

THE SPOON RIVER COLLEGE FOUNDATION



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Mission Statement: Education is the key to a successful future. The SRC Foundation actively seeks resources to provide excellent educational opportunities at Spoon River College.

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MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

By Carol Davis
Vice President of Community Outreach
Executive Director of the SRC Foundation



As Spoon River College celebrates the final months of its 50th Anniversary, the SRC Foundation also celebrates 30 years of service to the college. We hear success story after success story from students who have received Foundation scholarships so that they could realize their educational dreams.

Take Joe Valentin for example. Joe never expected to attend college because he never believed the financial assistance would be there. He and his three sisters were raised by his mother after his father left the family and he just assumed he would graduate from high school and go to work.

But a Foundation scholarship enabled Joe to not only attend Spoon River College, but to excel during his time there. In 2008-2009 Joe represented the student body as a member of the Spoon River College Board of Trustees and served on the Student Government Association. Before graduating in May, he spoke to the Foundation at the annual President's Reception in April.

"I would not be here if it weren't for the Foundation and all who make it possible," Joe stated. "I think it's fitting that it is called the Foundation, because that is exactly what its support provides – a foundation of education that recipients can build on for the rest of their lives."

Just above this article there is a new logo and new mission statement for the Spoon River College Foundation. Joe inspired us to create these. The new logo is made of bricks with each brick supporting one aspect of what the Foundation does to make dreams come true.

The logo was created by SRC graphic arts student, Bobby McKenzie, and highlights the work supported by the Foundation – (1) providing scholarships for students; (2) supporting faculty research and community programs; and (3) assisting in new facility development and technology upgrades.

The Foundation's new mission is simple and straightforward. Education IS the key to a successful future! The Foundation exists to make educational opportunities available and possible. We look forward to many more years of making dreams come true. Together, with your help, we can positively change lives forever!

FOUNDATION ASSISTS WITH NEW SPOON RIVER COLLEGE FACILITIES

As part of its Mission, the SRC Foundation seeks resources to assist the college with funding facility or technology upgrades. The Foundation has been very active this past year and will continue its work into the next several years as SRC builds its new centers throughout the district.

In Macomb, the Foundation has been securing naming rights for rooms within the new SRC Community Outreach Center located at 2500 East Jackson, and which is slated to be in full operation by September 1, 2009.

When visitors come to the Macomb Community Outreach Center, they will enter the new **SRC Foundation Lobby**, be able to meet in the **Grand Prairie Assisted Living Meeting Room**, attend a conference in the new **MidAmerica National Bank Conference Hall**, or take a computer class in the new **Pella Rolscreen Foundation Computer Lab**. This year's Celebrity Waiter Dinner proceeds will also go to support the Macomb facilities.

On September 19, 2009, the Foundation will be hosting a Beach Party event at Tall Timbers Marina in Havana. Sponsors and attendees will have a great time supporting this fundraiser designated to provide new technology and furnishings for the Student Lounge in the new SRC Havana Center. In addition, this event will kick off a **Donor Brick Campaign** which will highlight the walls of the new center's lobby. All contributions from this event will remain to support SRC Havana.

Governor Pat Quinn recently signed a state capital bill which included \$4 million for a new multipurpose facility on the Canton campus. This award requires a 25% match and the Foundation Board met with the SRC Board of Trustees in July to begin a dialogue on how the Foundation can assist in raising a portion of the funds needed. Some of the monies raised from the August 2009 Golf Outing will be set aside for this new and exciting project.

A **Donor Brick Campaign** will occur during 2009-2010 in Rushville which will support the new Center located adjacent to the University of Illinois Extension and Rushville-Industry High School.

To see construction updates, visit the college's website at www.src.edu/construction-updates.

If you or your business would like to help make dreams come true by sponsoring a room at one of these new facilities, please contact the Foundation at (309) 647-6260.



Rick Klindedinst and Herb Strong of MidAmerica National Bank deliver a \$50,000 check to Carol Davis and Emily Gillett for the new "MidAmerica National Bank Conference Hall" at the SRC Community Outreach Center in Macomb.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN LED BY SRC'S FIRST GRADUATE, LYNN McPHEETERS



The first student to enroll AND to graduate from Canton Community College (which became Spoon River College) has been actively supporting his two-year alma mater for many years, but it was especially gratifying to have Mr. McPheeters agree to be the **50th Anniversary Campaign Chair**. The campaign has been supported by a dollar for dollar match and has raised over \$50,000 so far.

Mr. and Mrs. McPheeters began the campaign with a generous contribution of \$12,500 which will be matched dollar for dollar and added to his parents' memorial scholarship – **The Frances G. and Dorothea B. McPheeters Scholarship** – bringing its total value to \$50,000, ensuring the scholarship will be available year

after year and serve as a living memorial to Mr. McPheeters' parents.

In his campaign letter, Mr. McPheeters stated, "It doesn't seem possible but Spoon River College (SRC) is celebrating 50 years of educational excellence. Some of us recall when it was Canton Community College (CCC). In fact, I remember very well the day I was given the opportunity to register as the first student of CCC. This was the start I needed since we didn't have the resources for me to go away to college as was the case with many of my classmates. My two years at the new junior college paved the way for a four-year degree and a rewarding career at Caterpillar that took my family and me around the world. How grateful I am for the vision Dr. Taylor and all the founders had to secure a charter for CCC back in 1959."

Lynn McPheeters retired in February 2005 as vice president and chief financial officer of **Caterpillar Inc.** In that position his responsibilities included accounting, tax, treasury, investor relations functions and Carter Machinery Company, Inc.

McPheeters started with Caterpillar in 1964 as part of the College Graduate Trainee program after receiving an **A.A. in Business from Canton Community College** and a B.S. in Accounting from Southern Illinois University. In 1973, he moved to the Caterpillar subsidiary in Geneva, Switzerland, as an assistant finance manager. Over the next 20 years, his advancing career took him around the world in a wide range of financial positions with Caterpillar.

McPheeters served as corporate treasurer of Caterpillar Inc. from 1996 until November 1998. He was elected a Caterpillar vice president in October 1998.

McPheeters completed the Advanced Management Program at Duke University in 1988. He is a member of the SIU College of Business and Administration's External Advisory Board and serves on the boards of RLI Corp., Microlution Inc and Crosslink. He is a past chairman of the OSF Saint Francis Medical Center Foundation Council, and is President-elect of the SIU Foundation Board. He and his wife Susan reside in Peoria but spend much of the winter in Hilton Head, South Carolina. They have two daughters and five grandchildren.

The Spoon River College Foundation is very proud of Mr. McPheeters' accomplishments and grateful that he has remembered Spoon River College during its 50th year. The 50th Anniversary Campaign continues and anyone interested in contributing to the campaign may do so by contacting us at (309) 647-6260.

SRC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXPANDS ITS REACH AND SCHEDULES NEW EVENT

The **SRC Alumni Association** is growing! A special thank you to those who have filled out the "All About Me" forms, and provided updated information on our Spoon Alums. If you haven't yet completed and returned the form, it is available on the college's website at www.src.edu/alumni.

For several years, the Alumni Association participated in the Annual Scholarship Reception. This year the Association will be hosting its own separate **SRC Alumni Association Reception** in celebration of the college's 50th anniversary. Anyone who has taken one class or more at SRC is considered an alumnus of the college and is welcome to attend the event.

"This event will be a great way for SRC alumni to get together, enjoy some hors d'oeuvres, and join us in recognizing the 2009 Alumni Award recipients," said SRC Alumni Association President Ellen Dodd. "Best of all, there is no cost to attend."

The reception will take place on Saturday, October 17 (SRC's birthday) in the SRC Conference Center on the Canton Campus from 5:30 – 7 p.m. The awards ceremony will take place at 6 p.m.

This year's alumni honorees are **Nancy Barnhart, Bonnie Cremer, Jim Hartford, Beau Ingledue, Rick Klinedinst, James Rowe, and Dr. Jeremy Krock**. For further information, please contact Ellen Dodd at (309) 649-6295 or ellen.dodd@src.edu.

2009-10 FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS

SRC Foundation Board members reside throughout the SRC district and give generously of their time and monies to the organization. These dedicated individuals enable students to finance their educations, provide resources for facility and technology upgrades at all four SRC sites, promote faculty research, and support community outreach projects such as THE BIG READ and the RETIREES LEADING INITIATIVE.

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The Foundation thanks Jay Carter, Bill Knake, and Steve Adams for their service to the organization from 2006-2009. The Foundation is seeking nominations for new Board members for a three year term beginning in 2010-11. Nominations should be sent to Carol Davis.



Executive Director Carol Davis thanks outgoing Foundation President Steve Adams for his years of service.

UPCOMING FOUNDATION SPECIAL EVENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 2009

The Foundation has several upcoming special events already on the calendar for 2009-10. Check our website (www.src.edu/foundation) for updates and information.

September 19: THE LAST BEACH PARTY at Tall Timbers Marina, Havana

October 17: SRC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RECEPTION AND AWARDS, SRC Conference Center, Canton Campus

November 20-22: A GOLDEN HOLIDAY – Three performances featuring holiday favorites

Also coming in early 2010, Celebrity Waiter Dinner in Macomb and 50 Years of Broadway, Too!



Our Celebrity Waiters Can't Wait to Wait!

FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES CONTINUOUS GIVING AT PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

Each year the Foundation Board and SRC President Dr. Robert E. Ritschel honor those individuals, organizations, and businesses that have continued to contribute to the Foundation and have reached a specific level of giving. In April 2009, several new names were added to our **Donor Wall of Honor**, located on the Canton Campus, at our annual President's Reception.

Please take a look at page four of THE RIPPLE EFFECT to see our wonderful list of contributors. Those in bold print represent donors who have either been added to our wall or who have elevated to the next giving level. These "forever friends" of the Foundation provide a solid support for the many activities of our organization and we thank them for their commitment to providing "excellent educational opportunities" at SRC.



Donors to the SRC Foundation were honored with their names being placed on the Donor Wall of Honor located in the entrance lobby on the Canton Campus.

FOUNDATION-SUPPORTED "RETIREES LEADING" PROJECT GOES STATEWIDE

The **Retirees Leading Initiative**, begun in 2005, has now received numerous awards and recognitions. Perhaps the most exciting is that the project is now being viewed as a model program statewide by the **Illinois Community College Lifelong Learning Coalition** and the **National Governors Association Illinois Policy Academy**. It is anticipated that five new community colleges will be receiving funding to replicate the SRC program in their own regions.

The program was also recognized last fall and was a **Governor's Cup Finalist Hometown Award Winner for 2008**.

The Retirees recently presented at the Civic Engagement for Older Adults Conference at the Capitol in Springfield, have hosted several outreach projects, have expanded the Retirees Leading Academy to include Havana, and continue to sponsor THE BIG READ.

"The Retirees Leading Initiative is our most exciting community project," stated Candi Miller, SRC Community Outreach Coordinator for Canton and Havana. "By year's end we will have approximately 100 Academy graduates and outreach projects happening all year long."

The Retirees Leading Initiative resulted from a grant proposal that was submitted to the

Retirement Research Foundation in Chicago by the SRC Foundation. It now continues as a self-sustaining project. Due to its success, Carol Davis, Vice President of Community Outreach and Foundation Executive Director, has been appointed a member of the ICCB Lifelong Learning Coalition Executive Board.



Retirees enjoy participating in an Initiative-sponsored Retirement Learning Institute

IN MEMORY OF BARBARA PIRES...LEAVING A LEGACY AT SRC

Remembering loved ones through memorials contributed to the SRC Foundation ensures that an individual's legacy lives on and on. Earlier this spring, Barbara Pires of Canton, Illinois passed away. She was a well-loved woman who touched many lives and enjoyed a great circle of friends.

Her son, David, an SRC alumnus and successful Hollywood actor, and his family selected the SRC Foundation as a location for memorials celebrating the life of his mother. Over 40 individuals contributed to the Foundation to honor Barbara, resulting in over \$750.00 in donations. Those donations were included in our 50th anniversary campaign and will double in 2009-2010 to \$1,500.00.

Memorials to the SRC Foundation ensure that one individual can continue to make dreams come true for many others long after that individual has passed on. We thank David and his family for remembering the SRC Foundation and selecting a memorial to honor the memory of a great lady and supporter of SRC.

IN TIMES OF NEED, THE FOUNDATION IS THERE!

The Foundation is carefully monitoring how state financial aid MAP (Monetary Award Program) grants will be awarded in 2009-2010. At the time of this writing, it appears that the MAP grants will be funded at 100% for the fall semester but any awards for the spring semester are in doubt.

The Foundation has set aside scholarship funds which may be used in the spring to assist those students who may not receive MAP funds for their second semester.

"Over 300 of our students receive MAP assistance," said Gary Schindler, Dean of Student Services at SRC. "The loss of this funding will make it much harder or, in some cases, impossible for these students to continue their educations. Knowing that the Foundation is willing to help in some way provides hope in facing this potential challenge."

THE SRC FOUNDATION GIVING SOCIETY

The SRC Foundation is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2009. Since its inception, the Foundation has benefitted from the generosity of businesses, organizations, and individuals through cumulative contributions over the years. The names of these donors are permanently placed on our Giving Society Donor Wall which is located in the foyer of the SRC Canton Campus. (Some of the foyer's furnishings were made possible by Foundation contributions.) The Foundation would not exist without these philanthropically-minded donors and we are proud to recognize them below. Those in bold print represent donors who have either been added to our wall or who have elevated to the next giving level.

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