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Foundation News

The leadership at Patrick Henry Community College have all invested in the future of our students - the president and all vice presidents and deans have created scholarships.

“Scholarships can mean the difference between no education and a degree,” said Christopher Parker, executive director of the PHCC Foundation. “These scholarships can open so many doors, for our students *and* for our community.”

A 3-credit course costs about \$397, not including textbooks, making these scholarships invaluable for students who may not necessarily have the means to pay for classes on their own.

The 12 new scholarships amount to a total of \$7,050, and are targeted toward all types of students, from athletes to those juggling jobs, and to a variety of interests, like business, information technology and engineering.

“So many people in our community want to continue their education, but financially it may not be possible,” Parker explained.

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Donor Profile

Leading by example, making a difference

It has often been said that education is the cornerstone of our communities, and no one understands this concept more than Timothy D. Martin.

A Martinsville native, Martin has witnessed the economic ups and downs of this area and knows the importance education plays in helping our community prosper.

“Just because we’re economically depressed doesn’t mean we’re dead,” he stressed. “Education can help change the future.”

And it’s this belief that has led him to commit his time and energy to PHCC, including serving on the PHCC Foundation Board; making numerous financial contributions, including one that allowed for the creation of Martin Field; and even serving as an adjunct professor.

Martin graduated from PHCC in 1980 with an associate degree in business management. He then continued his education at Averett College, earning a bachelor of arts in business administration.

Although he traveled the world as the president of marketing and sales for Fred Martin Associates, he knew Martinsville was where he wanted to call home, and he knew that he could help it thrive.

“No big company is going to come in and save us; we have to save ourselves,” Martin said. “We have to look to ourselves to help and give people the chance to create their own future, their own destiny.”

Martin is a strong believer in leading by example, so for about six years, Martin has been putting that to practice as an adjunct professor of business and management-related courses at PHCC. He takes a vested interest in the students, knowing that as a teacher, “my primary goal is to shape our future leaders.” He also serves on the PHCC Foundation Board where he can work closely with others in sharing the benefits of the college.



Tim Martin (center) and parents Fred and Lowanda Martin with the PHCC softball team on Martin Field

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Martin truly takes “leading by example” to heart, and has recently created three new scholarships in honor of his parents – The Fred and Lowanda Martin Honorary Business Scholarships. “You’d be surprised what \$5,000 can do,” Martin said. “It can mean the difference between school and no school.”

Martin has high hopes for the college and the area it serves, urging others to do what they can to help. “It’s all about our fellow man. It’s not ‘I, I, I,’ it’s ‘we, we, we.’” Martin stated. “We have to stick together as a community.”

Where Are They Now?

Mapping the road to a “better way of life”

Dr. Melissa Lannom admits freely that at 18 she was not mature enough to enter the real world. Her parents, both high school dropouts, knew the importance of education and so they made a deal – “if you’re going to live in this house, you’re going to go to school.”

So after graduating from Bassett High School, Lannom enrolled at Patrick Henry Community College where she discovered her “calling.”

“Education was so important to my parents since they didn’t have any,” she explained. “They wanted me to have a better life than they did.”

Her parents hoped she could use PH as a way to decide what she wanted to do with her life, she explained. “My parents did not have the money to waste for me to go to college and major in something, and then change my mind.”

Lannom started at PH on the business major track, but was repeatedly changing course, always focused on her dream of becoming a professional dancer.

“When I started school, all I wanted to do was be a dancer,” Lannom said, “but the starving-artist lifestyle was not for me. My parents taught me that you work hard for your money,” which was the reason she continued her education in addition to teaching dance at Jane’s Academy of Dance and DeHart Dance Theatre, where she still teaches and dances today.

After four years at PH, she was able to make an informed decision about her career, choosing to pursue a future in teaching. She enrolled at Averett University, and because of all the credits she had obtained at PH, she entered as a junior and was able to focus solely on education courses. She graduated in 1991 with a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education and began teaching a first-grade class at Druid Hills.

“I loved it. You see so much growth in that year,” she explained, “ABCs to reading, writing and spelling – it was internally rewarding. I knew I had chosen the right profession because I’d leave every day laughing about something.”

She continued her education, receiving a master’s degree in education from Radford University in 2001, and a doctorate in education from Liberty University in 2009. Because of the work ethic she acquired from her parents, Lannom became an adjunct professor of early childhood education at PHCC, while going to school herself, to make ends meet.

Currently, Lannom is a reading specialist at Rich Acres Elementary, but also serves as an adjunct professor at Longwood University and an assistant professor for the School of Education at Liberty University, fulfilling her “calling” of teaching.

“We have to communicate to the public that an education is a better way of life,” Lannom urged. “There are no excuses for you not to have a successful life. Patrick Henry is a crown jewel; it is a start of a successful adult life.”



Melissa Lannom and dance students Sadie Leigh Perry and Zoie Shough

Patrick Henry Scholars

For their academic excellence and extracurricular commitments, these eight students have received full-tuition scholarships to attend PHCC this fall.

The scholarship, administered by the PHCC Foundation, is a full-tuition scholarship awarded to up to 10 students from high schools in the college's service region. Students are selected by the Foundation's Scholarship Committee for their academic and leadership potential, and must maintain a 3.2 GPA while at PHCC. Recipients are afforded a variety of events, activities and services to create an intense and enriching college experience. This year's Patrick Henry Scholars:

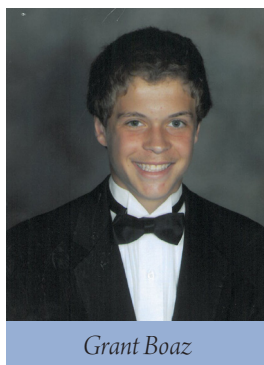


Rocky Ankeny

Rocky Ankeny graduated from Bassett High School with a 4.03 GPA. He was an active member of the Bassett High School bands, including the Marching Band (Most Outstanding Freshman and Senior, Best of Bassett Award, Section Leader), Symphonic Band (Most Outstanding Junior), Concert Band (French Horn Award) and Brass Quintet. He was also a

member of the Beta Club and the National Honor Society, and received the Henry County Academic Excellence Award. Outside of school, he has served as the choir director at Orchard Drive Baptist Church since 2010. Ankeny plans to attend George Mason University after PHCC to major in Music Education and Film, with hopes of becoming a high school band director.

Grant Boaz graduated from Martinsville High School with a 4.0 GPA. He was a member of the National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Key Club, a Big M recipient and a dual enrollment student at PHCC, with the honor of being on the dean's list for the last academic year. Boaz also participated on the cross country, soccer and swim teams at Martinsville High School, as well as the Piedmont Youth Soccer League Travel Soccer team, of which he was a league referee for the past four years. He has joined the PHCC Patriots soccer team this fall. His goal is to earn his associate degree in business administration at PHCC, followed by a bachelor's degree in sports management.



Grant Boaz

Mickie Doman graduated from Magna Vista High School with a 4.16 GPA. She was a member of the National Honor Society, of which she served as president during her senior year, and the Beta Club. She was also an "A" Honor Roll student and received a Henry County Public Schools Academic Excellence Award. Doman has also taken part in the O'Henry Internship program, was able to work at Drewry Mason Elementary School through enrollment in an Early Childhood Education course and was an active member of Future Farmers of America (Parliamentarian, Leadership Committee). She plans to get her associate degree in general studies and transfer to Averett



Mickie Doman

University to study early childhood education and become an elementary school teacher.



Haley Ferguson

Haley Ferguson graduated from Bassett High School with a 4.06 GPA. She earned a Henry County Public Schools Academic Excellence Award; was an "A" Honor Roll student; was a member of the National Honor Society, National Arts Honor Society, Teen Arts

Council, Beta Club, CHILL Club and 4H Teen Club; is a Fox 21/27 Academic All Star and was on the Student Advisory Council. Ferguson was also a part of the BHS soccer team (Principal's Award, Coaches Award) and a Grace Network volunteer. On the side, she has her own freelance design business, BopArt, and has been a graphic design intern at Casting Logos. Ferguson wants to earn a degree in visual arts and attend Virginia Commonwealth University for her bachelor's degree. She hopes to work as an art teacher, specifically on the community-college level.

Ellie Hampton graduated from Bassett High School with a 4.01 GPA. She was an "A" Honor Roll student all



Ellie Hampton

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four years at Bassett and earned a Henry County Public Schools Academic Excellence Award. She was a member of the varsity tennis (Piedmont District Champions, Honorable Mention) and volleyball teams, as well as a Salvation Army volunteer. After earning her degree in general studies, Hampton plans to pursue a career in education, with hopes of becoming a college professor specializing in Civil War history.



Amanda Hylton

Amanda Hylton graduated from Patrick County High School with a 4.1 GPA. She was on the PCHS Honor Roll, served as the class president, and was a member of the PCHS Honors Choir, PCHS All District Choir, Marching Band (Percussion Captain), Forensics Club, Beta Club (President, Treasurer, Reporter) and the Future

Educators Association. She also took part in the Virginia High School League Leadership Conference. Outside of school, Hylton is an active member of the Youth Group at New Hope Church of the Brethren. She hopes to earn a degree in general studies with a specialization in teacher education preparation to eventually become a high school math teacher.

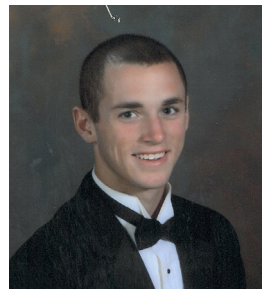
Andrew Mullins graduated from Bassett High School with a 4.2 GPA. He was a member of the National Honor Society,

National Technical Honor Society and Beta Club. He also played on the JV and varsity football teams, and served as an instructor for the Henry County Parks and Recreation Youth Football Camps. Mullins has volunteered his time with Grace Network, United Way and the Boys and Girls Club. He hopes to study legal assisting and history, with a goal of working in a prosecutor's office or in politics.



Andrew Mullins

Cody Prillaman graduated from Bassett High School with a 3.72 GPA. He was a member of the National Honor Society, National Society for High School Scholars, the Student Council Association and served as the senior class representative on the



Cody Prillaman

Principal's Student Advisory Committee. Prillaman also played on the varsity basketball and golf teams, and volunteers his time with United Way. He plans to earn a degree in general studies, and continue his education at the University of Virginia, majoring in business management with a minor in marketing or communications.

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