

CSC Alumni & Friends

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Fall 2002

Three Rivers Port
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It's All About Scholarships

This year, CSC Alumni & Friends awarded scholarships to students that are participating in Connors Support Services Program.

Student Support Services is a federally funded TRIO program that provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements, and serves to motivate students towards the successful completion of their postsecondary education. The goal of Student Support Services is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants and facilitate the process of transition from one level of higher education to the next. Students who participate in this support organization have a retention rate of 80%.

To be eligible for Student Support Services you must meet at least one of the following requirements:

- 1) First Generation- Neither parent graduated from a four-year college or university.
- 2) Low Income- An individual whose family's taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150% of the poverty level amount.
- 3) Disabled- An individual who has a documented disability.

The program director is Jessie Young. Staff members are Becki Reynolds, Lisa Ward and Mickie Newton.

Students who received scholarships for the

fall semester from Connors Alumni & Friends are:

- v Kristie Miller, Webbers Falls
- v Andrae Freeman, Muskogee
- v Jason Garvin, Muskogee
- v Sara Ingle, Muskogee
- v Jeremy Sellers, Muskogee
- v Matt Williams, Porter

Bob Brannan, former media relations employee of Connors provided two \$250.00 baseball scholarships. Perry Keith, coach, chose the scholarship recipients. Coach Keith expressed his appreciation for the grants.

At the fall teacher orientation, the faculty and staff were given the opportunity to contribute to the scholarship fund through payroll deduction. At this time, the payroll deduction donations will pay for two scholarships.

There has been a positive response to the letters sent by Curtis Pollard requesting scholarship donations. Curtis Pollard, scholarship chairman, has challenged Alumni & Friends to raise at least \$3,000.00 for the 2003 fall enrollees. Pledge cards should be returned to Debrah Vaughn at the CSC Three Rivers Port Campus.

Connors Alumni & Friends exists to assist the students of Connors State College.

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At the last board meeting CSC Alumni & Friends voted to place the operation and school accounts with Connors Development Foundation .

The Foundation serves as a separate incorporated entity and was granted a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service. By accepting gifts of cash, stocks, bonds, real property, insurance policies, and other assets as may be donated through outright donations, bequest, or trust, the Foundation accepts responsibility to disburse said assets in a manner agreed to by the donor and the Foundation.

Building A Legacy

Opportunities exist for naming various rooms, auditoriums, landscape features, and buildings within the "Building A Legacy" campaign at Connors State College. These naming tributes generally follow from a gift of monetary value appropriate to the facility or area being named.

The final authority for any naming, memorial or tribute decisions rests with the president and the Board of Regents for the A & M Colleges.

College staff will be pleased to assist you with the selection of a naming opportunity and to discuss appropriate recognition and signage.

Buildings that can become a namesake are: Administration Building, Classroom Building, Education Building, Equine Center, Fine Arts Center, Indoor Arena, Outdoor Arena and the Softball Facility. Campus Streets can also be designated

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Building A Family Legacy

Our youngest and newest board member is Roni Archer, class of 1980. Roni is the daughter of Clyde and Essie Archer, CSC graduates of '51 and '70. All of Clyde's brothers and sisters attended Connors, as did all of Essie's sisters and their husbands.

Roni and her twin, Doni, are public school teachers. Roni teaches geography, civics and spelling at Mounds Middle School. Doni lives in Norman. The Archer family is truly representative of Connors Alumni & Friends.

Mark your Calendar!

Our Annual meeting will be the 4th Saturday in April. More information will be forthcoming.

Active members will receive membership cards with this newsletter. Have your membership card with you when you attend ball games this season and receive a discount at the door. This is a new service offered to Connors Alumni & Friends.

Please share your newsletter with family and friends who are not yet members. We would appreciate it!