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Office of Development and Galveston College Foundation

FALL 2014

ACCESS

Advancing Community College
Education for Student Success

G.C. prepared me to be accountable and responsible and ready for anything. There can be an empty reservation list at 4:00 p.m. and a full house by 6:00 p.m. It's happened to me.
—Chef Paysse

Stirring Success with Passion!

In Fall 2012, **Marshall Paysse** graduated from Galveston College with a Certificate of Completion in Culinary Arts. In the summer of 2013, this talented 21 year old created quite a stir among the highly competitive restaurant community. He assumed the role of Executive Chef at **The Porch Café** from well-respected restaurateur, **Steve Griffiths**. **The Porch Café** is located in Beach Town and has been acquired recently by real estate developer, **Tofigh Shirazi**.



2013 Galveston College alumnus and Executive Chef Marshall Paysse of The Porch Cafe. Photo by the Office of Development and Galveston College Foundation.

Marshall attributes his swift rise to his training at Galveston College and a strong business acumen inherited from his father. Both of

which prove crucial in a career where "foodie" trends, consistent quality, and profit compete. He expressed great admiration for **Paul Mendoza**, **Director of Culinary Arts**, and **Chefs Edie Rodriguez** and **Kaye Gable** at the College. He asserts that the three of them prepared him for the demanding and intensely physical world of the commercial kitchen. As a night student, every moment Marshall spent in the College's culinary kitchen laboratory reinforced his enthusiasm for his chosen career. He was grateful for the opportunity to work and go to school. He received funding through the College which supported his graduation timeline. The College made it possible for him to be employed, train in a specialty, and pursue the next level of achievement—becoming an executive chef.

While at the College, he worked at **La King's Confectionery** where he became skilled in the sugar arts. Marshall's ability to create impressive sculptures out of pastillage, pulled, and spun sugars attracted interest from several Island restaurants. He was so talented that another regional culinary school wanted to hire him! Now, Chef Paysse is in a position where he hires Galveston College students and graduates.

Marshall understands the gift of a Galveston College education. He promotes his profession to friends because he believes it is a promising career path. He knows that because of the College and the Foundation, students can pursue their passions while securing their future.

As an executive chef, he can hire from the best, and he does—from the G.C. Culinary Arts Program. In the last year, he hired one fellow graduate and anticipates hiring two more from the Class of 2014. One day—perhaps soon—Marshall will be an entrepreneur in his own right, and Galveston College will be able to take credit in having been part of his success, the **Chez Paysse?** It promises to be a 21st century culinary triumph!

I feel proud to be a G.C. alumnus and now I want to give back.

Awards, Scholarships, and Stewardship

In 2013-14, **1,075** Galveston College students (unduplicated) were awarded **\$4.7 million** in federal funds for the academic year. Additionally, **209** students received **\$183,000** in Universal Access awards and private scholarships from the Galveston College Foundation. Academic majors range from Computer Science, General Studies, Nursing, Biochemistry, Biology, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, and Law Enforcement to innovative workforce development training courses in Culinary Arts, Electrical and Electronics Technology, Welding, Cosmetology, and more. Student classifications range from incoming freshmen to students in their final semester of study.

The Office of Development and Galveston College

Foundation recently embarked on an aggressive stewardship program for 2014-15. Scholarship recipients for the upcoming fall and spring semesters were encouraged to acknowledge the donors of their named scholarship award, provide a bit of information about themselves, and describe what inspired them to pursue their degree program.

Named scholarship donors have expressed excitement about the stewardship program through their written responses and telephone calls. Among those who have provided additional scholarship funds include the **Rider Family Fund**, **Armin and Lynn Cantini Friendship Trust**, and the **Murillo Family**.

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ExxonMobil Scholarships Awarded to Galveston College Students

Two Galveston College students have received scholarships from ExxonMobil through the Community College Petrochemical Initiative (CCPI). The CCPI is a partnership among nine Gulf Coast community colleges, including Galveston College, that was established to expand recruitment and training for thousands of high-demand, high wage jobs in the growing chemical manufacturing industry.

Mr. Darin Braniger and **Mr. Mario Lopez**, Electrical and Electronics Technology majors, underwent a rigorous screening process and were awarded \$2,500 each for the Fall 2014 semester. The Galveston College Foundation is the steward of these funds. Congratulations and keep up the good work!



Right: From left to right—Dr. Cissy Matthews, Vice President of Instruction, Mr. Darin Braniger and Dr. Myles Shelton, President.
Left: From left to right—Dr. Vera Lewis-Jasper, Dean of Technical and Professional Education, Mr. Mario Lopez and Dr. Myles Shelton, President.
Photos courtesy of the Office of Public Affairs.



Dr. Gaynelle Hayes, Vice President for Administration & Finance, at right, congratulates Ms. Jessica Arredonado, a Nursing major, on receiving a John Parker Davie Trust Scholarship for the 2014-2015 academic year. Photo courtesy of the Office of Public Affairs.

A Motivated Freshman—Student Jessica Arredonado

Jessica Arredonado is excited about entering G.C. this fall. She is especially thrilled to have the first year of her education almost completely covered financially.

Ms. Arredonado received one of the John Parker Davie Trust scholarships to help with college expenses for fall and spring. Although she works part-time, there is simply not enough money in her family's budget to pay for her education as well as that of her sister who attends the University of St. Thomas in Houston.

Ms. Arredonado is pursuing her A.D.N. at the College and plans to attend the University of Texas Medical Branch for a B.S. degree in Nursing. Upon receipt of her John Parker Davie Trust scholarship, Ms. Arredonado was motivated to continue her education and achieve her goals.

We are expecting great things from Ms. Arredonado!

It's Never Too Late—Student Forestine Bell

*"I graduated from Ball High School over 29 years ago. I was frightened to return to school, but with the aid of terrific... counselors...and tutors, I have successfully begun my journey toward earning an L VN certificate."
—Forestine Bell*

"It's never too late to go back to school," says A.D.N. candidate, **Forestine Bell**. Ms. Bell, who wants to be an example for her two grandchildren and for others, is one of a large student population who work full-time and attend

classes. Because of family obligations, she is unable to fully fund her education, so when she received notification of an award for the Joan Cannady Scholarship, she was very excited and grateful. Once she receives an A.D.N., from Galveston College, she will continue assisting the elderly (her current vocation) and providing a good example for her grandchildren. We applaud you, Ms. Bell!



From left to right, Mrs. Elaine Renola, Director of Nursing, congratulates Ms. Forestine Bell and Ms. Deanna Doroteo, Associate Degree in Nursing majors, on receiving scholarships. Photo courtesy of the Office of Public Affairs.

Pursuing a Dream—Student Deanna Doroteo

Deanna Doroteo knows what it means to struggle financially and overcome life's challenges. She is raising her nine-year-old son, Daniel while attending classes at Galveston College to make for themselves a better life. She was awarded one of the William Maury Darst scholarships.

Ms. Doroteo will complete the A.D.N. program in Spring 2015. Her plans include attending UTMB in Galveston to pursue a B.S. degree in Nursing. We are proud of you, Ms. Doroteo!

*"I am very blessed and honored to have been chosen for a scholarship. As a single-parent, I depend on financial aid and scholarships to pay for my education because I am unable to work while in the A.D.N. program."
—Deanna Doroteo*

*I am a graduate of O'Connell College Preparatory School. My parents have always strived to give their children the best education possible, so with my eldest sister attending the University of St. Thomas, our financial situation is strained. My scholarship could not have come at a better time to ease the stress on my parents! Now I will be able to attend classes and pay for books and fees as well!
—Jessica Arredonado*

Bravo Five Fabulous Chefs! Return Engagement Spring 2015



Galveston College Culinary Arts alumni Tim Slater and Ashley Warner joined Chefs Paul Mendoza of Galveston College, Ross Warhol of Gaido's Pelican Club, Francisco Vargas and Denise Vargas of Rudy and Paco Restaurant & Bar, Ector Moreno and Tiki Criticos of Olympia the Grill at Pier 21, Brian Robertson of The San Luis Resort, Spa and Conference Center and Urs Schmid of Moody Gardens Hotel-Spa and Convention Center. Photographs courtesy of the Office of Public Affairs.

The two-night encore event takes place in March 2015! Keep watch for details!



Fresh and Familiar Faces!

Please welcome the **2014-2015 Foundation Board of Directors**. We are fortunate to have former directors who have agreed once more to serve the Foundation, as well as new directors who offer their considerable talents to us.

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| Armin Cantini | Dr. Myles Shelton |
| Dr. Gaynelle Hayes | Joe Huff |

*New Board member

Never Can Say Goodbye!

The Office of Development and Galveston College Foundation would like to bid a fond adieu to the Board members who have served their terms of office with grace, imagination, and generosity. We look forward to their joining us at Yaga's, the Backbay Emporium, and more!

Former Board Members

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| Roland Bassett | Sherry Black | Mark Capel |
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Annual Giving *Thanks* Campaign

Count your blessings!

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Give to what you love about Galveston College!

Expect Annual Giving correspondence in your mailbox Thanksgiving week!

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In Memory



If you have lost a loved one or wish to honor someone, please consider making a contribution to the College and/or Foundation. The Office of Development and Galveston College Foundation asks that you provide us with the address of the family.

We will send them a notice of your gift. We will also provide each donor with a copy of the notice as well as a letter of acknowledgment for the amount of the donation.

Exclusively for G.C.



Creepy & Clever Halloween Bash at Yaga's Café

Thursday, October 23, 2014
5:00—10:00 p.m.
2314 Strand Street
Galveston, Texas 77550

Yaga's Entertainment, Inc. is the major sponsor of a Halloween Bash at Yaga's Café benefitting the Vocational Technical programs at Galveston College, especially Industrial Arts-Welding. Get ready to celebrate in costume (or not ©)! Join us on Thursday, October 23, 2014 from 5:00—10:00 p.m. for a evening of fun, food, raffle, and music! The Costume Contest has a \$5 entry fee.

Yaga's Café will be closed to the public that evening, so you must have tickets to enter. Tickets may be purchased on-line through PayPal,

through Galveston College's Business Office, or with check or credit card at (409) 944-1362 or (409) 944-1306. At a donation of only \$25 each, you can purchase extra for friends! **Order your tickets early as they will NOT be sold at the door!**

PayPal Instructions:

- ◆ www.gc.edu/gc/donate_now
- ◆ Purpose: Yaga's Café Event-October 23, 2014
- ◆ Type in dollar amount that corresponds with the number of tickets desired and Costume Contest entry fee.
- ◆ Under **Special Instructions** please indicate number of tickets purchased. Also include note of Costume Contest entry.
- ◆ Enter appropriate payment information. **Please print your receipt and bring to the event in lieu of tickets.**



Back2Backbay Blast!

Saturday, November 15, 2014
5:30 — 9:30 p.m.
1513 19th Street
Galveston, Texas 77550

Let's do it again only this time with a full band—**Mark Lee and Friends!** The kind owners of Backbay Emporium, **Jim Manen** and **Mike Harwell**, will host a second glorious gathering event—Back2Backbay Blast—benefiting the Galveston College Foundation Universal Access program. The fundraising event will include live music, wine, margaritas, and beer with appetizers prepared by our own **Culinary Arts Department!**

The Backbay Emporium will be closed to the public that evening, so you must have tickets to enter. Admission is a \$25 donation per person. Raffle tickets will be sold at the event for generous prizes. The delightful two story antique store and stunning courtyard of the Backbay Emporium was a hit last fall with 141 Galveston College supporters, faculty, alumni and students.

The Galveston College Foundation Universal Access program began in the fall of 2001 giving tuition assistance to all local high school, home schooled, and GED graduates who live in Galveston.

For more information on the Back2Backbay Blast event or Universal Access, please call 409-944-1306. Tickets go on sale in the College's Business Office or are available through PayPal.

PayPal Instructions:

- ◆ www.gc.edu/gc/donate_now
- ◆ Purpose: Back2Backbay Blast-November 15, 2014
- ◆ Type in dollar amount that corresponds with the number of tickets desired.
- ◆ Under Special Instructions please indicate number of tickets purchased.
- ◆ Enter appropriate payment information. **Please print your receipt and bring to the event in lieu of tickets.**

Forever G.C.!

Alumni, Students, and Former Faculty
Please send us your updated contact information at alumni@gc.edu.

Be part of the passion to plan G.C.'s future!
Committees forming now.

Don't forget!

Buy your tickets early to exclusive G.C. events.
Yaga's Creepy & Clever Halloween Bash—October 23
Back2Backbay Blast—November 15



President's "Benefactors Rule" Reception

January 2015

4015 Avenue Q, Seibel Wing, Galveston, Texas 77550
Benefactors and scholars will be honored at a Galveston College President's Reception in January 2015. Details coming soon!

A Gifted Family!—Cousins Paula and Mark Magno



From left to right, Mr. Ron Crumedy, Acting V. P. for Student Services & Director of Financial Aid, congratulates cousins Paula and Mark Magno on receiving the Ben and Marjorie Brown Trust and Easter Wilson scholarships. Photo courtesy of the Office of Public Affairs.

The families of **Paula** and **Mark Magno** emigrated to the United States from the Philippines. Paula's family arrived first, and with six other family members, joined a sister who is employed with the Shriner's Burn Center. Mark's family arrived a year later.

The cousins are helping their families with household expenses by working part-time jobs while pursuing their education. Paula hopes to graduate in De-

ember 2014 with a General Studies degree and will pursue a Nursing Degree from the College in Spring 2015. Mark wants to be a Mechanical Engineer and plans to graduate from G.C. in Spring 2016. His goal is to earn a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering.

Because of the generosity of scholarship donors, both students are more motivated to achieve their planned goals at Galveston College and beyond. A gifted family going far!

Graduate Your Gift!



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Ms. Keisha Cruz Paz, left, a General Studies major, received a Lambdin Scholarship for the 2014-15 academic year. Mrs. Alina C. Benavidez, right, is a Petroleum Engineering major who received a Rotary Club of Galveston Foundation Scholarship for 2014-2015. Photo courtesy of the Office of Public Affairs.

Keisha Cruz Paz—A Student on a Mission of Service

Ms. Keisha Cruz Paz is a BOI (born on the Island) who took dual-credit courses from Galveston College while a senior at Ball High School. She has a proven track record of leadership through athletics, student government, and honors organizations. She plans to utilize what she has learned to serve the student body during her educational pursuit at Galveston College.

Ms. Paz's goal is to become a Registered Nurse in either oncology or pediatrics. She also plans to imitate the donors of the Lambdin Scholarship and give to others who need financial assistance with their education. We look forward to great things from Ms. Paz!

I was born and raised in Galveston and I cannot wait to continue my life's journey here on the Island.

—Keisha Cruz Paz

Paramedic's Passion for Nursing—William Fregia

Mr. William Fregia always knew he wanted to be in the medical field. He started as a paramedic and volunteer firefighter. He has been

a paramedic in Galveston County for eight years and decided to attend Galveston College in pursuit of an Associate Degree in Nursing.

Mr. Fregia was awarded a Ben and Marjorie Brown Trust Scholarship. He is extremely grateful for the award because now he does not have to pick up overtime shifts to pay for school. Instead, he can spend time studying and taking care of his family and home.

Mr. Fregia's plan is to graduate by Spring 2016 and continue his educational journey to earn a B.S. degree in Nursing. He would like to eventually become a Nurse Practitioner. He is excited and honored to have the support of his family, teachers, community, and most important, the Ben and Marjorie Brown Trust.



Mr. Armin Cantini, Chair of the Galveston College Board of Regents, congratulates A.D.N. student, Mr. William Fregia, for receiving a Ben and Marjorie Brown Trust Scholarship for the 2014-2015 academic year. Photo courtesy of the Office of Public Affairs.

Future Petroleum Engineer—Alina Benavidez

Mrs. Alina Benavidez left the Ukraine for the many opportunities found in the United States. While on the Island she met and married her husband. She also decided to attend Galveston College for coursework in preparation for becoming a petroleum engineer.

Like many others, Mrs. Benavidez attends school full-time and works part-time. Her hard work earned her a Rotary Club of Galveston Foundation Scholarship for the Fall and Spring semesters. Now she can concentrate on her studies and "one day find new ways of producing energy that will lessen the negative impact that current production methods have on the environment." We salute Mrs. Benavidez for her vision and determination!

I thank the Rotary Club of Galveston Foundation for your willingness to help make my dreams come true. I will be eternally grateful for your award!

—Alina Benavidez

From the Desk of...Myles Shelton, President

Galveston College and the Galveston College Foundation are pleased to offer you the first edition of *Access*, a publication that is designed for you, our friends and supporters. As we work together for the success of our students and the success of Galveston and the Galveston area in the twenty-first century, our plan is to use this publication to inform you of the latest happenings, changes, and innovations at Galveston College.

The vision for Galveston College is to be "A beacon of light guiding lifelong learning." To accomplish our mission and to realize the vision, the College must provide affordable access to higher education, outstanding academic programs, exceptional career and workforce training, relevant continuing education classes and programs, and timely academic and student support services. The College must also provide appropriate facilities and instructional equipment in an environment that supports teaching and learning. To realize this vision, we must secure the human and fiscal resources critical to provide a premier educational environment that includes the most recent developments in academic offerings, student services, and life-long learning experiences.

The name *Access* was chosen by the Office of Development and Foundation to keep the Galveston community at large, including former students and alumni, informed about changes in our academic and technical programs, facility needs and expansion, and the on-going need for private funds to support the Universal Access Scholarship Program for every eligible high school graduate from Galveston Island. It is our hope that *Access* will provide you with the information you need to discover how the College is meeting the challenges of our community as we work to help individuals meet their goals.

Please take a few moments to learn about named scholarships, Universal Access Scholarships, our outstanding academic and vocational-technical programs, our facility needs, and the fabulous events that are scheduled both on and off campus during the fall of 2014 and spring of 2015.

We welcome your ideas and comments about this new publication, and we look forward to seeing you on campus.



Vocational-Technical Spotlight on...Police Training



Durrell Dickens, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, Galveston College

Photo courtesy of Community College Daily

Many are surprised at the large number of licensed peace officers in the state. Many more are surprised at the role the community college plays in educating and training these officers.

OFFICER BASIC TRAINING—The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE)

is the governing body tasked with licensing new peace officers. All Texas peace officers at the state, county and municipal levels must complete the TCOLE-mandated Texas Basic Peace Officer course, which consists of a minimum 643 contact hours comprising instruction in procedural law, criminal and civil law as well as traffic law. Students are also required to receive instruction on topics such as professionalism, ethics, multiculturalism, communication and Spanish, to name a few. Law enforcement academies have the option to add hours or topics to the basic course as long as the minimum hours for each required topic are met.

Upon completion of the Basic Peace Officer course, students must pass a comprehensive 250-question exam designed by TCOLE to receive their license and become eligible to work as a peace officer anywhere in Texas.

Grant Writer- Sandra Metoyer

Galveston College and the Office of Development and Galveston College Foundation welcomes **Sandra Metoyer**, our new Grant Writer. Sandra comes to us from Texas A&M University. She will be instrumental in submitting public and private sector grants and proposals for capital campaigns, scholarships, academic programs, and vocational-technical programs.

Dr. Metoyer successfully defended her dissertation on September 8, 2014 from Texas A&M University. Congratulations and welcome aboard!



Law enforcement agencies lacking the funds or personnel to maintain their own academy often use an academy at a local community college as a source of future employees. Once students graduate from a community college law enforcement academy, they must actively seek employment in the field.

Of the 27,917 students who passed the Basic Peace Officer course licensing exam on their first attempt between 2007—2013, TCOLE reported that 11,817, or 42%, completed the Basic Peace Officer course at a community college. TCOLE uses the percentage of students who pass the licensing exam on their first attempt as a measuring stick for the effectiveness of an academy. Community colleges reported a 94% first-attempt pass rate for those testing from 2007-2013.

Like many organizations, community colleges are being asked to function with less funding and are looking to make budgetary cuts wherever possible to ensure economic prudence. It is vital for college administrators to realize the importance of the community college law enforcement academy to the policing agencies in Texas and other states, and ultimately citizen safety.

Nearly half of all new law enforcement officers over the last seven years have come from a community college academy. As law enforcement agencies look at budget cuts, it is likely that more of them will look to the community college academy for their employees.

Excerpted with permission from Dr. Durrell Dickens

Column appeared in Community College Daily, July 31, 2014

Investing in the People of Galveston

About GC Foundation

The Galveston College Foundation (GCF) was founded in 1996 for the purpose of securing voluntary support for the success and progress of the College and its students. The role of the Foundation in connecting with the community is vital in meeting needs that are not met through public funding. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, donations to the GC Foundation are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Universal Access: An Investment in the Future

In 2001, the GCF devised a revolutionary way for all Galveston residents who graduate from area high schools or their equivalent to attain higher education and career training at the College regardless of income. The Board of Directors engaged Galveston to support the academic and workforce development goals of the College through an unprecedented program entitled "Universal Access" (UA).

To date, the Board of Directors has raised \$3.5 million for a Permanent Endowment. Endowed funds are invested and added to by annual gifts which guarantee a total of \$2,400 for tuition and fees plus a one-time \$200 book stipend **for every eligible Galveston high school graduate**. Students may receive these funds over a five-year period. They must maintain a 2.0 grade point average to continue receipt of funds. The UA program was recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for its inspirational use of private sector funds to secure access to college for citizens of Galveston.

Reaping the Return

From 2010-2014, **486** students received UA funds. During this time, the Foundation's UA program awarded more than \$500,000 to Galvestonians. Since the inception of UA, **1,372** Galveston College students graduated with an associate degree or technical certificate. Hundreds more have accessed the innovative private sector initiative and pursued their education while achieving a higher standard of living and well-being.

Endowed awards in the UA program begin at \$15,000. Only the interest earned is used leaving the principal preserved. This provides perpetual support for the Endowment.

Foundation's Impact

From 2001-present, the GCF and the College helped support over 4,850 students with public and private sector dollars in excess of \$5.3 million. Galveston College is ranked as one of the best values anywhere

in Texas for its academic programming and state of the art technical training. In Fall 2013, the College opened the **Charlie Thomas Family Applied Technology Center**. Stable and well-paying career fields, such as nuclear medicine, heating ventilation air conditioning, allied health, welding technology, and electrical and electronic technology are essential for Galveston and the Gulf Coast region to prosper in the 21st century. In 2013-14, UA supported 149 unduplicated students at a cost of \$140,657.10.

Impact the Foundation's Future:

Cash: Cash donations have an immediate impact on the Foundation's ability to support the students and the College;

Pledges: Donations may be made in installment payments over a mutually agreed period;

Securities: Appreciated stocks, bonds, and mutual funds can allow you to eliminate a capital gains tax;

Real estate or Personal Property: Approved gifts may supply immediate savings for both income and capital gains tax;

In-Kind Donations: Equipment, goods, or services approved by the Directors (depends on a written appraisal obtained by donor);

Matching Gifts: Multiply your gift with your employer's match. Your company's HR office has appropriate forms, or consult with an investment advisor for matching gifts from other sources;

Bequests and Life Insurance: Designate the Foundation as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance policy, IRA, pension plan, or living trust;

Estate Planning Gifts: Consider planned giving vehicles such as charitable trusts and annuities.

Gift Opportunities

Universal Access Endowment
Universal Access Book Fund
Named Scholarships
Preferred Galveston College program or designated gift
Seibel Student Life Center
Other

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Close to His Heart

by Maria S. Tripovich

I knew Dr. John McGovern for almost 10 years through my work at the UT-Health Houston Office of the President and the Friends of the Texas Medical Center Library.

Because of his steadfast commitment to teaching, practicing, and instilling the principles of compassionate care, we spoke of the value of finding a way to provide a continuum of healthcare in the community through private and public resources with an academic and education component as well as direct services.

It wasn't until 2003 that I learned that he awarded \$7.5 million in his name to UTMB for the creation of the Academy of Oslerian Medicine. It was then we learned of our mutual fondness for Galveston. Little did I know that a city I loved was a city which was close to his heart, too.

When I arrived at Galveston College in 2013, I was not surprised to learn that the McGovern Foundation gave the Galveston College Foundation \$60,000 in 2000 and has remained faithful to a sizeable gift every year thereafter.

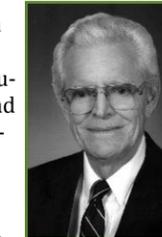
In May 2014, the McGovern Foundation bestowed an annual gift of \$40,000 for the remarkable and unprecedented program which is Universal Access.

The Foundation has contributed a total of \$660,000 to the Galveston College Foundation in support of Galvestonians seeking higher education opportunities at the College.

In 2007, when Dr. Jack passed, it was difficult to believe. Although he was frail; his mind, wit, and willingness to educate people was never sharper—or more committed.

In Spring 2014, I visited with the McGovern Foundation and we reminisced about him. His legacy as a physician and a philanthropist lives on through the many beneficiaries pursuing their education and careers throughout Texas, including Galveston.

The McGovern Foundation supports Universal Access because it provides direct assistance to individuals by placing the responsibility for success on hard work and not on an ability to pay for education. ♥



Dr. John P. McGovern
1921-2007