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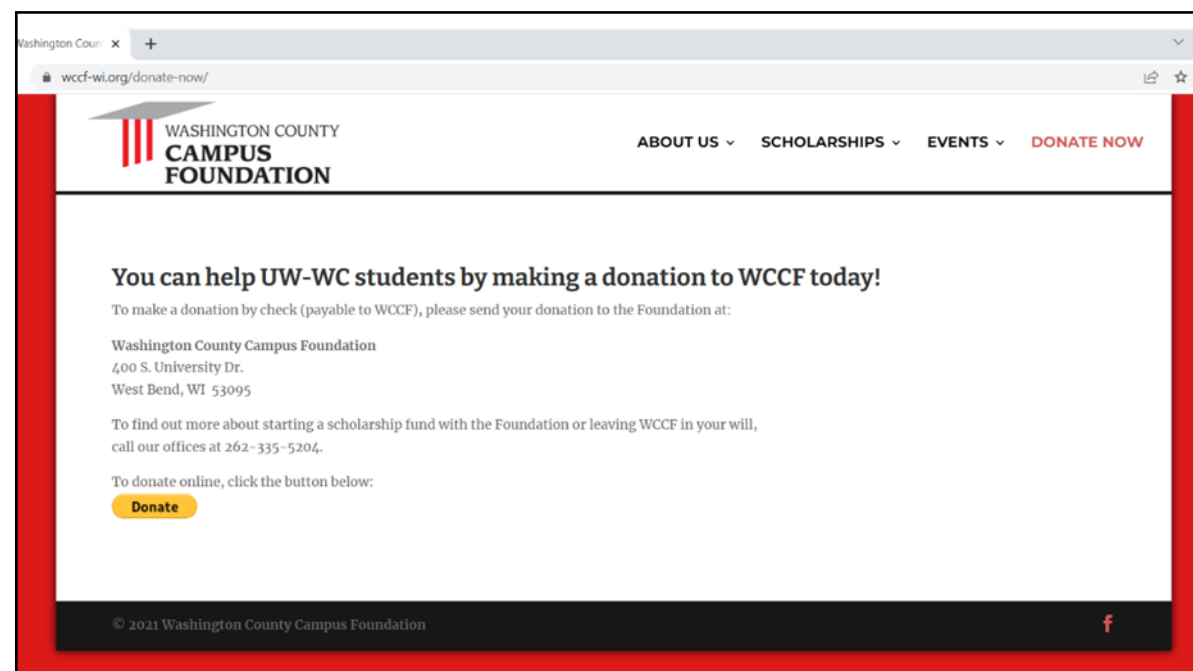
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A Letter from President Paul De Chant

Hello Friends of WCCF

As we are beginning the scholarship application process for the 2023-2024 school year, I wanted to share with you a few highlights from our spring **Scholarship Awards Ceremony**. This past May was the first time since our 2019 ceremony that we were able to hold this inspirational event IN PERSON! Consequently, it was exceptional and well attended. Including all new scholarships to deserving UWM-Washington County students, the Foundation awarded almost \$200,000. (More detail later in the newsletter.)



Since the Little Red Inn no longer provides catering services, the Foundation needed to find a new vendor for its popular, annual Fine Wine and Dine event. After hosting an acclaimed Fine Wine and Appetizer event last February, Timmer's Resort was the logical choice for **An Evening Under an Australian Moon**. John Newburg and the staff at Timmer's crafted an enticing menu of Australian food and wine built around John's expert beverage selections. As always, the proceeds from the event support our HOPE scholarships. (More detail later in the newsletter.)

With 2022 coming to a close, I want to send a special thanks to our treasured **Ambassador Council** for their commitment and dedication to our school and the Foundation. A group of Ambassadors recently volunteered a half day to work on our Annual Appeal campaign. As we do each December, the Ambassador Council and the Foundation hosted a highly successful holiday 'thank you' party for our UWM-Washington County faculty and staff. (More detail later in the newsletter.)

Wishing you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2023!

Kindly,

A handwritten signature of Paul De Chant in black ink.

Paul De Chant
Board President

2022 Scholarship Ceremony

On May 23, we held our 2022 Scholarship Ceremony IN PERSON for the first time since 2019. A full contingency of students, their families, and valued donors attended this event to recognize our scholarship winners for this current school year of 2022-23.

The Foundation is very pleased to announce that a number of new scholarships have been established this year:

The **Mary Trackett Reynolds Memorial Scholarship** was created by Bruce Reynolds and his family to recognize the life and accomplishments of his mother, Mary Trackett. Mary was born in 1913, into a Washington County family that had hewed out a quarter-section farm in 1861. Her father died when she was one, leaving Mary and her mother in difficult financial straits. But they never sold the 40-acre portion of the farm that she inherited at 17. Instead, through sheer effort, ability, and persistence, she earned scholarships to Madison, Radcliffe, and Columbia University. At Madison she was Phi Beta Kappa. Her Columbia political science PhD was the first ever awarded to a woman. She became a world authority on James Joyce, and taught courses on Joyce at Yale.

This \$20,000 scholarship is awarded to an outstanding female student who has completed her second year at UWM--WC and is continuing on to complete her degree at a 4-year nonprofit university.

The **Gary Britton STEM Scholarship** was created this year by Gary Britton – math professor and former UWWC faculty member. This scholarship is presented to a student who will pursue a career in a STEM field. Gary increased his scholarship to \$2,000 for 2023-2024.

Nancy Van Vooren established the **Vern and Nancy Van Vooren Scholarship**. This very unique scholarship was created specifically to support students who have been in foster care during some part of their high school years. Nancy's motivation is to support students who otherwise wouldn't have a family structure for support as the foster child enters college. To be eligible, students must have been a foster child for at least six months from the age of 16 or older. Students must maintain at least part time status during the scholarship year and attend the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee at Washington County campus.

UWWC alum, Curt Enderle created the **Brad Ford "Rex Wonder" Continue Doing Theater Scholarship** this year for students who are pursuing a degree in Theater or Theater Arts or a related Film or Animation field. Curt named his scholarship after UWWC Professor Brad Ford who had a significant impact on his education and his future career in theater production.

This *IS* our mission in action.

Since 1976 when the Washington County Campus Foundation was founded, we have been able to help thousands of students achieve their goal of earning a college degree. Most of our current scholarships are the result of the generosity of donors, like you, who wanted to create a legacy and help students into their future.

Thank You Ambassador Council

A wonderful crowd of over 50 faculty, staff, WCCF Board and Ambassadors enjoyed good food and great camaraderie at this year's Holiday Thank You party.



Ambassador members recently gathered to process the Foundation's end of the year **Annual Appeal** campaign.



(L-R) Ruth Ann and Larry Bales, Nancy Mehring, Don Muth, Terry Krall, Pat Olson and Pat Pitrof.

Thank You Ambassador Council

For over 50 years, the Ambassador Council members have been active volunteers who have been promoting our local campus and Foundation. Ambassador members provide their time and talent to support campus and Foundation events where man and woman power is needed. The success of the Foundation is tied directly to its partnership with the Ambassador Council. The Ambassadors recently participated in our Annual Appeal processing and co-hosted, with the Foundation, the annual Holiday Faculty and Staff Thank You party. For volunteer opportunities contact Ambassador Council President Jane Maley at info@wccf-wi.org.



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College of General Studies
Dean Simon Bronner is
flanked by Ambassador
Nancy Mehring and her
husband Jerry.

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Bruce Reynolds welcomed a full house of students and their families to recognize scholarship winners and thank scholarship donors for their generous support.



(Left) Matthew J. Martin Scholarship was created by Michael Martin of West Bend in memory of his brother Matthew. Michael and Matthew's sister, Margaret is pictured with the Martin Scholarship winner, Amber Kennedy.



(Right) Professor Emeritus Gary Britton presented the first winner of his STEM scholarship to Miles Carlson from Port Washington.

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(Left) Emeritus Athletic Director and Dean Tom Brigham awarded his scholarship to Adrianna Marquardt to help her pursue her career as an athletic trainer. Tom increased his scholarship this year to \$1,000. (Right) Joscelynne Clark was presented with the Jan Hubbell Memorial Scholarship by Ruth Schmitt – long time friend of Jan Hubbell. Joscelynne is pursuing a degree as a high school counselor.



2022 An Evening Under An Australian Moon

Hosted at Timmer's Resort – October 16, 2022

The Foundation hosted its fifth annual **Evening of Fine Wine and Dining**. A premiere dinner and wine experience, this event is centered on a country or region famous for fine wines with a gourmet dinner to compliment the wine selection.

This year's event featured the wine and cuisine of Australia with a five-course dinner and six complimenting wines. **Audra Grueneberg and Ashley Gregoriou of Timmers Resort and John Neuburg of AVA Wine+Spirits** presented their best for an epicurean night to remember! Proceeds from the event support the Foundation's HOPE scholarships.



This event has developed a following of dedicated attendees. Charlie and Gaytha Hillman, who have been with the event since its beginning, sponsored a table for GrandCare VIP's.

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Scholarship winners are asked to volunteer for Foundation events. A few of this year's scholarship winners helped with the event by pouring wine. (L-R) Lydia Wirkkula, Amber Kennedy, Natalie Markt, Claire Haas, Austin Junk, Jonathan Durow and Jadon Thornton.



Board President, Paul De Chant welcomed guests in the main dining room at Timmer's Resort – a perfect venue for this year's fall event.