



OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
**FOUNDATION UPDATE**  
2014-2015

OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



Legendary filmmaker Francis Ford Coppola addresses students at the college's inaugural "Signature Series" event.

# MESSAGE FROM FOUNDATION PRESIDENT MINA ACQUAYE



Dear Friends of the Foundation,

Through your constant dedication and support, our Foundation continues to enrich the academic lives of students. We know that the more educated members of our community are, the better our community will be.

The Performing Arts Center continues to be the talk of the town. More attention is being drawn to our College because of the elegance of the building and the activities hosted there. We are very proud of it.

In 2014, the Foundation Board of Trustees developed and approved a strategic plan. This plan will guide the Foundation's core mission over the next coming years.

The plan establishes three guiding principles, strategic initiatives and and reaffirms the Foundation's mission and vision.

As you will read further in this annual report, we continue to receive significant contributions from donors reaffirming that our partnerships are strong and will continue to get stronger. We will continue to think of our circle of partners and allies in a very broad way, stepping out of the proverbial box to raise funds for our causes. We know that, through your continued support and partnership, our Foundation will be a stronger force in what it does. Looking forward to an even stronger 2015.

Mina Acquaye  
President, OCCC Foundation

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# OCCC SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW

Last year, the OCCC Foundation developed a new scholarship endowment program. The program offers donors the opportunity to endow a scholarship in honor or in memory of a loved one or specific program area. To start an endowment, it takes an initial \$10,000 donation. The good news: the endowed scholarship lives in perpetuity with the OCCC Foundation. What a wonderful way to ensure OCCC students have scholarship opportunities forever.

For information on setting up an endowed scholarship, or to contribute to an existing endowed scholarship, please contact Jennifer Harrison, Director of Development, at 405-682-1611 x7771 or by email at [jharrison@occc.edu](mailto:jharrison@occc.edu).

To date we have seven endowed scholarships valued at over \$643,784:

- Engineers for Tomorrow Endowed Scholarship
- Sechrist Family Endowed Scholarship
- The Dr. Marion Paden Endowed Distinguished Leadership Award
- Safari McDoulett Endowed Memorial Scholarship
- Larry and Virginia Lein Endowed Memorial Scholarship
- Gamel Family Endowed Scholarship
- Beatrice Carl Endowed Emergency Fund Scholarship





## SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT: MORGAN MASSEY

Morgan Massey, Allied Health major, is the recipient of two OCCC Foundation scholarships. She received The Dr. Marion Paden Endowed Distinguished Leadership Award and the OCCC Association of Alumni & Friends Scholarship. These scholarships helped Morgan tremendously as she would not have been able to continue her education at OCCC without them. Morgan plans to transfer to OU to obtain her bachelor's in Health and Exercise Science. Ultimately, Morgan would like to go on to become a PA (Physician's Assistant).

"Being a scholarship recipient has meant so much to me. I appreciate that others care about my education and appreciate how selfless they have been to honor me with their hard-earned money. I am really grateful for kind-hearted people who help students go to school so we can continue to make this world a better place. Saying thank you 1,000 times probably would not properly communicate my gratitude," said Morgan.

## FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

**1** The OCCC Foundation received nearly **\$750,000 in grants and private donations** this past year.

**2** **153 Students received scholarships** from the OCCC Foundation totaling over \$205,000.

**3** The 2013-2014 OCCC Foundation Annual Report **won first place regionally for Best Foundation Annual Report** and placed in the top 3 nationally.

**4** The OCCC Foundation is grateful for the generosity of the OCCC employees! In 2014, **OCCC employees donated nearly \$50,000 to scholarships, academic programs, and capital needs.** We are forever thankful for the continued charitable support of our employees!

**5** The Capitol Hill Center Renovation Campaign **raised nearly \$200,000 in addition to TIF grants from the City of Oklahoma City totaling \$3 million.** Renovation and construction have begun.

# OCCC FOUNDATION RECEIVES LARGEST GIFT FROM INDIVIDUAL DONOR

The family of Ralph and Jean Gamel, longtime supporters of Oklahoma City Community College, recently donated \$600,000 to the OCCC Foundation—making it the largest individual donation in the college's 42 year history.

The funds have been put into an endowment that will be used exclusively to provide OCCC student scholarships. The college will award up to ten \$1,000 Gamel Family Endowed Scholarships every fall and spring semester.

Ralph Gamel died in December 2013. His desire was to establish a scholarship in honor of Jean Gamel, his first wife who died in 2006. His hope was to change students' lives for years to come through education.

"I am happy to follow Ralph's wishes to help students at Oklahoma City Community College," said Connie Gamel, wife of Mr. Gamel.

"We are absolutely thrilled and honored to receive such a generous gift from the Gamel family. This scholarship will be endowed through the Oklahoma City Community College Foundation in perpetuity," said Jennifer Harrison, Director of Development. "The scholarship will assist many students at OCCC who otherwise might not be able to attend college."



The Gamel family has donated many pieces of art from Frederic Remington, Robert Anderson, Phillip Krzczkowski, and Gene Daugherty, just to name a few. Several Remington bronze statues were also donated to the Foundation. OCCC showcased the Gamel collection in the Inasmuch Foundation Gallery in late 2014. "We are delighted to have been the recipients of such a unique Western art collection. The Gamel pieces are a welcome and impressive addition to the college's permanent collection," said Lemuel Bardeguez, Director of Cultural Programs.



## 2014 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

Oklahoma City Community College inducted seven new members into the Alumni Hall of Fame. Hosted by the OCCC Foundation and the Association of Alumni and Friends, the annual banquet was held in the Sarkeys Foundation Atrium in the Visual and Performing Arts Center Theater. Approximately 200 guests were in attendance and witnessed the induction of five former students and two honorary members.

Each inductee offered heartfelt remarks upon being summoned to the stage to accept his or her award after being featured in a personal video profile. The addition of the Class of 2014 brings the total number of inductees to 73. Induction into the OCCC Alumni Hall of Fame is the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the College.

For more information about the Association of Alumni and Friends, or to join the Association, please contact Randy Cassimus, Associate Director of Alumni Relations and Community Development at 405-682-1611 x7478 or by email at [rcassimus@occc.edu](mailto:rcassimus@occc.edu).

The Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2014 includes:

Brenda Carpenter, Director of Financial Accounting, OCCC

Aaron Evans, Homebuilder-Owner, Evans Fine Homes

Laura Grisso, Executive Director, Platt College

Randy Heitz, Executive Producer, The Franchise – Sports Radio

LeAnne Howe, Author; Playwright; Distinguished Professor, University of Georgia

Randy Kemp, Digital Audio Producer-Owner, RK-1 Productions

Collin Rosebrook, Artist; Owner, Paseo Pottery

*The OCCC Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2014: (standing) Randy Kemp, Collin Rosebrook, Aaron Evans, Brenda Carpenter, (seated) Laura Grisso, Randy Heitz and LeAnne Howe*

# CRESCENDO

On Sunday August 31, 2014, the Oklahoma City Community College Foundation hosted the inaugural Crescendo, a fundraising event benefitting Arts Festival Oklahoma (AFO). The party, held in the Sarkeys Foundation Atrium in the Visual and Performing Arts Center Theater, featured food from some of Oklahoma City's best restaurants, wines from Joullian Vineyards, live entertainment by OKC favorite, Born in November, and specially selected pieces by some of AFO's exhibiting visual artists.

Attendees also enjoyed reserved seating for the Oklahoma City Philharmonic Orchestra's outdoor performance, although many chose to view the concert via high-definition video simulcast inside on the theater's movie screen.

The fundraiser is named after the Collin Rosebrook sculpture Crescendo which is displayed in the Women of the South Plaza outside the theater. The name of the event not only is a nod to the sculpture, but to the definition of the word itself—a

build-up in loudness and intensity – and, of course, excitement. "Arts Festival Oklahoma has grown so much, and we hope that this event can help continue that growth," said Lealon Taylor, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, about the event which is now slated to accompany AFO annually.

Crescendo was presented by Republic Bank and Trust with additional sponsors including Michael Brooks-Jimenez, P.C., Echols and Associates, Dr. Paul Sechrist, Joullian Vineyards, Earlywine Cellar and Spirits, and Beer Distributors of Oklahoma.





Francis Ford Coppola and Gray Frederickson visit with host Alex Cameron during the college's first Signature Series event.

# LEGENDARY FILMMAKER, FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA, COMES TO OCCC

One of the greatest filmmakers Hollywood has ever fostered made a rare public appearance as Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC) hosted its annual Signature Series: An Evening with Francis Ford Coppola on October 20, 2014 in the OCCC Visual and Performing Arts Center Theater.

Coppola, whose association with OCCC Artist-in-Residence Gray Frederickson goes back to the early 70s and "The Godfather," joined his friend onstage for a behind-the-scenes discussion about life, careers and the future of the film industry.

"We are extremely grateful that Mr. Coppola came to OCCC to help us showcase our Film and Video Production program, our facility, our faculty and our students," said Dr. Paul Sechrist, President of OCCC. "When OCCC opened the Visual and Performing Arts Center Theater, we knew that our first Signature Series event needed to feature someone whose quality and reputation matched that of our programs."

The event marked Mr. Coppola's first return to Oklahoma since filming both "The Outsiders" and "Rumble Fish" in Tulsa. Surviving polio, Francis Coppola turned to film after a brief time in theater. He landed, after a stint at Hofstra University, in the graduate film program at UCLA, where he and his classmates, Steven Spielberg, George Lucas and John Milius swore to change the way Hollywood movies were made.

Coppola rose through the ranks of Hollywood, working for legendary low budget producer Roger Corman before his master's thesis, a film called "You're a Big Boy Now" was released by Warner Brothers. After winning an Academy Award for the script of "Patton," Coppola was given the reins to what should have been a routine gangster film. "The Godfather" is consistently listed by film critics as perhaps the greatest American film of all time.









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## ASSETS

|                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Current Assets                       |                        |
| Checking/Savings                     |                        |
| First United Bank                    | \$ 421,010.63          |
| Money Market – Crossfirst Bank       | \$ 254,058.33          |
| Coppermark Bank                      |                        |
| Operating                            | \$ 233,011.56          |
| Total Checking/Savings               | \$ 908,080.52          |
| Total Current Assets                 | \$ 908,080.52          |
| Fixed Assets                         |                        |
| Equipment                            | \$ 18,218.70           |
| Accumulated Depreciation – Equipment | \$ -18,218.70          |
| Total Fixed Assets                   | \$ 0.00                |
| Other Assets                         |                        |
| Investment Account                   | \$ 224,693.57          |
| Total Other Assets                   | \$ 224,693.57          |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                  | <b>\$ 1,132,774.09</b> |

## LIABILITIES & EQUITY

|                                       |                        |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Equity                                |                        |
| Fund Balance                          |                        |
| Restricted Fund Balance               | \$ 2,620,610.57        |
| Unrestricted Fund Balance             | \$ 107,011.80          |
| Total Fund Balance                    | \$ 2,727,622.37        |
| Unrestricted (retained earnings)      | \$ -1,471,480.31       |
| Net Income                            | \$ -123,367.97         |
| Total Equity                          | \$ 1,132,774.09        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b> | <b>\$ 1,132,774.09</b> |

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