



MENDOCINO COLLEGE

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2005 Gala Set for April 9, 2005! ▼

Save the date of Saturday, April 9, 2005, 5-10 PM, for the next



Mendocino College Jazz Band and singer Paula Samonte at the 2004 Foundation Gala Fundraiser

Foundation Gala Fundraiser to be held at the Ukiah Conference Center, 200 S. School Street.

The Gala will feature dinner and wine, live and silent auctions,

live music by the Mendocino College Jazz Band and Paula Samonte, and a showcase of artwork by Mendocino

College students and faculty.

This event helps raise funds to provide annual funding for student scholarships, college programs and equipment. The 2004 Gala raised \$10,798.

Tickets are \$50 per person, \$500 for a reserve table of eight. See photos of last year's event on our website at www.MendocinoCollege.edu; search "Foundation." For more information and tickets, please call 468-3071 or visit www.MendocinoCollege.edu.

► **\$80,500 in Funds for Programs**

One line item of the 2004-05 Foundation budget of \$151,000 is "Other - Support: Foundation Donations." This includes a list developed by the College's Instructional Department of priority projects for the District.

"We have always appreciated the Foundation's support," states Tom Kesey, Interim Superintendent/President. "This year we are particularly grateful for the Foundation's significant level of support for so many College programs."

Projects that will be funded by the Foundation, totalling \$113,000, will include: Biology Supplies - \$5,000, Chemistry Supplies -\$5,000, Dance Program Guest Choreographer -\$800, Earth Sciences Guest Lecturers - \$2,000, Friends of the MC Library Support -\$1,000, Great Teachers Seminar -\$1,600, Jazz Band Competition Field Trip -\$2,500, Nursing Lab Equipment -\$10,000, Programs Innovation & Improvement -\$7,500, Remote Interpreting Stations -\$5,440, Scholarships to Students -\$48,700, Scholarship Awards Ceremony -\$1,000, Textile Program Guest Artist -\$600, Tom MacMillan Faculty Endowed Chair -\$2,000, Wireless Access in Library -\$1,990, and Yvonne Sligh Book Awards -2,500.

Foundation Funded ▼

Faculty Endowed Chair - \$3,000



*Susan Janssen
Mendocino College Foreign
Language Instructor*

Foreign Language Instructor Susan Janssen was the recipient of the 2003-04 Tom MacMillan Endowed Chair, providing a faculty member with \$3,000 for program and staff development. Janssen wrote to the Foundation on May 20, 2004 detailing some of her activities and thoughts. Excerpts from her letter follow.

“What an amazing panorama of opportunities have opened up because of your generous funding of the Endowed Chair. This is definitely the year for student enhancement and staff development.

“This has been a dream come to life. Faced with financial shrinkage and budget cuts, we plod along dedicated to ‘make do with what you have.’ But when there is a gift like yours, one can begin to dream again and enter realms of possibility. Your two-year endowment has revitalized our department through and through. Just think about it! We’ve built our library of literature and culture videos, enhanced our students’ learning with real-life experience (Dia de Los Muertos in San Francisco), and given our language teachers the kind of professional development opportunities that keep them excited and exciting.

“In a time when even the word ‘investment’ causes our confidence to waver, thank you for investing in me. Your commitment to the Mendocino College faculty and your willingness to invest in us seems born from wisdom as well as dedication.

“I believe it will always be a source of satisfaction and immeasurable return.”

Sincere gratitude,
Susan Janssen

Scholarship Recipients ▶

Ten Scholarships Awarded

At the Foundation’s September 14 meeting, the Board decided to award ten additional scholarships. The new recipients are from the alternate list for the Foundation’s Academic Excellence Scholarships. They each will receive \$1,000 and their names are: Jenny Allen, Angelica Balandran, Corey Broin, Michael Cambuzzi, Misty Foster, Logan Hayes, Jorge Perez, Melissa Powell, Rory Tiedemann, and Maria Valdez. Congratulations to these very worthy students!

With these additional scholarships, the total awards to students for 2004-05 from the Foundation is \$48,700.

Dear Foundation Friends

Donna Berry, President, Mendocino College Foundation



We recently held our September Foundation Board meeting and it is always exciting to start a new school year. We have had some changes; our new Secretary of the board is Tom Kesey,

appointed Interim President of the Mendocino College by the College Board of Trustees - Welcome Tom!

We have also welcomed Christie Barrington, Harry Bistrin, John Bogner, Neelam Salmen and Gary Smith to our board as Directors. We are so appreciative of those in our communities who are willing to serve our students with their time.

Our Board set the financial priorities for the 2004-2005 year, very generously supporting our

main objective, scholarships, and requests by the Deans for support of College needs.

We welcome all in the community to attend our Board Meetings. We meet quarterly in College Board Room 1060. For further information you can contact Ross Beck, Director of Public Information & Marketing at 468-3012.

We also have an affiliate organization, Friends of the Library, lead by Head Librarian John Koetzner. Other affiliate groups will be formed as needed. This College is growing and we welcome your participation.

For those of you who would be interested in volunteering or who want to make a personal contribution to benefit Mendocino College, please contact the Foundation at 468-3071.

Welcome New Board Members!



Harry Bistrin

Born and raised in Eureka. Graduated UC Berkeley. Retired and moved to Ukiah in 1989. 14 years as Field Representative for four State legislators, one Senator and three assembly members representing Lake and Mendocino counties.



John Bogner

Born and raised in Ukiah. Has been in residential real estate in Ukiah since 1977. Past president of the Greater Ukiah Chamber of Commerce. Currently serves on the boards of directors of the South Ukiah Rotary Club and Ukiah Main Street Program.



Neelam Salmen

Born and educated in Bombay, India. BA in Commerce. Moved to the area in 1971. Specialized in Retirement and Estate Planning. Active with Redwood Empire Estate Planning Council, numerous industry organizations and the Ukiah Rotary Club.



Gary Smith

Born in Buffalo, NY. BA in Construction Engineering, Univ. of Florida. Has lived and worked in Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, Indonesia, Singapore, England and the US. Retired 1997. Helping Plowshares with construction of new facility.

Kristi Barrington - Photo and information will be published in the next *News*.



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George Szanik's Estate

Foundation benefactor George Szanik passed away in March 2004 and the processing of his estate is moving forward. Preliminary estimates place the value of his generous bequest to benefit Mendocino College at approximately \$2 million. Much of his estate consists of real estate in the Los Angeles area. The Foundation's Land Committee is researching the best way to invest this significant asset.

2004 FOUNDATION MEETINGS: June 8, Lakeport; September 14, Ukiah; and December 7, Ukiah. All meetings begin at noon and are open to the public.

For more Foundation information, visit us at www.MendocinoCollege.edu



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