



TEXARKANA COLLEGE FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT | DECEMBER 2015



INEXTRICABLY WOVEN INTO THE FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITY

Texarkana College's involvement with the greater Texarkana area dates back to the year the College was founded; 1927.

Our connection to the community is an important part of what makes us stand apart, and we nurture that relationship through participating in local events, volunteering, and making our facilities available for public use.

Whether it be our culinary students serving survivors at Race for the Cure, students volunteering at Dine on the Line, or our winning team at DeKalb's Chili Cookoff, we strive to be a part of as many community events as possible. We're proud of the connections and relationships we're building in Texarkana and the surrounding area, and we're committed to growing those connections in the future.

This year, TC has been honored with the Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council's Hero Arts Partner Award. This award recognizes organizations and businesses that partner

with TRAHC to help achieve its mission of growing people and community through the arts. We're also honored that Susan G. Komen Texarkana named TC as its 2015 Partner of the Year. Our faculty, staff and students take this partnership very seriously. We enthusiastically participate and volunteer for Race for the Cure every year, reflecting on the members of our TC family and community who have been affected by breast cancer.

We're more than a college; we're a community. As an integral part of this region since 1927, TC will always advocate for and donate our time and efforts to support meaningful causes. While awards and honors are not the motivating factors behind our participation, they remind us that our community cares for TC as much as we care for them.

Thank you for letting us serve you.

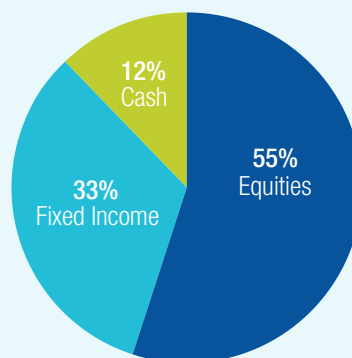
The year in GIVING

TC FOUNDATION BY THE NUMBERS | FALL 2014-2015

\$4,582,064

Assets as of August 31, 2015

► \$2,077,720 ► \$2,476,630
Unrestricted Restricted



Foundation Investments

\$107,515

Scholarships Awarded

35

Named Endowments

THE BOTTOM LINE



JAMES HENRY RUSSELL | TEXARKANA COLLEGE PRESIDENT

On behalf of Texarkana College, I want to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has supported us this past year and to all of you who have worked tirelessly to make the investment in TC a smart one. Our strategic plan outlines ambitious goals for the College. Progress will require successful fundraising, the dedicated efforts of alumni, and a continued commitment on the part of the faculty and staff to make the best possible use of the College's resources.

We have made some great strides in our facilities this past year, but we acknowledge that we still have a long way to go. We are proud of our upgrades to the Stilwell Humanities Center and

our Media Center due to very generous donations from our community. We hope that next time you are near campus, you will drop by for a visit.

One of our greatest assets is our vast network of alumni throughout our community and throughout the country. This group is the best link to our past and many times our most loyal supporters for our future. We look forward to working more closely with them over the next year.

Thank you again for all that you do for Texarkana College. I am optimistic about the College's future, in large part because of the deep commitment of the community to our continued success.

James Henry Russell



Supporting our future **WORKFORCE**

Mike Craven, owner of Red River Lumber, knows a thing or two about giving back. Mike and his wife Caroline support many causes throughout our community. Mike served on the Texarkana College Board of Trustees for six years before joining the TC Foundation Board, where he has served as president for the past two years. His contributions to Texarkana College are immeasurable.

This fall, Mike awarded the first two Red River Lumber Construction Technology Scholarships to TC students Cullen Smith and Kevin Shepard. Each student will receive \$2,000 over two semesters and will be eligible to apply for an internship with Red River Lumber, which will provide valuable on-the-job training and opportunities to make connections that can help lead to careers after graduation.

"Both Cullen and Kevin have such promising futures in the field of construction technology," Craven said. "We were so impressed with both of them that we decided to award two scholarships this first year. We look forward to seeing how these young men contribute to the construction field."

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PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP



A community of **SCHOLARS**

In March 2015, we introduced the newly revamped Texarkana College Presidential Scholarship program. In its first year, 225 students applied, and the TC Foundation awarded scholarships to 87 students.

WHO QUALIFIES

Graduating high school seniors in the top 15% of their class who meet stringent academic criteria.

WHAT IT COVERS

Full tuition and fees for up to two years or 60 semester credit hours at Texarkana College.

SCHOLARSHIP PERKS

Students are admitted into the TC Honors College, which gives them cohort classes, priority registration, and exclusive networking and leadership opportunities.

HOW IT'S FUNDED

The new TC Presidential Scholarship is completely funded by private donors through the TC Foundation.



Honors College students decorate the Texarkana College float for the Four States Fair Parade. The Honors College isn't just an academic endeavor—students are required to commit personal time outside of class to helping with college and community events.



Thirteen years ago, my family decided to pursue better education and opportunities. We immigrated to the U.S. from Mexico, and I began my first grade year at Pleasant Grove Elementary School. The struggle of learning a new language while keeping up with my peers has helped shape my priorities going into college. I knew I wanted a small college so I could be sure my professors were in my corner. I also knew I wanted to stay close to my family. They're the best support system I have. TC's Presidential Scholarship was a dream come true. It is giving me the opportunity to continue with my studies and major in criminal justice so that I can serve my community.

—Sostenes Villafranco



With the Presidential Scholarship opportunity, going to Texarkana College just makes sense for me. I worked hard to graduate with honors from Texas High, and I work at Wadley Hospital. Long-term, I plan to become a nurse anesthetist. I spoke with a current TC nursing student who raved about how much money she saved while earning the same credentials as any other nurse. Saving my money, enjoying the comforts of home, being close to family—it just makes sense.

—McKenzie Nixon

Meet the 2015 Presidential Scholars
at texarkanacollege.edu/honors



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Courtney Hamilton

Obstacles. They're a constant in a community college student's life, and it takes a special caliber of student to overcome them and achieve their goals. But obstacles no longer faze industrial maintenance student Courtney Hamilton, who's letting nothing stand in the way of achieving his associate of applied science.

Right after high school, Courtney became primary care giver of his grandmother, who was dying of cancer, and his great grandmother, who suffered from dementia. During that time he developed insomnia but continued to work in different professions, trying to earn enough to ward off medical expenses. When his grandmother and great grandmother passed away, Courtney began working at an accounting firm and then landed an entry level industrial job.

Before long, Courtney's father passed away and Courtney was laid off from his job. During this time of intense instability, where many would see excuses to give up or quit trying, Courtney saw an opportunity: he decided to go back to school and invest in a career.

"At TC I'm getting to do something I don't think I could have otherwise," Courtney said.

Courtney said he values the chance to get quality hands-on training from knowledgeable instructors. One semester away from achieving his AAS, Courtney has also been on the President's List (an exclusive cohort of all "A" students) two semesters in a row.

"I haven't really ever been proud of myself or my accomplishments, but I will be so proud once I get my degree," he said. "After all of the hard times that tried to get me to quit, I will have succeeded."

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Dusten Ingram

After leaving Dallas Baptist University and slipping into depression, Dusten Ingram decided it was time for a new start. He applied to eight different schools, and after a friendly tour at Texarkana College, he decided to give it a try—he chose to continue his piano studies at TC, though he wasn't sure if he would be able to afford to go back to school.

And then he met his professors. Before long, piano instructor Mary Scott Goode became one of Dusten's biggest fans. She encouraged the freshman to apply for donor Yvonne Clements' Music Scholarship. It was just the push Dusten needed to keep working toward his goal of becoming a piano and music theory teacher.

"I wouldn't be on this path without the scholarship," he said. "By giving her money and creating this scholarship, Ms. Clements isn't just affecting my life; she's also a part of all the lives I will change for the better."

Now passionate and focused, Dusten credits his success to his instructors and the financial resources available at TC.

"I came here to start over, to pick myself up, but my professors have been beyond supportive," he said. "This music scholarship has made my dream financially possible. At Texarkana College, things keep getting better and better, and honestly, I'm just getting started."



Piano instructor Mary Scott Goode, left, and donor Yvonne Clements, third from left, with music scholarship recipients Dusten Ingram, Michelle Smith, Vickie Waller and Anthony Munson.

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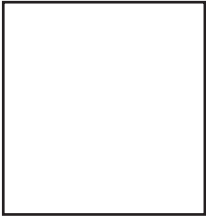
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