



MENDOCINO COLLEGE

FOUNDATION *News*

Fall 2005

"Pursuing excellence in education and service"...in partnership with Mendocino College since 1985

Dear Foundation Members,



My sincerest thanks to all of you for making it possible for me to attend the 2005 "Great Teachers Seminar" in Montecito. I was overjoyed to learn that I had been selected to attend this annual event!

There were 65 community college faculty members in attendance, and each of us was to bring one teaching "problem" and one teaching "solution," as well as a favorite book related to teaching. I have placed these problems and solutions on reserve for the Mendocino College faculty in our library.

The week-long seminar was one of the most practical and useful teaching events that I have attended in awhile. It seems that many of us were on the same journey of how to motivate our students and keep our methods fresh and interesting.

Thank you, again, for this wonderful opportunity!

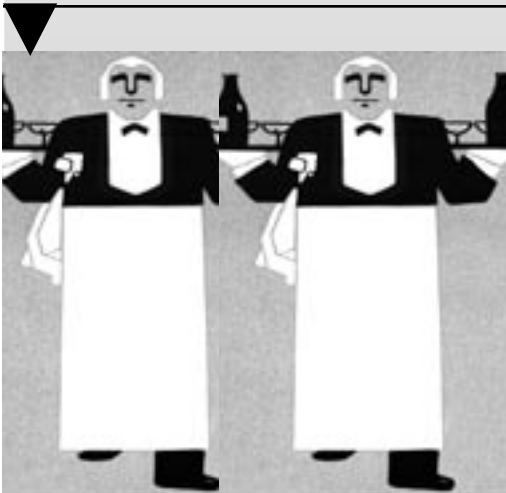
Sincerely,
Jean Sterling

Guidance Coordinator
Professor and Counselor

Our Investment Portfolio Grows ▼

The Foundation has increased its investment portfolio by \$2.5 million dollars with the sales of three pieces of property in Southern California that constituted the bulk of the Szanik gift. The Foundation's investment portfolio is the engine that produces a stream of income annually that the College uses for the benefit of its students. These benefits often fall into the following areas: scholarships, enhancement of programs, instructor support and capital improvements. This infusion of capital comes at an especially critical time as community colleges bear the brunt of budget reductions among the state's institutions of higher learning. The strain is further exacerbated by the increasing demands asked of the colleges as the gateway of opportunity for literally thousands of students each year.

Mendocino College is a wonderful example of what education can do to improve the life of its students and the community as a whole. The College's continued success is dependent on equal parts of an unwavering commitment to its mission, hard work and money. We have no shortage of the first two ingredients. Proper funding is another story. That is why the College and the Foundation are deeply appreciative of all gifts regardless of their size. **-Mark DeMeulenaere, , Foundation Board Member**



Foundation GALA 2006 is March 25

Mark your calendars for good food and music, live and silent auctions, and an evening of fun at the annual Foundation Gala on Saturday, March 25th, 6PM, Ukiah Conference Center. The Gala raises funds to help Mendocino College students.

The no host social hour with local wines begins at 6PM and dinner will be served at 7PM. Live and silent auctions are included in the evening festivities along with the Mendocino College Jazz Combo. This event helps raise funds to provide over \$100,000 annually for student scholarships, college programs and equipment. Tickets: \$50 per person, \$500 for reserved table of eight.

For more information, please call 468-3071.

Students Grateful for Scholarships ▼



I am grateful and honored to have been selected as a recipient of the Evelyn R. Foote Scholarship. Your scholarship means a great deal to me and will help me to achieve my goals of a degree. Your Academic Award ceremony and reception were very enjoyable. Thank you again and I look forward to attending Mendocino College this fall.

- Sincerely, Angela Dauer

Thank you very much for choosing me to receive your scholarships. I am very excited to start this fall and will make sure that the money goes to good use. I will also write you at least once during my school year to tell you how I am doing. Thank you again.

- Sincerely, Makaila Rodrigues

In 2001 I received a MC Foundation Scholarship Award. I just wanted to let you know that I have since been offered a seat at the Southern California College of Optometry's graduate program. Thanks again for your help in getting me there.

- Yours, Ingrid Mooney



Thank you for the \$1,500 scholarship to Mendocino College. This scholarship will enable me to devote more time to my academic studies so that I can do my best in school. Thank you for helping me achieve my dream of attending college.

- Sincerely, Sierra Vonfeldt

It was with nervous excitement that I received your letter, dated April 26, 2005, and read that I had been selected by your Board to receive a Mendocino College Foundation Evelyn R. Foote Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500! What a wonderful surprise for me and my family! I thank you most sincerely for choosing to honor me and assist me with my educational expenses for Fall 2005-2006. I will endeavor to be worthy of your generosity and your trust in me as I undertake my college program at the Ukiah campus. My mother and I look forward to attending the ceremony. I hope to be able to thank those of you who were involved in providing me with this financial support in person.

- Most gratefully yours, Lily V. Rojo

Thank you so much for your decision to honor me with the Mendocino College Foundation Scholarship of Promise in the areas of Arts and Humanities. It is truly a generous gift, and something that will aid me in my quest towards higher education and attaining my goals. Winning this scholarship has been such a blessing for me and has given me a feeling of confidence in my abilities and a sense that all the hard work has been worth it! It is with both great excitement and gratitude that I receive this award. Thank you.

- Sincerely, Robert Parmenter

Thank you for your generous scholarship. I have so much to give to our community, and I am so very grateful for the trust you place in me. I will not disappoint you!

- Sincerely, Freda Zody

I would like to thank all of you so very much for your continued support throughout my past 2 years at Mendocino College. I look forward to attending here again next year so that I can finish all of my nursing prerequisites along with attaining my AA before transferring into a nursing program at a state college. It has been a pleasure attending college at Mendocino and I find the staff members knowledgeable and caring. Once again, it is a great honor to receive this very distinguished scholarship. Please be assured that I will work hard to maintain all criteria needed to obtain the scholarship in full. Thank you so much for your financial support and belief in me.

- Sincerely, Marissa Canosa

Thanks for being such an awesome part of Mendocino College.

- Meleisa Nestlerode

*Spring 2205 Mendocino
College Awards
Ceremony*

From the College President

The Foundation continues to be the College's greatest financial supporter, increasing its funding for scholarships and programs again this year, and seeking a new Director of Development to insure continued growth and support for the future. The Foundation's support is critical as state funding, over the last couple of years, has been increasingly directed to college districts with political clout (votes) over those with critical needs, such as smaller rural colleges. So far this year, we have decided not to fill a number of key vacant job positions in order to save \$400,000. Our technology infrastructure desperately needs a \$300,000 upgrade and our main computer information system must be replaced in the next five years and may cost multi-millions. Without the Foundation's support, we would have even more serious challenges.

Fortunately, we are moving forward on several fronts. We are working with a community advisory group to gather information in spring 2006 from the communities we serve to develop a detailed plan for the future. Our RN Nursing program saw its first class graduate and student interest in the program continues to grow. Our Culinary Arts Management program plans to begin renovation of a permanent facility on the Ukiah Campus, thanks to the financial support of the Foundation and others. Our new Science Building is wonderful and both students and faculty appreciate the new resources it offers. Spring 2006 classes are just around the corner and we are offering many new classes to meet the changing needs of our students. All of us here wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday! See you next year! **-Kathy Lehner, Superintendent/President**



From the Foundation President



This year the Mendocino College Foundation has provided financial support to numerous programs, continuing and expanding our traditional areas for contributions. The new Friends of the Library, the Culinary Arts Management certificate program, and the athletic program received attention, in addition to the

increased support for scholarships.

The Foundation also provided assistance for the Great Teachers Seminar, along with funds for the Orientation Program, the Jazz Band trip to the annual Reno Competition, and the Deans' Fund for Innovation and Improvement, totaling over \$102,000 in direct contributions to College activities.

The Foundation Board is committed to increasing the level of support every year as our resources grow through generous donations, such as those from George Szanik and others who consider Mendocino College worthy.

The main campus and the College centers are jewels that enhance our opportunities to reach more students in our growing district.

The past two years have been an incredible time for me to serve as president. I've enjoyed an extraordinary opportunity to work with other Board members on many exciting projects. I'm looking forward to participating on the Foundation's scholarship committee and selecting deserving recipients. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and collaboration, and for your support of Mendocino College. **- Donna Berry, Foundation President, 2003-2005**

Friends of the Mendocino College Library

I want to say thanks to our campus community for attending the Armando Garcia-Davila reading. We had over 60 people in the audience. I wanted to acknowledge instructors such as Karen Gilmore, Luisa Aronow, Ben Franklin, Laurie Vasquez, Vivian Power, Nancy McLelland, Susan Janssen, and Bob Alto for their encouragement and support. I also want to thank Steve Oliveria for helping set up the Little Theatre for the presentation. Armando was very pleased by the turnout and the reception he got here at Mendocino College. Many students stopped by to talk to him after the reading.

The Friends group looks forward to providing more readings in the spring. Geologist and mystery novelist Sarah Andrews will be reading on Monday, February 6 at 7 PM in the Little Theatre. Then, in March Dave Smith (of Smith & Hawken) fame will be coming. He has written a book about business and community.

- Warm regards, John Koetzner, Head Librarian



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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, 2005 (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

Cash & investments	\$	3,094,182
Donated properties	\$	733,196
Other Assets	\$	117,028
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	3,944,406

NET ASSETS

Reserved	\$	867,569
Available for scholarships & other uses	\$	3,076,837
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$	3,944,406

The budget for fiscal year 2005-06 projects income of \$168,000. Projected expenditures are:

Salaries and operating expenses	\$	61,000
Scholarships	\$	62,000
Other grants and program support	\$	40,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT	\$	163,000

Of particular note is that the Foundation received the bulk of the George Szanik Estate in the amount of \$2,550,000 in the first quarter of this year. This brings the total received from this bequest to nearly \$3,000,000.

Members of the Finance Committee are: Jim Angell, John Behnke, Donna Berry, Jack Daniels-Chair, Tom Day, Tom Kesey, Tod Kong, and Tommy Thornhill.

2006 FOUNDATION MEETINGS: March 7, June 6, Lakeport; September 12, Ukiah; and December 5, Ukiah. All meetings begin at noon and are open to the public.

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