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Alexian Brothers Health Systems Donates \$100,000 for Nursing Scholarship



Harper College President Dr. Kenneth L. Ender, Ph.D., left, and Alexian Brothers Health System Executive Vice President Mark Frey pose with Harper nursing students after inking a deal to establish a scholarship fund for bilingual nursing students.

Alexian Brothers Health Systems has donated \$100,000 to Harper College to establish a scholarship program for bilingual nurses. Demand for bilingual nurses has skyrocketed, especially for Hispanics, who represent about 15 percent of all registered nurses, according to the National Association of Hispanic Nurses.

This scholarship will support bilingual nursing students in need of financial aid who enroll, or are currently enrolled in, Harper's two-year nursing program. It will provide an annual award of \$1,500 to a bilingual nursing student.

The scholarship agreement was signed by Alexian Brothers Health System Executive Vice President Mark Frey and Harper College President Dr. Kenneth L. Ender on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 in the Harper College nursing lab. ■

Alumni Spotlight: *Laurie Turpin*



Laurie Turpin, a 1982 Harper College graduate, is an international meeting organizer who helped plan and execute hospitality programs for four summer Olympic Games and two winter Olympic Games. Laurie worked on the Atlanta Olympics in 1996, Nagano in 1998, Sydney in 2000, Salt Lake City in 2002, Athens in 2004 and Beijing in 2008. She had the opportunity to spend nearly five weeks in each location.

"During the last 20 years I've been blessed to have been able to travel and work in 45 countries on five continents, including Europe, the Middle East and Asia," she explained. "These were unforgettable experiences for me, and they have given me enormous perspective."

Laurie traces her success to her involvement as an actress in a number of Harper productions, where she was encouraged by her mentor and lifelong friend, retired faculty member Mary Jo Willis. "I got into management because of theatre, especially a summer study tour in London," said Laurie, who went on to receive her bachelor's degree in fine arts from Georgetown University and master's degree in theatre from Northwestern University.

"I wanted to be on stage, but instead got into the administrative side of theatre. From there I began working on festivals and parades. That led me to the meetings and incentives industry," she said. Laurie is currently an account manager for Creative Group, Inc., in Buffalo Grove, and now she is paving the way for others to have successful careers through a scholarship fund she and her sister created in honor of their parents.

Since graduating from Harper, Laurie has kept in contact with Ms. Willis, who encouraged her to become active with the Harper Educational Foundation. Laurie now serves as a member of the Educational Foundation's Annual Fund Committee.

Two years ago, to honor their parents, Laurie and her sister, Robin, a Harper College Distinguished Alumna, created the Shirley L. and Howard A. Turpin Scholarship for Dreamers. Laurie's father, the late Howard Turpin, was an adjunct professor of marketing for many years at Harper, and for the past 30 years, her mother, Shirley—a familiar face to many faculty and staff—has been a student in nearly every College department. "My sister and I got together and said, 'Wouldn't it be great if we recognized our parents' involvement in Harper?'" said Laurie. "It's been a thrill. Our mom was overjoyed."

For Laurie, the creation of the scholarship has meant that she has been able to meet the student recipients. "One of the most rewarding experiences for me is to meet the people who win the scholarships," she said. "I've been so impressed by the recipients and by their determination to succeed. This scholarship is for dreamers. For us, it doesn't matter who they are, so long as they have a dream. This scholarship has been very rewarding for all of us."

A resident of Arlington Heights, Laurie says the Fund Committee is always looking for ways to reach out to Harper alumni. "It really excites us to be able to keep people connected. Harper was my first college experience and I feel a strong connection to the College as a result. I am still friends with people I first met at Harper. For a lot of us, these are our roots." ■

Harper College Faculty Spotlight: *Jason Andrew “Andy” Geary*

Assistant Professor, Mathematics and Science

Glenn Reich Memorial Faculty Award for Instructional Technology 2011-2012 Recipient



Assistant Professor Jason Andrew "Andy" Geary of the Mathematics Department at Harper College is a groundbreaker in the use of tablet computers (tablet PC) in the classroom. A tablet PC is a type of mobile computer, usually having a touchscreen or pen-enabled interface.

The use of a tablet PC and associated software applications has greatly increased the resources Andy's students can access at any time of the day and has transformed his teaching style and the way he communicates with students.

Andy began using a tablet PC in his mathematics classes in fall 2009. He uses a variety of software applications, such as Microsoft® OneNote for writing out notes, highlighting information and drawing pictures and graphs in color, and TechSmith® Snagit to copy and paste learning aides into his OneNote files.

He also uses TechSmith® Jing, screen video capture software, as a tool to communicate with students. He previously relied on email to answer questions and needed to write out long explanations of concepts and problems. Using a tablet PC and Jing, Andy can go over the problem and create a sound-enhanced video as he works out a solution. The student receives a link to the video and can watch Andy solve the problem as he explains it.

He is a pioneer in using the Hawkes Learning System, a mastery-based homework and testing system that provides error-specific feedback for students, in both blended and traditional courses.

Sharing his enthusiastic use of the tablet PC with Harper faculty, Andy has presented an e-poster session and numerous faculty workshops. He also teaches a tablet PC "how-to" class for faculty members who received tablets as part of a pilot project.

In addition to presentations at Harper College, Andy showcased tablet PC use in the mathematics classroom at the Illinois Mathematics Association of Community Colleges Conference in March 2011.

He continues to explore new uses for instructional technology and regularly attends conferences. He exemplifies the spirit of the Glenn Reich Award by being a faculty member who is not only innovative and creative in using new technology to enhance teaching and learning, but who also freely shares his newfound knowledge and skills with others. ■

New Endowed Scholarships



Kenneth L. Ender, Ph.D., Harper College President; Bill Kelley, Harper College Board of Trustees; Catherine M. Brod, Chief Advancement Officer and Executive Director, Harper College Educational Foundation; Lane Moyer, Foundation Board President

Kelley Family Endowed Career Foundations Scholarship Fund

In July 2011, Bill Kelley, a member of the Harper College Board of Trustees, and his wife Jeanne Kelley made a gift to the Educational Foundation in the form of a \$3,000 current use scholarship that is intended to support developmental special needs students enrolled in the Career Foundations Program.

Additionally, the Kelleys made a \$25,000 planned gift pledge to the Foundation to support the Kelley Family Endowed Career Foundations Scholarship Fund.



Kenneth L. Ender, Ph.D., Harper College President; Georgeanna and Gregg Mehr; Catherine M. Brod, Chief Advancement Officer and Executive Director, Harper College Educational Foundation; Lane Moyer, Foundation Board President

Georgeanna and Gregg Mehr Endowed Scholarship for Women

In September 2011, Georgeanna Mehr and her husband Gregg Mehr made a generous gift to the Educational Foundation in the form of a \$10,000 endowed scholarship to be used for participants in the Rita and John Canning Women's Program.

The Rita and John Canning Women's Program has won numerous awards and is considered a model by the Illinois Department of Labor for promoting the economic self-sufficiency of women.

The participants are low-income single parents, displaced homemakers, nontraditional career seekers and/or individuals with limited English speaking proficiency. Last year, 542 Harper College students were served by the program. The program usually serves about 400 women annually, but this past year the need was exceptional.

The scholarship funds will provide support (tuition, fees and books) for one student annually, once the endowment is fully funded. All participants receive personal support, educational planning assistance and job/career related guidance.



Lane Moyer, Foundation Board; Lori Reich; Catherine M. Brod, Chief Advancement Officer and Executive Director, Harper College Educational Foundation; Jason Andrew Geary, Sara Reich; Kenneth L. Ender, Ph.D., Harper College President

Glenn Reich Memorial Faculty Award

The Glenn Reich Memorial Faculty Award was established in 1999 through a generous gift made by Lori Reich in memory of her late husband, Glenn Reich, former director of user services at Harper. Glenn wanted to share his love of computers with students and faculty members. He encouraged faculty and staff to invest their energy in the technology that he knew would dramatically affect our world. Glenn believed every academic discipline should expose students to become familiar and comfortable with technology. This award is devoted to realizing and carrying forward that vision.

The Glenn Reich Memorial Faculty Award for Instructional Technology will be awarded to a Harper College full-time, adjunct, or retired faculty member (individual or team) who has actively used technology for the purpose of improving instruction.

To be considered for the \$1,000 award, applicants must submit a description of the instructional technology or technologies they have used or are using, explain how it has enhanced the teaching and learning process and describe how they envision its future use. Nominations may be made by any member of the Harper community.

Applications should reflect Glenn's humanistic, collaborative approach to instructional technology and his belief that "technology could enrich the teaching and learning process; it could open the doors for new opportunities and new ideas."

Recipients of the Glenn Reich Memorial Faculty Award

- 2000-2001 Professor Mark L. Healy, Business/Social Science
- 2001-2002 Associate Professor Dr. Sunil Koswatta, Mathematical Sciences
- 2002-2003 Assistant Professor Terry Felke, Business/Social Science (Now Terry Morris)
- 2003-2004 Assistant Professor Deepa Godambe, Chemistry
- 2004-2005 Professor Kenneth Hyde, Biology and Timothy Prentiss, Instructor, Computer Information Systems (CIS), Business/Social Science
- 2005-2006 Assistant Professor Judith Zaplatynsky, Business/Social Science
- 2006-2007 Assistant Professor Denise Dudzinski, Health Careers and Public Safety and Julie DiAgostino Instructor, Health Careers and Public Safety
- 2007-2008 Associate Professor Jeff Przybylo, Liberal Arts
- 2008-2009 Assistant Professor Dave Braunschweig, Business/Social Science
- 2009-2010 Assistant Professor Jennifer E. Bell, Adult Educational Development
- 2010-2011 Assistant Professor Veronica Mormino, Business/Social Science
- 2011-2012 Assistant Professor Jason Andrew Geary, Mathematics and Science



Kenneth L. Ender, Ph.D., Harper College President; Vicky Bekeleski, Mark Cleary, Foundation Board; Lane Moyer, Foundation Board President

Northrop Grumman Gift

In August 2010, Northrop Grumman made a \$50,000 gift to support Printing in Kind Services at Harper College for special events and special projects, as requested. Printing these materials will benefit many Harper College students.

Also, in August 2011, Northrop Grumman made a \$5,000 pledge to support the Choice Scholars Institute at Harper College.

The Choice Scholars Institute is dedicated to promoting college readiness by providing academic enrichment programs for at-risk students, partnering with fellow educators and introducing students to learning strategies that provide them with a framework for understanding the challenges and expectations of college and the tools and practical skills they need to be successful.

Schneider Electric Gift

In August 2011, Schneider Electric made a \$50,000 gift to the Foundation. The gift will support Harper College as follows:

- \$40,000 to provide curriculum development and equipment needed to support Harper's new Alternative Electrical Energy Certificate Program, which was launched in spring 2010
- \$8,000 annual gift to support the Square D Engineering Scholarship
- \$2,000 annual gift to support the Women's Program

Palatine Opportunity Center Scholarship Fund

In September 2011, Hoffman Estates Community Bank, Barrington Bank & Trust and Palatine Bank & Trust made a generous gift to the Educational Foundation in the form of a \$10,000 scholarship fund to support Palatine Opportunity Center students who are taking Harper courses.

The Palatine Opportunity Center is a collaborative effort involving Harper College, Northwest Community Hospital and the Palatine Public Library, Police Department and Park District.

Last year 792 students were served by the program. Most of the students taking Palatine Opportunity Center courses are low income, unemployed and taking courses to improve their literacy or to acquire skills that will assist them in gaining employment. Courses taken by students include GED, non-native literacy, ESL and career/vocational programs.

The scholarship funds will provide support (tuition, fees and books) to benefit students in the spring 2012 semester. ■

Harper College Distinguished Alumni



Kenneth L. Ender, Ph.D., President of Harper College, Daneen M. Gorski-Adams, Lawrence R. Moats, Dr. Nancy M. Castle, Thomas J. Erbach, Donna M. Grzegorek, Alexi Giannoulas, Chairman of the Illinois Community College Board.

As a Harper College student in the 1970s, Nancy Castle was terrified of public speaking.

However, a required speech course provided a fortunate transformation. "That class," Castle says, "was a life-changer for me."

Castle went on to earn a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Northern Illinois University and built a 30-year career as a college professor who presents at international conferences and to Congress.

On Monday, November 14, 2011, she delivered a public thank-you to her speech professor as she was formally honored with the 2011 Distinguished Alumni award, along with four other former Harper students,

Castle's theme of gratitude was repeated often throughout the event, with each honoree relaying personal stories of faculty who they said fueled learning, helped launch careers and influenced lives.

"All things considered, I think I should be honoring Harper tonight," said honoree Thomas Erbach, who earned a bachelor's in chemistry after leaving Harper and cited instructors who challenged students to rise above perceptions to achieve greatness. "Thank you for your contribution to my success."

The event, a toast to the achievements of five alumni who used Harper to jumpstart a variety of educational journeys and career paths, included comments from Illinois Community College Board Chairman Alexi Giannoulas, who spoke of the value of community colleges and called on the honorees and former recipients also in attendance to share their stories as an inspiration to others.

"You are wonderful role models for so many current and future students," he told the group.

The 2011 induction ceremony lauded the newest inductees' community and professional success before a crowd including faculty, staff and elected officials.

Other honorees included Daneen M. Gurski-Adams, Lawrence R. Moats and Donna M. Grzegorek.

"You honor us with your accomplishments," Harper President Dr. Kenneth L. Ender told the five 2011 honorees. "You honor the work of our faculty, and we are so very, very proud of you."

Harper's Distinguished Alumni program was launched in 2008 in conjunction with the College's 40th anniversary. Since then, 22 former students, including an Emmy-nominated screenwriter, a mayor, a fire chief, a *National Geographic*-honored geoarchaeologist and the songwriter who penned Madonna's *La Isla Bonita*, have been formally recognized. ■

TRANSITIONS



Catherine M. Brod

Where do I begin to say thank you, as I bid you all a very fond farewell? These past 15 years have been an amazing adventure, working with our community and our College to forge philanthropic and other mutually beneficial partnerships. The best part of the adventure has been the privilege of meeting, knowing and working with all of you—students, faculty, alumni, donors, community and business leaders. Harper is a very special place and will always be near and dear to my heart. I look forward to hearing about the progress of the many great initiatives that our work together has begun. Thank you for your generosity of heart, time and resources in making Harper College a community asset for which we can all be very proud. And on a personal note, thank you for your kind friendship and the overwhelming amount of well wishes for my new professional endeavors.

Dr. Kenneth L. Ender

It has been a privilege to work with Cathy Brod over the last three years as she lead the Advancement, Alumni and Educational Foundation efforts. Please join me in wishing her well in her new endeavors and welcoming Lisa M. Dietlin, who will serve as the Interim Executive Director during this time of transition. I have asked her to conduct an audit of our current advancement activities and to provide an assessment of what could be done in the future to augment the efforts begun by Cathy. I look forward to working with you as we prepare to celebrate Harper's 45th anniversary in September!

Lisa Dietlin

Let me join with Dr. Ender to wish Cathy Brod well as she embarks on a new chapter in her career! It truly has been a tremendous opportunity to work with Cathy over the past few years starting with the successful Project Tomorrow campaign. During this time of transition, I look forward to meeting and working with many of you. At any time, please feel free to share your suggestions, ideas and thoughts with me. I can be reached at ldietlin@harpercollege.edu. ■

2012 Distinguished Alumni Awards Call for Nominations

Nominees can self-nominate or be nominated by someone else.
Visit harpercollege.edu/alumni and click on Nominate Distinguished Alumni for the application, award criteria and nominating instructions.

Deadline extended to (CST) Tuesday, May 15, 2012.

Questions?

Call: 847.925.6701

email: alumni@harpercollege.edu

Visit: harpercollege.edu/alumni

SPOTLIGHT ON

The Harper Educational Foundation Board Members



James A. Moehling

James Moehling grew up on a farm and earned a full scholarship, which gave him the opportunity to attend law school. He is an honors graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston with a liberal arts degree, majoring in political science and economics, and Northwestern University in Chicago, where he earned a juris doctorate degree and served on its *Law Review*.

He was an equity partner for many years with Holland & Knight, one of the 10 largest law firms in the United States, and now enjoys the independence and flexibility of being a sole practitioner in Lake Barrington. He is motivated by opportunities to prevent litigation and to solve complex issues. He concentrates on counseling corporations, especially family and other closely owned businesses and in estate planning and administration. In addition, he serves on the boards of directors of several corporate clients.

James feels that he has been richly blessed and enjoys opportunities to give back to the community. He is a co-founder of a Mission Board for the needy in the area and in Africa. He has been a food pantry board member and is also active as a counselor to those in crisis as well as a volunteer with Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois. He has also served as cofounder and chairman of the

board for a church-based endowment fund. He is vice president and a member of the board of his condominium association at Lake Barrington Shores.

His life lessons have taught him that students do not generally receive adequate guidance about the importance of learning—and being sensitive to—people skills in addition to merely absorbing the technical aspects of their chosen careers. He is passionate about increasing the focus on those skills.

James has four grown boys and six grandchildren and appreciates their varied outlooks on life. He lives with his dog, Gypsy, and is an active volleyball player, walker, dog lover and kayaker. He enjoys reading and collects antiquarian books. ■



Dr. Robin S. Turpin

Robin Turpin was raised in Hoffman Estates, graduating from James B. Conant High School. She attended Harper College, serving as student member to the Board of Trustees, and was a peer counselor and member of Phi Theta Kappa. She later graduated with a B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in applied social psychology from Loyola University Chicago, where she was awarded the Charles I Doyle Award for Outstanding Service to the Loyola Day School

for autistic and schizophrenic children and was a member of the Blue Key Honor Fraternity.

Robin is currently senior director and head, Global Health Economics and Outcomes Research for Medical Products at Baxter Healthcare in Deerfield. Formerly she was a Distinguished Fellow with the U.S. Department of Education, National Institute of Disability and Rehabilitation Research, and has conducted and published research in a broad range of health topics with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, Northwestern University Medical School, the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Merck & Co. and Baxter Healthcare.

She is the co-author of more than 65 books, book chapters, and journal articles on health economics, health behavior and disease management. Robin's research has won awards from the American Evaluation Association, the Disease Management Association of America, the International Society for Outcomes Research and Pharmacoeconomics, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and the American Society of Health System Pharmacists.

She has held previous academic appointments with Loyola University Chicago and Northwestern University Medical School, is a senior scholar with the Department of Health Policy at Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia, and serves on the editorial boards of Disease Management and Games for Health. Robin's current research area of interest is in reducing the incidence of bloodstream and other hospital-acquired infections.

Robin is currently on the Harper College Annual Fund Committee, and has formerly volunteered with Hospice Care in Philadelphia and with St. John Church in Palatine.

Robin was named a Harper College Distinguished Alumni in 2009. Through a long and inspiring association with Harper College as a student, teacher and alumna, Robin remains a strong advocate for Harper as an important institution of higher learning, and for its role in fulfilling the critical community college mission. ■



Marianne J. Stanke

Marianne is employed by Motorola Solutions as director of strategy focused on implementing cost efficiencies and strategic plans. In addition to her current responsibilities, she works with the CEO of Motorola Solutions as the Chair for the American Cancer Society Discovery Ball to plan the event and to raise over \$2.3M for the charity. In addition, Marianne is a leader for the Women's Business Council (WBC) in Schaumburg. The WBC helps develop leaders within Motorola and contributes to the education of the community through the engagement in the NIU-Naperville Engineering workshops, High School District 211 gifted program, Journey World Fair-Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago, Build It Invent it, and Mayor's Office Apps 4 Metro Chicago Competition. In addition, the WBC manages the Giving Tree Campaign and book drive to

benefit WINGS, Children's Home and Aid and Little City.

Marianne began her involvement with Harper College when Motorola Solutions engaged with the Skills for America's Future program and she managed a project to design a social media site linking community colleges with corporations. This project introduced her to the Choice Scholars Institute at Harper College, where she secured professionals from Motorola Solutions to share their educational and career experiences with freshmen students in the program. The topics covered included interviewing tips, strategic thinking, developing a brand, increasing your innovation, and unique paths to careers in education and nursing.

Prior to joining Motorola Solutions, she was a VP for Deutsche Telekom/T-Systems and led the Network Planning department. Other experiences include Operations, Marketing and Engineering positions within AT&T (previously Ameritech/SBC) and corporate merger expertise at both Deutsche Telekom and AT&T.

Marianne received her bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and her MBA from DePaul Graduate School of Business in Chicago.

The State Governor appointed Marianne to the Illinois Century Network Policy Board, where she served for three years. Currently, Marianne holds five US patents in telecommunications and has other patents pending. Marianne was selected to speak at the Society of Women Engineers National conference and to lead panel discussions for the annual Global Day of Engineering. Other interests include running, ballet and photography.

Marianne and her husband Jim Trofimuk, President of Waypoint Consulting, reside in Elmhurst. When they are not skiing, sailing, fishing or enjoying an adventure outdoors, they volunteer to support the PADS program.

Help Us Go Green!

Reducing the amount of paper is part of the College's ongoing efforts to have a more environmentally friendly and greener campus. Also, as a not-for-profit, taxpayer-supported institution, the College is committed to reducing costs wherever possible.

If you would like to receive your copy of the Catalyst electronically, please let us know at 847.925.6490 or foundation@harpercollege.edu.

We strive to ensure a sustainable, healthy college community for future generations of students.



Highlight from the President Tanker Donation from Superior Bulk Logistics



Harper College President Dr. Kenneth L. Ender, Ph.D., right, formally accepts a donated tanker trailer from Randy Vaughn, Vice President of Environmental Health, Safety and Security for Superior Bulk Logistics, Inc.

Brian Fields completed Harper College's month-long truck driving training program in December 2010. In the months since, he has secured a top-paying specialty – he can now drive tanker trucks – and a solid game plan for someday owning his own line.

"I have a system. I work it like a business," Field says. "If you're good at what you're doing, you can make this pay well."

With an eye on producing more success stories, the College formally added a donated tanker trailer, a gift from Oak Brook-based Superior Bulk Logistics, Inc., to its ranks in December. The donation further bolsters students' marketability in an industry that needs qualified drivers.

"These trucks represent a lot of livelihoods," said Harper President Dr. Kenneth Ender, who climbed into the tanker's cab after formally accepting the donation, "and a lot of futures."

The tanker trailer is a rarity among truck driving training programs nationwide, and will give Harper's students immediate access to a specialty with prime earning power.

"There are jobs – a lot of jobs – in this industry as it is. Sometimes our students are hired when they're still enrolled in our program; others are hired on the spot afterward," Continuing Education Career Training Manager Norma Nerstrom says. "This tanker will offer our students even more of an edge by preparing them more thoroughly for the road and for career success."

Harper's four-week truck driving training program includes classroom, yard and on-the-road experience. Students who finish are able to take the state licensure exam at the College immediately as part of the program. The class is offered nearly every month.

"I wanted to start a new career, and this was the perfect opportunity," says Fields, who has a military and law enforcement background and plans to attend the tanker dedication. "It's an ever-evolving business, and it requires a lot of you, but you could have a job the next week." ■

Save the Date

Harper College Educational
Foundation Presents

The President's Ball
Stars of the past...
Stars of the future

**Saturday, September 22,
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Hotel and Conference
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**1551 N. Thoreau Drive
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Please contact the Harper
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information.

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Save the Date!

**24th Annual
Harper College Educational Foundation
Golf Open**



Benefiting the Resource for Excellence Fund

**Monday, June 11, 2012
Inverness Golf Club
102 N. Roselle Road
Palatine, IL**

Sponsorship opportunities currently available. To learn more about sponsorships or make a golf reservation, please call the Educational Foundation at 847.925.6490 or visit harpercollege.edu/foundation for more information.

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