Over the last several months, the Office of Institutional Advancement at Kaskaskia College has continued to work hard at building relationships and friendships within the communities we serve, in the hopes of raising philanthropic resources to assist the college in raising money for students through Foundation Scholarships and the Special Assistance fund, as well as funding for facilities that will enhance the growth of the College.

**Nashville Education Center Campaign:**
- Campaign is in full swing and to date a total of almost $761,553 has been raised through campaign efforts
- In working with our Campaign Co Chairs and several Teams that are focused on fundraising efforts, the remaining $503,000 will be raised over the next several months

**Nursing Education Center Campaign:**
- Campaign continues with $165,000 raised to date. Fundraising efforts will continue until the remaining $334,000 is secured. Funds raised will be used to purchase much needed equipment for the new building

**Agriculture Education Center Campaign:**
- After months of renovations, the Animal Disease Lab has been converted into the new Ag Education Center and classes were held there beginning last fall
- Capital campaign is underway to raise $500,000 for equipment to outfit the new classrooms and labs. Over $124,000 has been raised to date for this project

**Crisp Education Center Campaign:**
- Renovations to the building are completed and a Dedication Ceremony was held this past May
- Campaign continues with a goal to raise $250,000 for equipment to furnish the new building. To date we are over half way there with almost $127,000 raised through monetary contributions and donations of equipment

**Foundation Scholarships:**
- Foundation Scholarships continue to grow, providing more opportunities for qualified students to receive financial assistance. For the 2015/16 school year, there were 301 awards available, for a total of $185,264. Tremendous growth in scholarships occurred over this past year as we are up over $10,000 in awards since 2014
- The new scholarship book will be ready in January and students will begin applying for scholarships when they return from holiday break
• The Special Assistance Fund continues to help students who find themselves in a difficult financial situation that may prevent them from attending college. This past year, this fund provided gas cards and bus passes for students facing transportation issues. It also assisted students with car repairs, rent, food and utility bills
• The 2015 Kaskaskia College Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament was held on Friday, July 24th at the Salem Country Club. Proceeds from this one day event go towards scholarships to assist Kaskaskia College students. It is estimated that over $11,000 will be netted from the 2015 golf tournament

Foundation’s 50th Anniversary
• The KC Foundation proudly celebrated their 50th Anniversary at the Annual Foundation Dinner on Monday, April 6, 2015
• A matching scholarship opportunity has been initiated in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary where up to $50,000 in new scholarship monies are being matched dollar for dollar using funds identified by the Foundation for the matching funds. To date, six individuals have stepped forward to establish a new scholarship and take advantage of this matching fund opportunity, leaving room for four more scholarships to be matched

Sports & Wellness:
• The Kaskaskia College Athletic teams have been busy raising funds to assist the KCSA with the purchase of two new buses. Each team has been given an annual goal to raise $3,000 for a combined total of $30,000 for each fiscal year.

Veteran’s Tribute Project:
• The Office of Institutional Advancement continues to process monetary donations to the project as well as orders for personalized bricks
• Names of veterans continue to be submitted that will be included on the remaining three walls

Arboretum:
• The Office of Institutional Advancement worked with the Grounds and Maintenance Department to ensure that new trees for the Arboretum were planted in accordance with donor wishes. This year, new trees were ordered to be planted in memory or in honor of individuals on the main campus, the Vandalia campus, and the Nashville Education Center. In some instances, special Dedication Ceremonies were planned
• Kaskaskia College was proud to receive Tree Campus USA recertification for 2014. This was the fifth year in a row that we received this honor
• Arbor Day was again observed this past spring at both the Vandalia and Main campuses

Alumni & Friends:
• The Office of Institutional Advancement has spent a great deal of time and effort in assisting with the revitalization of the Alumni & Friends Association
In 2013, the KC Alumni & Friends Association voted to pledge $25,000, $5,000 for each for the five capital projects the College is undertaking to include: The Trenton Education Center, Nashville Education Center, the Ag Facility, the Nursing Facility, and the Crisp Center renovations. In addition, $5,000 was also pledged for the Veterans Tribute Project. We are currently in year two of the pledge, so payments have been made to the Trenton Project and the Nursing Project. In addition, the pledge to the Veterans Tribute Project has also been retired. $5,000 for the Nashville Project will be paid in spring 2016 and the Crisp Technology Center pledge of $5,000 will be paid in 2017.

The eighth annual KC Family Reunion & Open House is being planned for Saturday, September 26th. This one day event provides an opportunity to showcase the campus to potential students along with the general public. A multitude of activities are being planned to include a car show, chili cook off, and children’s activities just to name a few.

Again this year, the Alumni & Friends awarded six Foundation Scholarships in the amount of $500 each to qualified KC students and plan to advertise for the same next year.

Fundraising events held in FY 2015 were quite successful as the Alumni & Friends Association raised over $10,000. The Alumni & Friends will continue their fundraising efforts in FY16 and work to grow their members.