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.

Trenton Education Center Campaign:
- Campaign officially ended this past fall. Raised over $1.1 million for that project
- Dedication Ceremony took place on Saturday, October 11, 2014
- Engraved brick sales will be an ongoing initiative

Nashville Education Center Campaign:
- The Nashville Education Center Campaign kicked off in October 2013 and a Groundbreaking Ceremony was held in November 2014.
- Campaign is in full swing and to date a total of almost $600,000 has been raised through campaign efforts
- In working with our Campaign Co Chairs and several Teams that are focused on fundraising efforts, the remaining $600,000 will be raised over the next several months

Nursing Education Center Campaign:
- Groundbreaking ceremony was held this past spring and approximately $125,000 has been raised to date
- Campaign structure is in place and teams are busy promoting the project, hosting luncheon meetings, and planning events to achieve the $500,000 fundraising goal for equipment to be used in the new building

Agriculture Education Center Campaign:
- After renovations, the Animal Disease Lab has been converted into the new Ag Education Center and classes began being held in the building this past fall
- Dedication Ceremony was held on November 15th
- Capital campaign is underway to raise $500,000 for equipment to outfit the new classrooms and labs
- Over $40,000 has been raised to date for this project
Crisp Education Center Campaign:
- Groundbreaking Ceremony was held in June and the renovations are nearly completed
- Campaign is underway to raise $250,000 for equipment to furnish the new building

Foundation Scholarships:
- Foundation Scholarships continue to grow, providing more opportunities for qualified students to receive financial assistance. For the 2014/15 school year, there were 322 awards available, for a total of $174,582. In 2014 we experienced a significant rise in scholarships, up $44,500 from the year before
- The new scholarship book will be ready in January and students will begin applying for scholarships when they return from holiday break
- Due to the scholarship growth, the Foundation Scholarship Dinners were held on three separate evenings this past fall
- 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 2014 Kaskaskia College Foundation Golf Tournament was held on Friday, June 27th at the Roland Barkau Memorial Golf Course in Okawville. Proceeds from this one day event go toward scholarships to assist Kaskaskia College students. Over $11,000 was netted from the 2014 golf tournament

Foundation’s 50th Anniversary
- The KC Foundation will proudly celebrate their 50th Anniversary at the Annual Foundation Dinner planned for Monday, April 6, 2015
- A matching scholarship opportunity has been initiated in conjunction with the Anniversary where up to $50,000 in new scholarship monies will be matched dollar for dollar using funds identified by the Foundation for the matching funds. Plans are being finalized to raise additional funds so this matching opportunity can be carried on after the Anniversary celebration

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. The teams are well on their way of completing their goals for FY2015
- The same fundraising goals will continue for FY16 with the funds again going for the bus pledge

Veteran’s Tribute Project:
- Construction for the Veterans Tribute Phase 1A has been completed to include two walls containing the names of over 25,000 area veterans, and the majestic eagle sculpture that sits on a pedestal and serves as a centerpiece for the plaza
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 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 2013. This was the fourth year in a row that we received this honor. An application was submitted for recertification for the year 2014.

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 will be 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 pledge to the Veterans Tribute Project has been retired. $5,000 for the Nashville Project will be paid in spring 2015.

The seventh annual KC Family Reunion & Open House was held on September 27th. This one day event provided an opportunity to showcase the campus to potential students along with the general public. A multitude of activities were held to include campus tours, 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 2014 were quite successful as the Alumni & Friends Association raised over $9,000.

The Alumni & Friends will continue their fundraising efforts in 2015 and work to grow their members.

Raffle tickets are currently being sold with the winner receiving a $400 VISA gift card.

The next fundraising event is a Mardi Gras Dinner & Dance to be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th 2015 at Bretz Wildlife and Winery in Carlyle.