

ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

# Annual Report

*of Giving*



2008

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

*It is with sincere gratitude that I express the appreciation of the ACC Foundation Board of Directors toward our community of supporters. Every time we ask for your support, you have responded. While we tend to measure our success in terms of dollars raised, our true “bottom line” is changed lives. Immeasurable amounts of students have benefited from the Foundation’s work through scholarships, equipment, and enhanced facilities.*



*In 2008, the Foundation took on two new projects to add to the usefulness and aesthetics of Alvin Community College. This year, we began a campaign to replace the 30-year-old chairs in the College Theatre. The Theatre provides opportunities for our entire community to benefit from cultural performances and community events. In the wake of Hurricane Ike, this campaign is even more important to help rebuild the facility, which sustained tremendous damage.*

*We also began work to convert a college classroom into a small performance venue, called Alvin Live, for our community to enjoy. The Alvin Rotary Club graciously helped fund this project, as well. Although Hurricane Ike has created some delay for Alvin Live, the Foundation will work to complete this project in 2009.*

*Last year also provided the Foundation and our nation an economic crisis to contend with. The Foundation is working closely to monitor our investments and ensure our endowments are intact. With the economic situation, more students will be in need of our assistance to achieve their academic goals.*

*On behalf of the entire ACC Foundation Board of Directors, I thank you for your continued support.*

Sincerely,

**Paul Herndon**  
President, ACC Foundation 2008-2009

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*Since its inception in 1974, the ACC Foundation has been dedicated to enriching the lives of others by providing financial resources for personal growth and development through education and involvement in cultural and extracurricular events. It strives to serve as a foundation for success and excellence for students, the community – and Alvin Community College. The ACC Foundation is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization and all donations made to the foundation are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.*

# Support to the College

The Foundation provides support to the College in two forms: 1) scholarships to students, and 2) support for faculty and staff, college programs and the community.


## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

### ACC Foundation Awards \$49,805 to Students in 2008

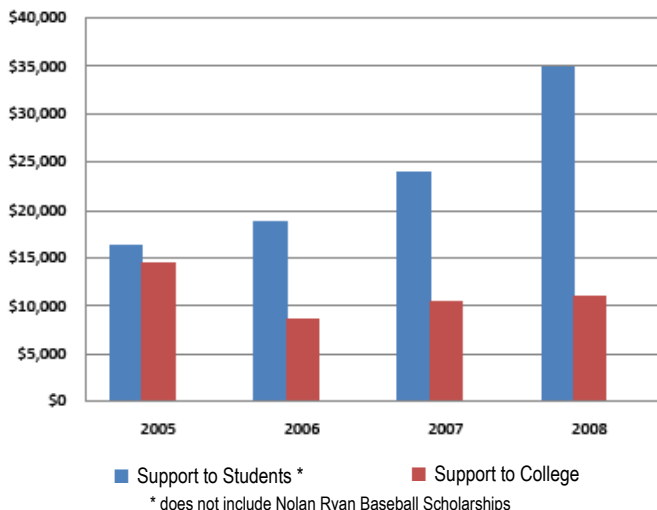
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  - Judge Ed Webb
  - Ruth Webb
- Wordsmith Scholarship

### ACC Foundation Creates New Scholarships in 2008

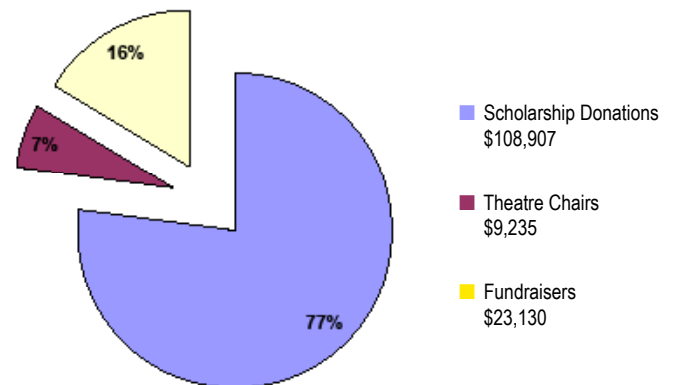
- City of Alvin Chief of Police Mike Merkel recently donated his leftover campaign funds to the Alvin Community College Foundation to create a trust fund for scholarships. Chief Merkel ran for the Brazoria County Sheriff position in 2004 and 2008. By law, candidates and newly elected officials cannot use the money for personal reasons and can only distribute the funds in limited ways, including giving it to a political party, another candidate or charities. Chief Merkel's donation of \$20,701.89 will create a continuous, annual scholarship for a second-year criminal justice student. Chief Merkel, who has been Alvin's police chief for a record 17 years, has a long history with ACC. In addition to earning two associate degrees from the college, he has been a faculty member, teaching classes in the Law Enforcement Academy and sociology, for over 30 years. He has a master's degree in social psychology from the University of Houston and is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. Throughout the years, Merkel has received numerous accolades for his impact on the community through his profession, including the Professional Achievement Award by former Governor and President George W. Bush, statewide Law Enforcement Leadership Award, University of Houston Top 25 Distinguished Alumni Award, ACC Distinguished Alumni Award and a statewide award named in his honor for efforts to help victims of crime by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.


- Myrtle Isensee Memorial Scholarship**  
A gift of \$20,000 was given from the Myrtle Gebert Isensee trust. Ms. Isensee graduated from Schulenburg High School, Blinn Junior College, and Texas Woman's University with a BA degree in Library Science. She taught school in Atlanta, Lockhart and Schulenburg, Texas. Ms. Isensee moved to Alvin in 2004.

### ACC Foundation Support



### 2008 DONATIONS



# Support to the College

## PROGRAM SUPPORT

### Program Support to Faculty, Staff, and the Community

#### Biotechnology Education for Primary Schools

Due to an invitation and \$10,000 starting grant from the Math and Science Education Center at the University of Missouri, the ACC Biology Department initiated a biotechnology outreach program to students from fifth grade through high school in 1992. The program provides training to teachers and the necessary equipment and supplies to conduct experiments in DNA spooling, fingerprinting and extraction, antibiotic resistance, inherited traits and more. Thousands of students in the Alvin, Friendswood and Clear Creek ISD are exposed to the wonders of science and technology through these experiments. The ACC Foundation began assisting the program with equipment and consumable costs with an annual grant of \$1,500 in 1999.



#### Great Teacher Seminar



ACC History Department Chair and Instructor Chris Chance was selected by his peers and sponsored by the ACC Foundation to attend the Hawaii National Great Teachers Seminar on the big island in 2008. Since 1978, the ACC Foundation has sent one faculty member each year to a seminar to celebrate exceptional service, renew the instructor's commitment to teaching and provide the resources and tools needed to continue, to inspire, and stimulate students, as well as themselves.

The Great Teacher Seminar is made possible by a \$2,500 grant.

#### Summer Children's Theatre

To help give area children opportunities to gain valuable life skills through the arts, experience the college environment and provide quality entertainment to the community, the ACC Foundation supports the ACC Summer Children's Theatre Festival each year with a grant of \$1,500. The ACC Speech and Drama Department has been providing this program to children for over 20 years and the ACC Foundation has been supporting this program since 2003.



#### ACC Foundation Excellence Awards



ACC Dean of Instruction/Provost, Dean of Technical Programs Dr. John Bethscheider, (left photo left), Instructor of Horticulture/Biology Dwight Rhodes (center photo right), and Payroll Specialist Carole Hallows (right photo right) were awarded the annual ACC Foundation Excellence Awards at the President's Tea in April.

Each year, the Foundation presents the Excellence Awards to a faculty member, administrative staff employee and a TSCM employee. The three recipients are nominated by college faculty and staff and selected by a committee of past recipients. Each recipient receives a plaque and \$1,000. The goal of these awards is to recognize individual staff members who have achieved excellence in job performance and provided exemplary service to the college and community.

Bethscheider, who has worked for ACC for 35 years, was awarded the Jo Bennett Excellence Award. Rhodes, who has worked at ACC for 24 years, received the Joe Phillips Excellence Award. Hallows, a 1998 ACC graduate who received the Ida Blanchette Excellence Award has been working for ACC for 10 years. Each Excellence Award is named for a former ACC team member who made a significant contribution to the college and students.

#### Technical, Support, Clerical and Maintenance Personnel Workshop

The Technical, Support, Clerical and Maintenance Personnel (TSCM) staff plays an integral role in the success of the college and its ability to provide excellent customer service. To help provide the TSCM personnel with the tools and skills needed to do their job effectively and efficiently for the benefit of students and the community, the ACC Foundation helps sponsor an annual workshop with a grant of \$500.

#### ACC Foundation Supports the Honors Program

In 2008, the ACC Foundation awarded a \$2,000 grant to assist the Honors Program. The Honors Program was created to offer opportunities for motivated and ambitious students to challenge themselves and to enhance their ability to succeed at a higher level academically. The Foundation grant provided three students an opportunity to present their honors projects at a Student Conference for Research and Creative Arts at the University of Houston Clear Lake April 16-18, 2008. In addition, students also attended the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference that was held October 23-27 in San Antonio.



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

### Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets For the year ending December 31, 2008 (unaudited)

	December 31, 2008	December 31, 2007
<b>Support and revenue:</b>		
Contributions and grants	\$ 182,075	\$ 782,246
Author luncheon income, net	6,630	12,759
Gala income, net	23,195	27,619
Travel/Fundraisers	3,386	552
Theater Chairs	8,985	
Interest and dividend income	67,282	46,782
Other revenue		
Realized gains on investments, net	(21,998)	38,335
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(580,890)	88,404
Net assets released from restriction		
Total support and revenue	<u>\$ (311,335)</u>	<u>\$ 996,697</u>
<b>Program and support services:</b>		
Scholarships	\$ 26,280	\$ 29,690
Teacher seminar		2,000
Awards	87,704	20,000
Donation		1,500
Management and general	285	809
Interest Management Fee	14,600	11,602
Supplies	1,348	
K-219	3,677	
Other Expenses	22,124	
Total expenses	<u>\$ 156,018</u>	<u>\$ 65,601</u>
Change in net assets	<u>(467,353)</u>	<u>931,096</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>1,815,418</u>	<u>884,322</u>
Net assets, end of year \$	<u>1,348,065</u>	<u>1,815,418</u>

#### Market Commentary

Period Ending December 31, 2008

The bear market worsened as the major stock indexes cascaded down to a new low of the cycle on November 20. At that point, the S & P 500 Index had fallen 51.9% from its October 2007 peak, marking the third worst peak-to-trough decline since 1929 and retracing all of the gains that occurred during the 2002-2007 bull market period. Volatility was very high during the fourth quarter. In October the Dow recorded two of its six-biggest single-session percentage gains in its history, but then gave back all the gains and fell to new lows. In December the equity market recovered some of its lost ground, but not enough to erase what had become one of the worst years in stock market history. The Dow ended 2008 down 33.8%, its poorest performance since 1931. The S & P 500's decline of 38.5% marks its worst year since 1937. The Nasdaq's decline of 40.5% even eclipsed the plunge that occurred in 2002 when the technology stock bubble burst. Every sector finished 2008 in negative territory. The Financials sector was the worst performer, falling 57%. Defensive areas such as Consumer Staples, Healthcare, and Utilities fared better, recording lower losses than the S & P 500.

Interest rates retraced back to 50 year lows last quarter as the economy endured a period of diminishing activity. Lacking the appropriate amount of leverage in accordance with a burgeoning output gap, nominal interest rates plummeted to their lowest levels since the end of World War II. The trough of the quarter's interest rate downward movement came in early December with the government's 3-month Treasury Bill yielding a negative 0.05 percent. Around the same time, policymakers at the Federal Reserve decided to "range-bound" the target on its overnight lending rate (Fed funds) between 0.00 and 0.25 percent for the foreseeable future. Although nominal interest rates remain at historically low levels, real rates continue to offer average returns. The general absence of inflationary pressures throughout the quarter, subsequently, allowed nominal rates to fall with relative ease over the period. Credit markets, consequently, have since begun to show signs of recovery after starting the quarter at a basic standstill.



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## DONORS TO SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2008

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## PLANNED GIVING

### Giving Options for Education, Community Supporters

In addition to supporting the ACC Foundation's fundraising events, there are numerous ways to make a difference and invest in the community through the organization. Consider the following:

- Create a Scholarship as a Gift or Memorial of a Loved One
- Make Donations in the Names of Friends and Relatives as Gifts
- Remember the ACC Foundation in Wills, Trusts, Life Insurance Policies or Gift Annuities
- Bequeath Property or Real Estate
- Donate Cash or Stocks

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### Scholarship Benefactor Dr. Dickie Fox Passes Away

Last year, ACC students and the ACC Foundation lost a selfless and dedicated supporter when Dr. Dickie Fox passed away after suffering a stroke in January. Dr. Fox, who worked for the college since 1982 and was the TDCJ Program division chair, donated over \$30,000 throughout the years to create merit-based scholarships for students enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing and Vocational Nursing Programs. In addition to his financial support, Dr. Fox donated countless hours to student and college activities. One of his favorite hobbies was building wood furniture, which he often donated for fundraising efforts throughout the campus. For years, he also volunteered regularly to read to children in ACC's Laboratory School.

*The Foundation received memorials and tributes for the following people in 2008:*

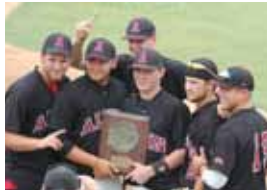
Chuck Belletto  
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Dr. Dickie Fox  
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Andra Hitt  
Myrtle Isensee

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Jerry Jircik  
Homer Moore  
Bob Navarro  
Clyde Webb  
George Webb

## ACC IN 2008

**For Alvin Community College, 2008 was filled with many accomplishments, changes and challenges.**

- The ACC Dolphins Baseball Team won the National Junior College Athletic Association Region XIV Baseball Tournament and clinched the championship for the first time in the college's history. The victory sent the team to the JUCO World Series in Colorado where they finished in 5th place.



- Thomas Schuenemann became the college's first dual degree graduate, earning his associate degree one month before graduating from high school.
- To help keep Texas competitive in the ever-increasing global market and address local labor shortages, the Texas Workforce Commission awarded ACC a \$2.3 million Skills Development Fund grant to provide upgrade training for 1,250 incumbent workers at several local chemical companies.
- ACC partnered with Texas State Technical College to make high quality, state-of-the-art technical training available to residents, businesses and organizations in the Gulf Coast region.
- Two ACC alumni also made news in politics. Former ACC students Texas Representative Rick Noriega ran for the U. S.

Senate and Randy Weber was voted into office as another Texas Representative in November.

- The college also opened a new 5,000-square-foot art building for students and added new courses in country music, oceanography, meteorology, Latin Dance, printmaking and more.
- During the fall 2008 semester, the college enrolled a record 4,539 students.
- ACC awarded 667 degrees and certificates in 2008.

### Hurricane Ike Impact

The biggest challenge ACC had to face last year was the damage caused by the tremendous winds, rains and associated tornadoes of Hurricane Ike in September. To date, the cost estimate for recovery and reconstruction is over \$15 million. Every building was affected in some way, and several severely.

Buildings A and B were damaged the most when a suspected tornado tore off parts of the roofs. Water flowed into the second-floor library in Building A and eventually went through the floor and drenched the Business Office, Registrar, and Financial Aid Department. In Building B, the Theatre was substantially damaged, as well as the band hall, darkroom and several classrooms.

The same tornado also destroyed the baseball field's batting cage and visitor team's dugout. Campus-wide, over 20 departments, 30 offices and 125 classes were relocated as a result of damage. The reconstruction process is expected to take at least a year.

## FOUNDATION PROJECTS

### Theatre Chairs

The ACC Theatre is a 370-seat auditorium serving thousands of people each year by providing a venue for various dramatic, vocal/instrumental and community events, and campus functions.

The ACC Foundation has initiated a campaign to enhance the college's Theatre by replacing the seats, which are over 30 years old. Contributors can pledge to purchase one or more seats for \$250 each, which will include an engraved brass plaque with the contributor's name.

The ACC Theater suffered significant damage during Hurricane Ike and as the college works to rebuild the affected areas; your contribution will allow ACC to create a premier venue for future performances and events.



### Alvin Live

In conjunction with the ACC Communications Department the Foundation embarked on a new project in 2008 called Alvin Live. The purpose of this project is to create a small venue for selected performing arts in Alvin. The venue will be "intimate" and is designed very similar to the University of Texas "Austin City Limits" program. The room will serve as not only an entertainment venue but also enhance the educational opportunities for students in the Broadcast Communication Department. The college will also have the ability to use the room for student activities, workforce development training, political forums and other events.

Funding for renovations and modifications to the existing space has been secured from a generous donation from the Alvin Rotary Club, City of Alvin Hotel Tax Funds, and the ACC Foundation.

Unfortunately, due to damages sustained to the campus in Hurricane Ike the Music Department has been temporarily moved into the room. Once renovations are complete on campus the goal is to have the Alvin Live Project debut in fall 2009.





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