg of Waynesboro

Central Virginia Community College

Mr. Thomas A. Christopher of Lynchburg

Dabney S. Lancaster Community College

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Northern Virginia Community College

Dr. Lee Gurel of Alexandria

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Mr. Irving M. Groves, Jr. of Martinsville

Paul D. Camp Community College

Mrs. Frances Hobbs of Suffolk

Piedmont Virginia Community College

Mrs. Grace H. Carpenter of Charlottesville

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TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS



Spring is a happy time at Virginia's Community Colleges. The commencement ceremonies held throughout our community colleges create a collage of images—of parents watching the first ever member of their family grab hold of a college degree; of fresh, young faces beaming with the promise of tomorrow; of

mature faces grateful for a second chance at the American dream. These moments allow us to learn again the power behind a college education.

You make so many of those special moments possible.

Your generosity, your willingness to help someone else—often a complete stranger—pursue a college education and earn a better life is incredible. And I cannot say it too many times: thank you.

Your partnership is proving to be a steady rock in these challenging times. While our enrollment numbers break records the challenges of our economy limit our share of the state budget. Amidst those challenges your leadership is allowing us to proceed with our critical mission of offering accessible and affordable college opportunities.

Have a great summer! And know how much all of us at Virginia's Community Colleges appreciate your continued partnership.

Glenn DuBois
Chancellor

VFCCE Elects New Board Members

The VFCCE held its first Board Meeting of the year on March 26 at The Miller Center for Public Affairs in Charlottesville. The agenda included the formal election of three new members to the board. The Foundation is pleased to welcome Michael A. Smith, Julien G. Patterson and Janet M. Osborn. Each new member comes to the board with a wealth of experience, and we look forward to working alongside them.

Michael A. Smith

Mr. Smith began his career with *Valley Proteins, Inc.* as co-director of plant operations and environmental affairs in 1989, after graduating from Shepherd College. Promoted to Vice President in 1994, Smith and his brother, Gerald F. Smith, now co-owners, have been committed to providing "excellent ecologically sound service."

Julien G. Patterson

Formerly with the CIA, Mr. Patterson founded *OMNIPLEX World Services Corporation* in 1990. Under his leadership as President and CEO the company has grown to a successful mid-sized corporation with two wholly owned subsidiaries, *OMNISEC International Investigations, Inc.* and *OMNISEC International Security Services, Inc.*

Janet M. Osborn

Ms. Osborn is the Principal and Southeast Region Manager, Consulting Sales at *Hewitt Associates, LLC*, leading business development for Hewitt Associates in the mid-Atlantic. In 2007, she was recognized as the top consulting sales manager in North America.

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Barbara and Mark Fried Commonwealth Legacy Scholarship Endowment for *Great Expectations*

During a special presentation at the Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy luncheon, Mark and Barbara Fried were surprised by the VFCCE, Chancellor DuBois and First Lady Anne Holton with an endowment bearing their names. Selected for this surprise endowment for their commitment to expanding affordable access to higher education, Barbara and Mark Fried are tremendous supporters of Virginia's Community Colleges. Their most recent contribu-

tion was a generous challenge grant to develop a bold, ambitious, and innovative program—*Great Expectations*—to expand community college opportunities for emancipated foster care youth.

The endowment will award annual scholarships to two deserving foster care youth.

We are honored to pay tribute to a couple who has lead by example and challenged others to do the same.

New Leadership gives Momentum to *Great Expectations*

Joining Virginia's Community Colleges as the Project Director for the *Great Expectations* initiative, Carol Underhill brings leadership and momentum to the project for foster care youth. With a background in designing and developing new education programs, along with extensive experience in development and fundraising, Ms. Underhill will oversee the VCCS/Virginia Foundation for Community College Education's *Great Expectations* transitional education program for foster youth.

Pilot programs start this fall at five community colleges throughout the state. These colleges will host after-school programs for students ages 13 to 17 and comprehensive programs for foster care youth and alumni ages 18 to 24 to help them gain access to a community college education—and move on to employment opportunities and a successful life. Additionally, an online resource center will be created to provide foster youth, social services personnel, counselors and career coaches, and foster and biological parents a central place to access all services.

"I'm very excited to launch this project and hope that in partnership with the First Lady's 'For Keeps' initiative and the VA Department of Social Services, we will be able to make the initiative as robust as possible and reach out to all foster care youth who need our support," Ms. Underhill said.

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Mr. Martin and Mrs. Barbara Bowling
of Kilmarnock

Southside Virginia Community College

Mr. Gene Thomas of Lawrenceville

Southwest Virginia Community College

Mr. Alex E. Booth, Jr. of Stuart, FL

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The Estate of Mrs. Elizabeth P. Smith
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for a very special event.

Make an Online Donation to VFCCE

Supporting Virginia's students and families through the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education (VFCCE) is easier than ever with a new online donation tool at myfuture.vccs.edu/foundation.

Contributing to a scholarship endowment helps to support students' financial needs. An unrestricted gift allows the VFCCE to provide funds where they are most needed.

The foundation is partnering with Groundspring.org to provide confidential and secure online donations via credit card. Donors who contribute online receive instant confirmations and a receipt detailing their tax-deductible gifts.

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Do you want to receive news by email from the VFCCE? Drop us a line at foundation@vccs.edu and give us your email address. You'll get the latest news about ways your donations are changing students' lives.

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