



MENDOCINO COLLEGE

# FOUNDATION *News*

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## Foundation Donation to Nursing Program

*By Barbara French, Ph.D., Director of Nursing*

This past fall the Mendocino College Foundation generously donated funds to help the college nursing program grow. Whereas previously the nursing program admitted a class every two years, with support from the Foundation and other grants the admission cycle was increased to yearly.

Eighteen students met requirements and were admitted to the new class. Students range in age from 19 to 53. Several students moved to the area to attend the program because of the low number of available spaces in nursing programs throughout California, but most are from our local area and plan on working here after they graduate. The class size will be increased in the second year of their program when LVN to RN bridge students will join them. Currently, the program has another thirty-one students that are ready to enter their fourth and final semester and will provide much needed relief to local health care facilities that are short-staffed.



Karen Wilson, RN, BSN, was hired this past fall as a tenure-track full-time instructor and she immediately began teaching the newly-admitted RN students. Karen had been teaching part-time in the clinical area for the past year. She and her family live locally and are active members of the community. Karen graduated from San Diego State University with her Bachelor's degree in Nursing and is currently enrolled in Sonoma State University's Master of Science in Nursing with a Family Nurse Practitioner emphasis. Karen's students feel nurtured and challenged at the same time as she has high expectations with a calm and constant presence. Karen came to Mendocino College with years of experience in obstetrical nursing and nursing management. She has quickly adapted to the teaching role and is a valued member of "Team Mendocino."

## Board of Trustees Recognizes Foundation

Board of Trustees members Janet Chanot, Joan Eriksen and Wade Koeninger attended the December 5 meeting of the Foundation and presented Board of Trustee Resolution 11-06-02 to Foundation President Wilda Shock (second from right). Below is the text of that resolution.



### MENDOCINO-LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION 11-06-02

**WHEREAS**, The Mendocino College Foundation (MCF), an auxiliary organization of Mendocino College, works diligently to provide assistance to the students and other constituencies of the college; and,

**WHEREAS**, MCF has consistently provided increasing numbers and amounts of scholarships to make it possible for students to enter and complete their courses of study; and,

**WHEREAS**, MCF has sponsored and encouraged other activities aimed at improving student life, such as the Friends of the Library program; and,

**WHEREAS**, MCF has provided funds, either by direct gifts, or loans, to help maintain and improve college programs and infrastructure such as the nursing program, stadium seats, and culinary arts facility; and,

**WHEREAS**, MCF in recent times has most importantly underwritten a significant portion of the cost of educating the public, and promoting the long-term value and significance of Measure W; and,

**WHEREAS**, President Wilda Shock and members of the MCF Board of Directors have given significant amounts of personal time and funds to the Measure W campaign;

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Mendocino College, that on our behalf, and on behalf of the students and prospective students, other college constituencies, and the District's citizens, we commend and express our sincerest appreciation of the efforts of the Mendocino College Foundation, Inc.

*Joan M. Eriksen, President, Mendocino-Lake Community College District, November 1, 2006*

## Scholarship Recipients Report

The Foundation awarded \$67,000 in scholarships to 41 students for 2006-07, plus an additional \$2,000 in Yvonne Sligh Book Awards to 16 students. College constituent groups, including Classified, Faculty and Management/Confidential, also awarded scholarships to students. Here are the thoughts of two student scholarship recipients.

### Camas Frank, Evelyn R. Foote Scholarship, \$1,500



Way back in February 2006 (seems like a long time ago), when I filled out an application form for a scholarship from the Mendocino College Foundation, I didn't expect anything to come of it. I found out about

the program about a week before the due date and rushed a last-minute application essay. Then I went asking for recommendations. I was more than a little worried about my chances after the counselor informed me that, yes, someone really does go over those essays and judge candidates accordingly. I guess I must have said something right.

The main reason that I needed a scholarship in the first place was to enable me to continue going to school full-time with work on the side instead of working full-time with school on the side. Since I received the scholarship I have been able to complete enough units (including the fall 2006 semester) to receive an associates degree in Liberal Arts. I have been accepted by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo for the upcoming winter quarter.

As I prepare to leave Mendocino College I find myself more attached than I had realized to the people and place. The community college experience is an interesting and enriching one. I do not in the future expect to find myself in the same class with both a 70 year-old grandmother and a 16 year-old high school student. I have made many friends outside of my usual social circles. I will miss the camaraderie and friendships that I have, both with my fellow students and with members of the faculty. I am very grateful to the Mendocino College Foundation, Mendocino College and institutions like it, that enable people to continue their educations affordably and in a rewarding environment.

### Jaclyn Renee Ellis, Management/Confidential Scholarship, \$500



As one of the recipients of the Mendocino College Management/Confidential Scholarship, it is with great appreciation that I write this letter, in order to extend my deepest thanks to all of the wonderfully generous people who helped to make this last year's scholarship program so successful.

This is my third semester as a student at Mendocino College. I am currently working toward a certificate in General Business Office Technology, and I will be pursuing an Associate of Arts degree shortly thereafter.

As a first generation college student, I can honestly say that I would not be here if it were not for the financial support of the college and the many programs that it offers. From EOPS grants for books, to CalWorks stipends for school supplies, I try to take advantage of every program that is available as do most other students that I have had the pleasure of getting to know while I've been here.

These resources, as invaluable as they are, are limited, and do not always cover all of the needs of the individual student, or, for that matter, even reach every student who is in need. That is why these monies, which have been awarded in the form of scholarships, are so vitally important. These funds can be extremely helpful to students who are struggling financially, by helping to provide more than just the bare necessities. This creates an atmosphere where a student can focus more completely on being successful in his or her education.

I commend each and every single one of you, who so charitably gave of your time and hard-earned dollars, helping to contribute to this worthy cause. It was a truly humbling experience to see how our community came out to show their support, and to congratulate every one of the recipients for their outstanding academic achievements. The smiles on the faces of these determined individuals as they received their awards will remain with me for the rest of my life as a wonderful reminder that hard work really does have its rewards, and that those rewards are many.

# From the College President



## Measure W Thank You

*Measure W is the \$67.5 general obligation bond measure that the Mendocino College Board of Trustee placed on the November ballot and was approved by the voters in the Mendocino-Lake Community College District. Following is a copy of the Letter to the Editor sent to all newspapers in the District by Superintendent/President Kathryn G. Lehner.*



Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Mendocino College Board of Trustees, our students and staff, we would like to thank everyone who voted to support Measure W. Your vote helps ensure that Mendocino College will continue to be a vital educational resource in our community, providing essential opportunities for student success for many years to come.

The campaign's success is the result of community wide support and the efforts of numerous individuals and groups. We want to especially thank the Mendocino College Foundation for its generous financial support and volunteer efforts. Special thanks are also in order for the many hours of time and effort provided by the Citizens for Mendocino College –Yes on W Committee, without whose work this campaign would not have succeeded.

We acknowledge there were reasons why not everyone voted yes on Measure W. That said, we trust that as we move forward, we will earn your confidence regarding our future plans. One of our first steps is to move quickly to establish the independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and we will be inviting individuals and groups to contribute to this process. In conjunction with the work of the oversight committee we will provide regular information on our progress to the media and on our website, [www.mendocino.edu](http://www.mendocino.edu).

Measure W allows us to move forward to provide the facilities and infrastructure needed now and in the future to meet student needs. We will also be hard at work continuing to develop educational programs and student services to implement our vision of student success in the future.

The Mendocino-Lake Community College District thanks you for your support and invites your questions and comments as we move forward together in helping our students succeed with their education and job training goals.

Sincerely,

Kathryn G. Lehner, Superintendent/President  
Mendocino Lake Community College District

## Mendocino LitFest June 1-2

**Mendocino LitFest: a celebration for word lovers** will be held June 1-2, 2007. Hosted by Mendocino College with support from The Community Foundation of Mendocino County and the Friends of the Mendocino College Library, an associate group of the Mendocino College Foundation, LitFest will gather together aspiring writers and readers with a variety of Northern California fiction and non-fiction authors — mystery writers, poets, memoirists, playwrights, and more.

A ticketed author event at the Little Theater, Ukiah Campus on Friday evening will be followed by a full day of free programs on Saturday. The exciting mix of free activities includes author readings and panel discussions, book signings, theatrical performances, and publisher and bookseller booths on the quad. Special youth programs include a bilingual poetry competition, a poetry slam, and a children's storytelling tent. Several workshops for writers will be offered for a modest fee. There will be something for everyone at Mendocino LitFest!

## Authors confirmed:

Gary Soto (keynote speaker), Sarah Andrews (mystery), Ianthe Brautigam-Swensen (memoir), Armandt Brint (poetry), Armando Garcia-Davila (poetry), Jody Gehrman (fiction, playwrighting), Gerald Haslam (fiction, nonfiction), Jean Hegland (fiction), Hal Zina Bennett, (craft of writing), David Smith-Ferri (poetry), Valerie Miner (fiction, nonfiction), Linda Noel (poetry), Jordan Rosenfeld (craft of writing, memoir), and others to be confirmed.



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# FINANCIAL REPORT

*A summary of the Finance Committee's last financial data of the Mendocino College Foundation, Incorporated, as of June 30, 2006 (unaudited) is below. Copies of the latest audited financial statements are available in the Superintendent/President's office of the Mendocino-Lake Community College District, Room 1071, 1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah, 468-3071.*

**ASSETS**

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Cash & investments .....    | \$ 6,088,568 |
| Land & Infrastructure ..... | \$ 733,196   |
| Other Assets .....          | \$ 38,094    |

**TOTAL ASSETS ..... \$ 6,859,858**

**NET ASSETS**

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| Reserved .....                               | \$ 771,290   |
| Available for scholarships & other uses .... | \$ 6,088,568 |

**TOTAL NET ASSETS..... \$ 6,859,858**

*The budget for fiscal year 2006-07 projects income of \$343,000. Projected expenditures are:*

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Salaries and operating expenses ..... | \$ 61,000 |
| Scholarships .....                    | \$ 62,000 |
| Other grants and program support..... | \$ 40,000 |

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENT ..... \$ 163,000**

## 2007 Foundation Board Meeting Dates

|                             |              |                       |      |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|------|
| Tuesday, March 6, 2007      | Ukiah Campus | Room 1060, Board Room | Noon |
| Tuesday, June 5, 2007       | Lake Center  | Room to be determined | Noon |
| Tuesday, September 11, 2007 | Ukiah Campus | Room 1060, Board Room | Noon |
| Tuesday, December 4, 2007   | Ukiah Campus | Room 1060, Board Room | Noon |

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