

ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

# Annual Report

*of Giving*



2009



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

*Education changes lives in many ways. Not only does it provide people with skills to earn a living, it changes how they see themselves, each other and the world. It's a very humbling experience to see how many supporters believe in that so much that they donate their valuable time and money to making a difference through the ACC Foundation.*

*Our students face more challenges than ever while earning a degree or vocational training. Some are single parents. Many come from low income families or broken homes. Others persevere with learning and/or physical disabilities. Year after year, however, our students discover that overcoming challenges is the greatest lesson and reward of all and ACC is there to offer a caring hand to make it easier.*

*No matter what you have done to support our students, thank you. Your donations of time and money, other forms of assistance or even words of encouragement are all invaluable.*

*Best wishes for a new year of personal growth and development,*

**Cheryl Knape**

*ACC Foundation President 2009-2010*



## 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.*

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# 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 \$37,700 to Students in 2009

#### ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Dr. Dickie Lee Fox Endowment
- Mamie Louise Payte Endowment
- Nolan Ryan Endowed Baseball Scholarship
- Roy Stubbs Family Endowment
- Webb Family Fund Endowment

#### MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Ezekiel Cross Memorial Fund
- Ben Daw Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Char Elkin Memorial Scholarship
- Nilo Esquivel Memorial Scholarship
- Cathy Forsythe Memorial Scholarship
- Bill & Donna Gardin Memorial Scholarship
- J. Kenneth Gooch Memorial Endowment
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- Mike Trombatore Memorial Scholarship
- Larry Rohan Memorial Scholarship
- M. B. Ward Memorial Scholarship
- Andrew Wesley Webb Memorial Scholarship
- Judge Ed Webb Memorial Scholarship
- Ruby Webb Peterson Memorial Scholarship
- Ruth Webb Memorial Scholarship

#### ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

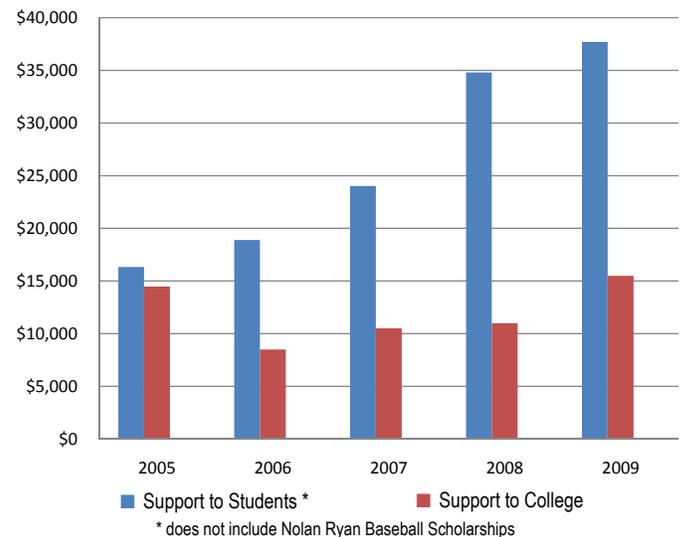
- ACC Foundation Opportunity Scholarship
- ACC Foundation Pearland Scholarship
- Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship
- José Castillo Scholarship
- Debbie Granberry Scholarship
- Hawkins Family Scholarship
- Lynn Kilborn Vocational Nursing Scholarship
- Lions Hollis McGinnes Scholarship
- Mike Merkel Scholarship
- Rotary Scholarship
- Upward Bound
- Wordsmith Scholarship

## How the ACC Foundation Distributes, Utilizes Funds

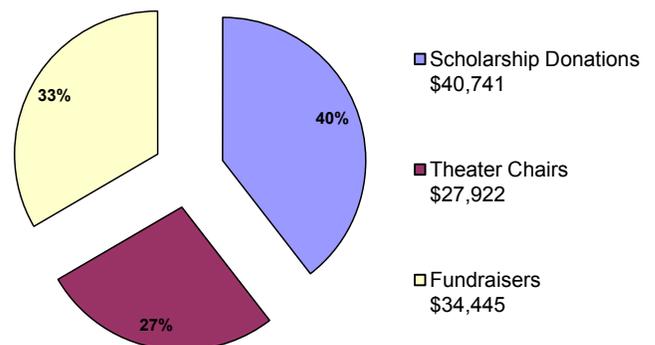
Funds received from private donations are distributed in the manner requested by the donor, if specified. If not specified, the donation is allotted toward opportunity scholarships. Funds raised during the two annual events, the Author's Luncheon and Christmas Gala, are divided in half – with 50 percent being used toward scholarships and 50 percent toward faculty and staff development programs and community enrichment projects.

Another goal of any foundation is to increase its fund balance, so it can be invested in a manner that will foster a cycle of continued financial gain throughout the history of the college. As the balance grows, so does the interest it accrues, which means more scholarships can be made available to students each year. ACC Foundation funds are maintained by RBC Dain Rauscher, Inc., one of the nation's largest full-service securities firms.

### ACC Foundation Support



## 2009 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 various experiments in DNA spooling, fingerprinting and extraction, antibiotic resistance, inherited traits and more. Thousands of students in the Alvin, Friendswood and Clear Creek Independent School District are exposed to the wonders of science and technology, and the dedication to the community by ACC, each year through these experiments. To make the program possible and cost-effective, the program is coordinated by volunteer Jane Allen and the reagents are donated by a company she has worked with for many years. The ACC Foundation began assisting the program with equipment and consumable costs with an annual grant of \$1,500 in 1999.

#### Great Teacher Seminar

Alvin Community College Associate Degree Nursing instructor Debra Fontenot (left) was chosen by the ACC Foundation to attend the Hawaii National Great Teachers Seminar on the big island in August of last year. Fontenot was nominated for the honor by fellow faculty members and chosen by past recipients. 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.

#### ACC Foundation Excellence Awards

Each year, the ACC Foundation presents the Excellence Awards to an ACC administrative staff employee, faculty member and TSCM employee. The three recipients are nominated by college faculty and staff and selected by a committee. Each recipient receives a plaque and \$1,000. The goal of these awards is to recognize individual staff members

who have not only achieved excellence in performance of their job over a sustained period of time, but have also provided exemplary service to the college



*Alvin Community College Foundation President Cheryl Knape (left to right) announced last year's Excellence Award recipients Eileen Cross, Dennis LaValley and Patty Balderas, all of Alvin, at the annual President's Tea on April 28.*

and community. The ACC Foundation hosts events each year to raise money for student scholarships and these awards. Eileen Cross, who is the college's ADA counselor, received the Jo Bennett Excellence Award for administrative staff. She has been at ACC since 1983. Dennis LaValley, the college's Art Department chair, received the Joe Phillips Excellence Award for faculty. He has been at ACC since 1993. Patty Balderas, senior administrative assistant for the dean of academic programs, received the Ida Blanchette Excellence Award for TSCM staff. She has been at ACC since 1997.

# Support to the College

## PROGRAM SUPPORT

### TSCM Personnel Teambuilding 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.



### New Student Ambassador Program



To help promote involvement and enthusiasm for higher education opportunities and possibilities, the ACC Foundation sponsored the new Ambassador Program at ACC during the fall 2009

semester. Some of the duties for the 10 ambassadors included: calling prospective students, providing campus tours, serving as new student orientation guides, greeting state officials, assisting the recruiter and departments at events, assisting with marketing materials, restocking brochures and rack cards throughout the campus, helping students on the first day of the semester and more.

The new ACC student ambassadors in 2009 were: Lindsey Bedford, of Alvin; Katharina Byerly, of Webster; Samantha Delcampo, of Angleton; Crystal Faught, of Friendswood; Josiah Harley, of Alvin; Thomas Jennings, of Alvin; Cassie Johnson, of Pearland; Gin'a Keel-Matheny, of Houston; Brandon Williams, of Fresno; and Jordan Winzenried, of Alvin.

### ACC Foundation Supports Honors Program

In 2009, the ACC Foundation awarded a \$2,000 grant to assist the Honors Program. The ACC Honors Program was created approximately 10 years ago to give motivated students another tool to excel and reach their personal, academic and career goals. Last year, the Foundation's grant helped honors students attend the Gulf Coast Intercollegiate Honors Council annual retreat in February,



Jennifer Henderson (top to bottom), Carolina Lovel-Acevedo, and Juanita Jimenez pose for a photo in the lap of an Albert Einstein sculpture during the national conference in Washington, D. C.

present a project at the Great Plains Honors Council spring regional conference in April and attend the National Collegiate Honors Council conference in Washington, D.C. in October.

*From the two years that I was in the ACC Honors Program, I grew so much as a student, a researcher, and an individual. It benefited me in more ways than I can describe; it gave me great self-confidence, honed my speaking and researching skills, and gave me a great appreciation for others' research. It also helped me set high standards and goals for myself, so that I worked hard in all of my classes – not just the ones that were for honors credit. Overall, the honors project gave me valuable skills that I will use for the rest of my academic career – and truly, it gave me skills that will help me succeed in life.*

**-Katherine Allin, 2009 ACC Honors Graduate**

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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

	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
<b>Support and revenue:</b>		
Contributions and grants	16,532	182,075
Author's Luncheon income, net	8,515	6,630
Gala income, net	24,981	23,195
Travel/Fundraisers	565	3,386
Theatre chairs	17,975	8,985
Interest and dividend income	51,406	67,282
Other revenue		
Realized gains on investments, net		(21,998)
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	346,634	(580,890)
Net assets released from restriction		
Total support and revenue	<u>466,608</u>	<u>(311,335)</u>
<b>Program and support services:</b>		
Scholarships	31,800	26,280
Teacher seminar	3,000	
Awards	27,560	87,704
Donation		
Management and general	418	285
Interest Management Fee	12,064	14,600
Supplies		1,348
K-219		3,677
Other expenses		22,124
Total expenses	<u>74,842</u>	<u>156,018</u>
Change in net assets	<u>316,924</u>	<u>(467,353)</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	1,348,065	1,815,418
Net assets, end of year	<u>1,739,831</u>	<u>1,348,065</u>

#### Market Commentary

Period Ending December 31, 2009

*At the end of a challenging and volatile decade for equity investing, the major stock market indexes finished 2009 in strong fashion. The S&P 500 Index and Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) rose 6.0% and 8.1%, respectively, during the fourth quarter. Nine of the ten S&P 500 sectors traded higher; only the Financials sector traded lower. The fourth-quarter rally, combined with the market's previous strength, more than erased the severe losses recorded early in the year. Even though the S&P 500 nose-dived 25% during the first quarter as the credit crisis and recession gripped global markets, it staged one of the most dramatic rallies in history as credit conditions improved and recession aftershocks waned. The S&P 500 surged almost 65% from its mid-March low through year-end. Other domestic and international equity indexes followed suit, many delivering even stronger gains. The central bank-and government-induced recovery enabled the major U.S. equity indexes to record their best annual gains since 2003. The S&P 500 and DJIA rose 26.5% and 22.7%, respectively, in 2009. The NASDAQ Composite Index surged 43.9%-it's fourth strongest annual gain. On a sector basis, Information Technology (+59.9%), Materials (+45.2%), and Consumer Discretionary (+38.8%) were by far the standout performers for the year.*

*For the year, the performances of government bonds are making all the right headlines for all the wrong reasons. Posting their worst performance on a total return basis since 1983, the general outperformance of Treasuries in 2008 is all but a footnote today. Mostly a product of volatility, the general disappoint of Treasuries for the calendar of 2009 is far from a long-term trend. More specifically, the further evolution of monetary policy with respect to the Federal Reserve should offer more transparency going forward than the relative ambiguity it produced last years, especially during that of the previous quarter. While credit spreads condensed slightly further this quarter, at the same time, the maturity spread (i.e. yield curve) widened much beyond historical levels. As a result, monetary policy stance became rather pronounced with respect to short-term interest rates.*

# Donors

## DONORS TO SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2009

Evening Star Personal Care Home LLC	Dixie Jircik	Georgia Lapp	Dr. & Mrs. Schlattman II
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## DONORS TO FOUNDATION EVENTS IN 2009

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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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*The Foundation received memorials and tributes for the following people in 2009:*

<i>Debbie Granberry</i>	<i>Clyde Webb</i>
<i>Jerry Jircik</i>	<i>Mildred Yourcheck</i>



# ACC Highlights

## FOUNDATION PROJECTS

### Foundation Helps Theatre Get New Chairs

For over 30 years, the Alvin Community College Theatre has provided the community with a venue for over 1,000 concerts, plays, performances and events. It also serves college students for various functions, workshops and activities. It is a 370-seat auditorium that accommodates thousands of people each year. To help make the theatre more enjoyable and comfortable for guests, the ACC Foundation hosted a campaign in 2008 and 2009 to replace the original 30-plus-year-old hard chairs with new, soft theatre-style seating. In appreciation for a donation of \$250 to replace one chair, the ACC Foundation will place on the armrest of the chair a brass plaque engraved with the name(s) of the supporter(s) or in memory/honor of a loved one.



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### 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 Communications 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, and the ACC Foundation.

Unfortunately, due to damages sustained to the campus in Hurricane Ike, renovations were delayed. The goal is to have the Alvin Live Project debut in the summer of 2010.

# ACC Highlights

## ACC IN 2009

**For Alvin Community College, 2009 was filled with many accomplishments, changes and challenges.**

ACC alumnus Randy Weber was sworn in as a Texas Representative for District 29 in January.

Through a partnership with Texas State Technical College, advanced technical classes began at the Pearland Center in March.

The Dolphins baseball team constructed a new locker room at Phillips Field with a generous donation from longtime ACC supporter and baseball legend Nolan Ryan.

Through the dual degree program, three Alvin High School students graduated with an associate degree from ACC several days before graduating from high school in June.



ACC's youngest college graduate, Marshall Smiley, earned his second associate degree at the age of 18 in June. He received his first one at the age of 17 in 2008.

To give students another option for earning a bachelor's degree, ACC signed an articulation agreement with Brazosport College during a ceremony in June. The agreement allows ACC students to transfer up to 75 college-level credit hours toward a Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) degree in Industrial Management at Brazosport College.



ACC entered into an articulation agreement with University of Houston-Clear Lake to allow reverse transfer credits

in August. Through the reverse transfer program, ACC students who go on to UH-Clear Lake before

completing an associate degree will be able to transfer coursework from UH-Clear Lake to ACC to be used as requirements toward a two-year degree.

ACC President Dr. Rodney Allbright was honored for his 40 years of service at the college in August. In 1976, he became the country's youngest community college president at the age of 32 and is the longest serving president.



The ACC Process Technology Associate of Applied Science Degree received program recognition from the Texas Skill Standards Board (TSSB) for being integrated with statewide, industry-defined standards in September. ACC's Process Technology degree meets the TSSB Chemical/Refining Process Technician Skill Standards, which define "the knowledge, skills, and abilities that are required for entry-level process technicians in the chemical, oil and gas production, refining and exploration, pharmaceutical, timber and power generation industries."

During the fall 2009 semester, the college enrolled a record 5,200 students and reached nearly 950,000 contact hours.



Cathy Forsythe, who served as a professional radio broadcaster, voice talent and chair of the Broadcast Communications Department at ACC for nearly 30

years, was inducted into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame posthumously during a ceremony in November.

Texas Governor's Legislative Director and former Texas Senator Kenneth L. Armbrister presented ACC President Dr. Rodney Allbright with recognition and greetings from Gov. Rick Perry at the ACC Law Enforcement Academy graduation ceremony in Dec. 11. ACC was the first community college in Texas to offer the state required basic certification for peace officers and the program is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

# ACC Highlights

## ACC IN 2009

### Hurricane Ike Recovery



The biggest challenge ACC had to face in 2009 was the recovery and renovation of the campus from the impact from the tremendous winds, rains and associated

tornadoes of Hurricane Ike in September 2008. Every building was affected by the storm in some way.

Despite the devastation, it became an opportunity to make many changes and renovations that were needed. The main campus looks and feels very different from the one that existed prior to the hurricane. Students and faculty have greatly benefitted from the transformation.

Among some of the changes include:

- Nearly all buildings and rooms received new paint and carpet.
- Reorganization of Building A student services and creation of the Enrollment Services Center.
- Child Development area was renovated and a new motor lab room was created.
- Building H was converted into the new home of the Continuing Education Workforce Development Department. This is the first time it has had a dedicated building for its classes.
- The Campus Police Department moved into the newly renovated Building H and expanded.
- College Store in Building E was expanded to nearly double in size and renovated.
- The library was renovated and upgraded and a new student study lounge was created.
- The Texas Room and cafeteria in Building E were renovated.
- The Fitness Center was renovated and reorganized to create a 5,000-square-foot weight and exercise room and new dance and fitness classroom.



- Renovation and conversion of Building I into the new jewelry studio.
- The theatre was renovated and received new seats and new equipment.
- Reorganization of various departments and classes to streamline.
- Nearly all buildings received new roofs.
- Implementation of drainage improvement projects.
- Landscaping changes resulted in the elimination of large hedges surrounding various buildings.
- The walking/jogging track is still undergoing renovations.

### Student Snapshot for 2009

- 87% plan to earn an associate degree or earn credits to transfer to a university.
- 70% are classified as freshman and 4% already have at least one degree.
- The average age of an ACC student is 24. 25% are 17 years and younger, 44% are between 19 and 30 and 19% are over 30. Currently, the youngest student is 13 and the oldest is 79.
- Women make up 56% of the student population at ACC.
- Ethnicity: 60% White; 25% Hispanic; 10% Black; 4% Asian/Pacific Islander; 1% Other/Unknown.
- Although 98% of ACC students are from Texas, 53% come from out-of-district.
- ACC awarded 895 degrees and certificates in 2009.





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