Kaskaskia College Friends of the Fine Arts FOCUS

Friends Indeed!

Dr. and Mrs. Boswell standing next to the plaque honoring the Life Long Learning Center named in their honor.

Message from President Underwood

By: Dr. Jim Underwood, President

The Performing and Visual Arts studies at Kaskaskia College are extremely important disciplines in the learning process and to the College educational mission. Through experiences in the Arts our students’ knowledge and skills are enhanced in creativity, communications, percutiveness, expression, reasoning, higher thinking skills, to name just a few of the educational values gained through the Arts.

We are pleased to be providing students at KC a variety of learning opportunities through the Arts. We are very proud of our faculty for the superb job they are doing in teaching, developing, and expanding the Performing and Visual Arts. Credit for KC’s high quality Arts programs is due to our professional faculty who are making education exciting and rewarding for our students.

We also are so appreciative of the “Friends for the Fine Arts at KC” for supporting the Arts at KC. We are grateful to have all the members of the “Friends” organization associated with the College and in attendance at the many concerts and events performed throughout the academic year. A wonderful future is before us as we continue to promote the Arts at KC.
Friends hold annual meeting

Progress in the arts was the theme of the Annual Meeting of The Kaskaskia College Friends of the Fine Arts, held Aug 30 in the Student Center.

Five “Enrichment Grants” of $1000 were awarded to the various departments. Scholarship recipients were honored and the new Dean of Arts and Sciences was introduced.

This was the second year for the “Enrichment Grants,” which are intended to finance special activities or equipment not provided for in the department budget.

Cliff Jourdan, Professor of Instrumental Music, used his grant to take 11 students to Chicago where they visited the Field Museum, Shedd’s Aquarium, and House of Blues and viewed a stage performance of the Blue Man Group.

Professor Mike Register reported KC chorus member James Maines performed in “Les Miserables” at the Muny in St Louis and members of the choir traveled to St. Louis for the performance.

Professor Diana Hansen took her visual arts students to St. Louis to see Cirque de Soleil. They also attended art exhibits at the St Louis Botanical Gardens, Art Museum, and St Louis Basilica and the Reed Galleries and visited various art galleries in the Central West End.

Theater Professor David Quinn took some students to Chicago for stage performances of the Blue Man Group and “Assassins”. A small group saw a production at the Fox Theater in St Louis.

Professor Brandi Bowdler, Scroll newspaper and speech team advisor, split their $1000 between the two groups. Scroll students used their $500 to help fund a trip to an annual Journalism conference. The speech team attended a conference in Peoria.

This year’s “Enrichment Grants” were presented by Louis Fogleman, a member of the KC board of Trustees and secretary of the FFA.

In addition, the Rotary Endowment/Friends of the Fine Arts awarded scholarships to students in each area of the Fine Arts for 2007-2008. The students (listed below) were honored for their achievements at the Annual Meeting.

$500 Scholarship Recipients

- Casey Hill, Salem (Theater)
- Kendra Gaston, Salem (Vocal)
- Olivia Hente, Oak Dale (Instrumental)
- Eric Nelms, Centralia (Visual Art)

$250 Scholarship Recipients

- Matthew Horst, Walnut Hill (Speech)
- Rachel Snow, Iuka (Scroll)

The Dean of Arts and Sciences, Kellie Henegar welcomed the group and her husband, Rev Tommy Henegar of Centralia’s First Christian Church, gave the invocation.

Welcoming remarks also were given by Dr. James Underwood, Kaskaskia College President; Jim Beasley, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; and Sherm Doolen, President of the Friends of the Fine Arts.

Dr. Dee Boswell was master of ceremonies.

Musical entertainment was provided by Professor Jourdan, Tom Baker, Erika Register, Sam Weems, and Nathan Munie.

For the Future

At the 2007 Annual Meeting of The Friends of the Fine Arts, President Sherm Doolen lauded KC President Dr. James Underwood and the Board of Trustees for their support of the expansion of the arts offerings. Doolen said he hoped that eventually the college could offer programs in the areas of dance, orchestra strings, and get the community involved in casting the theater program.
Be a Friend

Become a member of the Friends of the Fine Arts and enjoy being an active participant in a growing, successful Fine Arts program at Kaskaskia College. Membership in the Friends of the Fine Arts enriches the educational opportunities in Fine Arts through scholarships awarded to talented students and through financial grants to each department which enhances the learning experience for students. Kaskaskia College and the Friends of the Fine Arts provide a series of events through a Season of Entertainment, which showcases the College Fine Arts concerts, plays, visual arts, lectures and celebrations. A quarterly newsletter mailed to members of the Friends of the Fine Arts will keep you abreast of the wonderful activities and calendar of events in the Fine Arts program at Kaskaskia College. Please join the Friends of the Fine Arts and enjoy the feeling of partnership with Kaskaskia College and the Fine Arts students.

To join the Friends of the Fine Arts at Kaskaskia College, send a check made payable to Kaskaskia College for the appropriate membership:

- Individual Membership $35.00 annually
- Family Membership $50.00 annually
- Corporate Membership $100.00 annually
- College Club Membership $75.00 annually

Send To:
Dean of Arts and Sciences
Kaskaskia College
27210 College Road
Centralia, IL 62801

Be sure and include how you wish to be listed in our programs. At present there are 126 members of the KC Friends of the Fine Arts. Here is a current breakdown of our membership:

- Individual Memberships 41
- Family Memberships 75
- Corporate Memberships 10

Where they are

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Our goal is to raise the membership to at least 200.
Meet our new Dean of Arts and Sciences!

By: Rachel Snow
KC Scroll,
Student Activities Editor

New on staff at Kaskaskia’s campus is Kellie Henegar, the new Dean of Arts and Sciences. Henegar comes to KC with a long background in teaching in the communications field and some experience with being a Dean. Before Kaskaskia College, she taught at the small Christian college in Memphis, Tennessee called Crichton where she was the Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences for two years.

Henegar explained that Crichton was a small four-year liberal arts college where she taught for 11 years. She expressed that she does miss teaching at this college, but she thoroughly enjoys working with all the staff here at KC. Henegar said, “I have only been here for a little over a week and I can feel a real sense of family.”

What brings Henegar to Kaskasia’s campus, you may ask? When interviewed she explained that her husband’s job with the church needed him to minister at a church in Centralia. The opening of the Dean of Arts and Sciences position was perfect for her during this move.

Henegar and her husband Thomas have two children named Abby and Will. Abby will be 13 soon and Will is eight years old. Henegar said that when she is not at the College, she enjoys being a soccer mom and doing things with her family’s church. She likes to read and would love to start traveling someday. Her hometown is Mountain Home, Arkansas which is about six hours driving distance from here.

The duties she will fulfill here at Kaskaskia entail a wide variety of tasks. She coordinates the Arts and Sciences faculty, works on scheduling, as well as faculty load, and she assists with assessments, and part time faculty. Henegar says that she works closely with Heather Jourdan who is just outside her office, serving as Henegar’s Administrative Assistant. She also stated that Steve Normansell and the other Department Chairs that work with her have been a big help while she has been settling in. She said she loves working with the faculty here and interacting with all the different personalities represented on campus. Kaskaskia College faculty and students certainly welcomes her into our network!

Evelyn Stover, a long time friend of the fine arts, was presented with a certificate at the annual meeting, denoting that a tree will be planted in her honor in the KC arboretum. She has retired as vice president of The Friends, but pledges to continue to demonstrate her interest and support of the Friends of the Fine Arts. Ev also will remain as the College Volunteer Coordinator.

Evelyn Stover accepting her certificate of appreciation.

Photo by Rachel Snow, KC Scroll Student Activities Editor.
New officers elected

The members elected Mike Loomis to be the new KCFFA Vice President. Mike Loomis is KC’s Grants Facilitator. Also elected at the Annual Meeting were the following KCFFA Student Trustees.

Abigail Ball .................. Instrumental Music
James Maines .................. Vocal Music
Jody Nelson .................. Visual Arts
Sierra Miller .................. Theater
Rachel Snow .................. Scroll
Matt Horst .................. Speech

Other officers of the Friends are in mid-term. They are as follows:
Sherm Doolen ................. President
Louis Fogleman ................. Secretary
Shirley Martin .................. Treasurer
Dr. Dee Boswell ................. Member at Large
Tracy Hermanson ................. Member at Large
Dennis Hesker .................. Member at Large
Dr. James Underwood .......... Ex-Officio
Tim Hood ...................... Ex-Officio
Kellie Henegar ................. Ex-Officio
Rhonda Boehne ................. Ex-Officio

Around the district

Salem- The Community Theater Playhouse will host the Missouri Baptist Fine Arts Concert on October 19, at 7:00 p.m. The Salem Community High School Fall Play will be held November 8-11 and St Theresa’s Christmas Play will be held December 5-6. For more information, please contact Meredith Fyke at 618/548-9797.

Centralia- The Cultural Society’s Actors in Action will present Shakespeare’s “Hamlet” on October 5-6 and October 12-13, 2007. A Renaissance Faire and Medieval Carnival will surround the Community Arts Center on October 13, 2007 from noon to 6:00 p.m. The Philharmonic Orchestra Concert featuring “Tubby the Tuba” with narration by Bobby Norfolk will be held October 19, 2007. For more information, please contact 618/532-2951.

Breese- The Clinton County Showcase will present “A Night of Scary Stories” with performances October 19, 20, 21 & October 26-27, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. and October 28, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please call 618/526-2866.
October
Tuesday, October 9, 7:30 p.m.
KC Concert Band, Jazz Band

*Sunday, October 14, 2:00 p.m.
War Bonds: The Songs & Letters of World War II

Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 p.m.
Distinguished Lecturer Series: Charles Jaco, Newsman and Author

November
Tuesday, November 13, 9:45 a.m.
Veterans Day Celebration

Thursday, November 15, 7:30 p.m.
KC Choir and Community Chorale

Friday, November 30, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 1, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 2, 2:00 p.m.
KC Theatre Guild: Heaven Can Wait

December
*Friday, December 7, 6:30 p.m.
*Saturday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.
KC Madrigal Dinner
(Location: Student Center)

*Sunday, December 9, 2:00 p.m.
Riders In the Sky: The Holiday Show

Tuesday, December 11, 7:30 p.m.
Winter Concert
KC Concert Band, Jazz Band, Choir and Community Chorale

January
Tuesday, January 22, 6:30 p.m.
Martin Luther King Celebration

February
*Friday, February 1, 7:30 p.m.
MOJO and the Bayou Gypsies

*Thursday, February 28, 6:30 p.m.
Celebration of Diversity Banquet & Program
(Location: Student Center)

March
Tuesday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.
KC Concert Band, Jazz Band

*Saturday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.
Saint Louis Brass Quintet

April
Sunday, April 6, 2:00 p.m.
Monday, April 7
KC Theatre Guild: Children’s Play

Thursday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.
KC Choir and Community Chorale

*Saturday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.
National Geographic Photographer
Joel Sartore

May
Friday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 3, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 4, 2:00 p.m.
KC Community Theatre Play

Thursday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.
Spring Concert
KC Concert Band, Jazz Band
Choir and Community Chorale

*Admission Charge
(For information phone 618-545-3223)