



Transforming Students' Lives

Making College Dreams Come True

WCCS Foundation Annual Report

Dear Wallace Community College Selma Foundation Friends,

It’s an exciting time for Wallace Community College Selma Foundation — one filled with anticipation as together, we envision the future.

Thanks to you, our donors, the WCCS Foundation reached new heights in fundraising last year, providing \$### in scholarships and program support, the highest amount ever. At the same time, there remains a wide gap between students’ needs and available funding as the WCCS Foundation is able to only support a portion of students who apply for scholarships, with demand continuing to grow. The WCCS Foundation is not only committed to providing scholarships to get students into college; we are also funding critical student support that ensure they stay in college and finish their degrees.

Much like colleges across the nation, Wallace Community College Selma faces a new challenge — envisioning how we can best serve our students and the community during this global pandemic. Hence, the WCCS Foundation is launching its first comprehensive fundraising campaign, “Campaign for Opportunity.” The “Campaign for Opportunity” is a movement for giving Black Belt residents a better chance at success. The WCCS Foundation seeks to raise \$1 million. With these funds, we will help close the gap for people who are being left behind and open the door to a more equitable future – for individuals and their families.

As the most relied upon institution in the Black Belt for providing pathways to opportunity for people in all stages of life, WCCS is uniquely positioned to have a lasting impact on our local communities. But for too many residents in the Black Belt, a WCCS degree is still out of reach. The “Campaign for Opportunity” will provide funds for scholarships, mentoring, workforce development, and other urgent student needs.

The following report will provide testimonials that are samples of the inspiring students and donors who make up the WCCS Foundation community and embody what this campaign is working for. Please support WCCS Foundation in helping students walk through our doors and on the path to achieving their dream by donating to the “Campaign for Opportunity “at one of the following levels:

<u>Donation Level</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Diamond	- \$250,000 and up
Platinum	- \$100,000 – \$249,999
Gold	- \$25,000 - \$99,000
Silver	- \$10,000 - \$24,999
Bronze	- \$5,000 - \$9,999
Leader of Opportunity	- \$2,500 - \$4,999
Partner of Opportunity	- \$1,000 - \$2,499
Friend	- \$500 - \$900
Supporter	- \$1 - \$499

Many thanks to you, our donors, for your belief in Wallace Community College Selma Foundation and for putting students on the road to opportunity. Your heartfelt commitments make a tremendous difference in the lives of our students, their families, and our community.

Sincerely,

Mr. Chad McEachern, Chair
Wallace Community College Foundation

Dr. James M. Mitchell, President
Wallace Community College Foundation



WCCS Foundation Board

To support the development of scholarships and other enrichments of Wallace Community College, the Foundation was established in 2005. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt foundation, the Foundation raises funds for WCC through a variety of creative events and partnerships with area businesses and individuals.

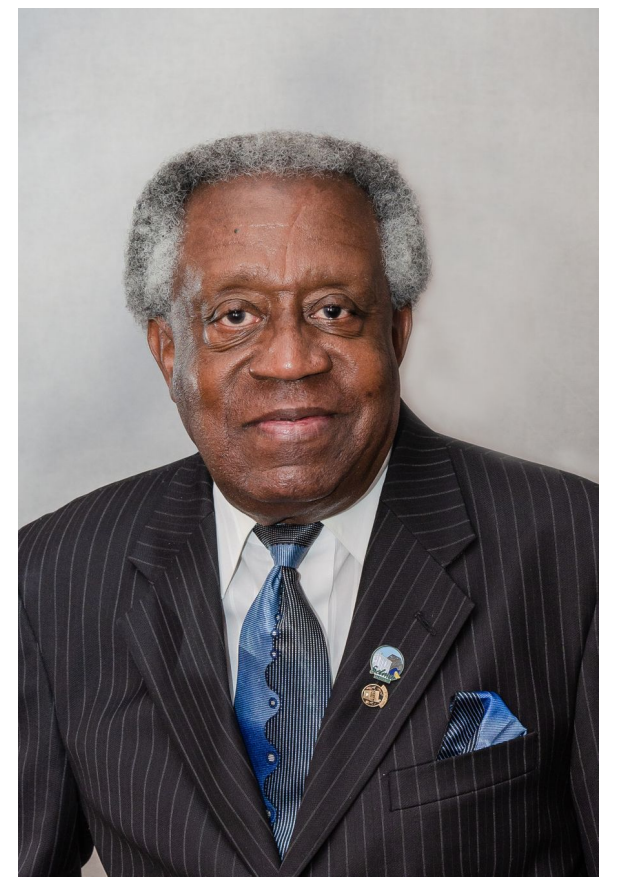
The mission of the Wallace Community College Foundation is to support the success of students and programs by securing resources through building community relationships and awareness. Through grants, scholarships, and special projects the Foundation helps the academic achievement of our students by assisting financially and through program enhancements. Our students and community are at the heart of the Wallace Community College Foundation.



Chad McEachern



Darrell Steward



Johnny Moss, Sr.



Beth Spivey



Catesby Jones



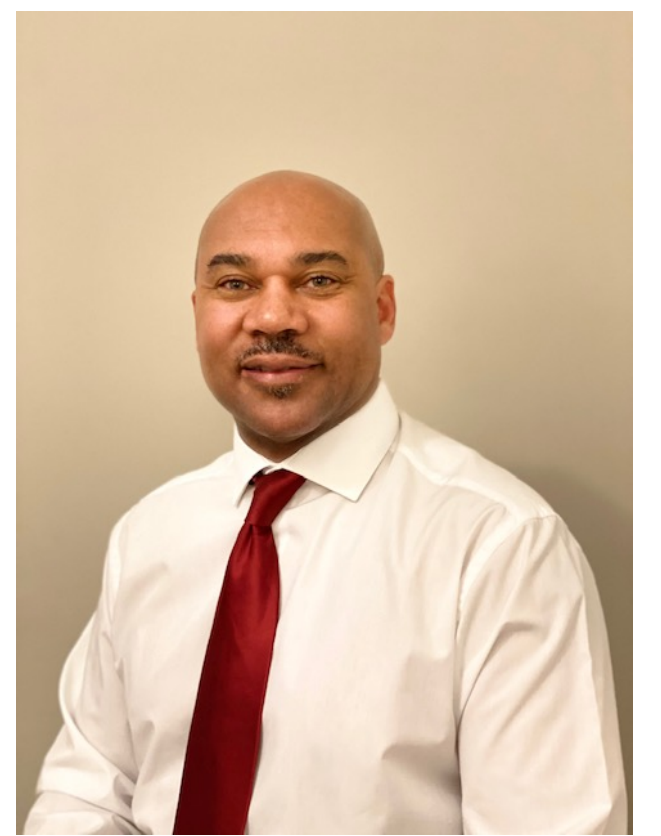
Ralph Hobbs



Randall Miller



Tracy Merry



Eric Jackson



Judge Jo Celeste Pettway



Event Bolsters Foundation's Work

Roughly 100 people attended the Wallace Community College Selma Foundation's annual Wine and Cheese Fundraiser, chipping in just under \$15,000 to bolster the foundation's work. According to WCCS Foundation Board Chairman Chad McEachern, that number nearly doubles the amount raised at last year's event. Funds raised for the foundation help roughly 120 students each year.

"This event is important because, as we know, education is the foundation for success," McEachern said. "For many of our students in this community, going to Wallace is that first step to a better life and a stepping stone towards a positive change for themselves, their families and the entire community."

Among those in attendance for the event were WCCS President Dr. James Mitchell and his wife, Pricilla, Vaughan Regional Medical Center (VRMC) President and CEO David McCormack and Darrell Steward of Steward Construction. Steward Construction and VRMC were among the sponsors for the night's event, along with International Paper, Dave's Mart, First Cahawba Bank, the Edmundite Missions and others.

"This is one of the major annual fundraising events for WCCS," James Mitchell said. "An event which helps increase the scholarship awards to our students who are in need. Under Chad McEachern's leadership, this foundation continues to grow and get even stronger."



Edmundite Missions donates to WCCS



Edmundite Missions continued their support of students by donating \$5,000 to endow a fund that will be overseen by a committee at Wallace Community College Selma to help students succeed in the classroom and begin their careers.

“For over 80 years, the Edmundite Missions has been providing food, clothing and shelter to poor and marginalized children and families,” according to a press release from the Missions. “We meet their immediate needs while addressing the long term of systemic poverty in the Deep South.”

One way the Missions has helped address the long term issues of systemic poverty has been to provide financial support to student pursuing a collegiate or technical education. For years, the Missions has helped many students at WCCS to begin, continue, or finish their education and take a step towards new possibilities and a rewarding career, improving the lives of themselves, their families, and the entire community.

The Missions will provide ongoing support so that the fund will grow and continue to help students in need for many years. “We are so excited to be able to help. When we hear from students who need one or two classes to graduate and they have no idea how they will come up with the resources to pay for it, we are compelled to help them overcome this challenge. It’s exciting to see a student be able to finish their education and break the cycle of poverty.” said Chad McEachern, President and CEO of the Edmundite Missions.

“The Edmundite Missions have been very supportive of the college over the years and we look forward to working with them on future endeavors,” said Dr. Mitchell.



EDMUNDITE
Missions



First fellows celebrated

Two new donations help nursing students find their way

The Edmundite Missions recently celebrated the first two graduates of their Forward with the Missions Fellowship Program. The fellowship program was developed to help Wallace Community College – Selma nursing students become RN’s after making it through the LPN program.

The program seeks to provide social assistance to help students worry less about utility bills, rent, childcare, or car payments and focus more on achieving their degree. Quinshea Walker said she immediately saw the Forward with the Missions Fellowship Program as an opportunity to further advance her career and filled out an application as soon as she learned about the program.

“I’m not sure if I was the first applicant but I was close to the first,” said Walker. Walker said she was relieved to be accepted into the program. “I really appreciate everything Edmundite Missions have done because it really really really helped.

It gave me time to focus on my schooling and focus on my children,” said Walker. As the mother of two children Walker said it would have been incredibly difficult to become an RN without the assistance of the fellowship program.

“Walker’s Fellowship was sponsored by the Rita Kulick McFadden Scholarship Fund, named in memory of the wife of one of the Missions donors,” said Missions CEO Chad McEachern. “Mr. McFadden spent his life serving in the healthcare field and we’re so proud to carry on the legacy of he and his wife through dedicated students like Quinshea. Quinshea is working in Selma helping those who are ill and hopes to remain doing so now that she’s achieved her RN. We know she’ll make a difference in the lives of many.”

WCCS opens food pantry for students



“It is such a great opportunity for us,” said Priscilla Mitchell. “We want our students to focus and we know they have a lot of challenges in life and we don’t want hunger to be one of them as they are here on this campus. This pantry is based on donations. You can make monetary donations and you can make the checks payable to the Wallace Community Foundation. The pantry is open from 9-11 a.m. Monday through Thursdays.”

Students agree that this was a much-needed addition to the services that WCCS offers. “This is a great addition to the campus,” said Tayla Bonner. “To know that Wallace has our back as they assist those who need food is great.”

Between studying, tests, tuition payments, social lives and for some, a job, it is hard to afford much else. There are numerous students who give up food in order to pay for college.

To combat these issues, WCCS officially opened the Patriot Food Pantry on campus in April 2019. “It is another great day for Wallace Community College Selma as we continue to be one of the best community colleges in the world,” said WCCS President Dr. James Mitchell. “Oftentimes we just look at students as people who come here who pay tuition, go to class and then graduate. At this college, we decided we needed to do more. We need to address the total student need meaning we understand there are needs outside of the classroom.

We will continue to meet the needs of our students not just in the classroom but their personal needs as much as we can. This was a vision that I had because as a kid growing up I was hungry at times and I understand what that means. This food pantry is for the students to use for free and I hope they don’t abuse it but use it. I put my wife, Priscilla in charge of making this happen along with her committee.”

“I think this shows that Wallace has our best interests,” said Kevin Jones. “They are not only thinking about us academically but also thinking about us like family.”

The food pantry serves 80-100 students daily and is open for two hours each day. Students are permitted to visit once per day and consume up to four food items. Since opening, the food pantry has been visited over 4,686 times.



“ No student should ever test hungry. “

SECOND CHANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

"You can't do anything more for a student than to give them a boost up into community college and get them on the road to a college degree."

Jameria Doss - Edmundite Missions and Dr. James M. Mitchell Scholarship Recipient



"I have been a student at Wallace for 4 years now, and I am so grateful for the time I have had at Wallace. Over the past years, I have received a book scholarship to help pay for my books, as well as the Edmundite Scholarship and Dr. James M. Mitchell scholarship to help with tuition. I also received a volleyball and basketball scholarship for my first two years as well. I am very appreciative for the financial support towards my education, and with that support I was able to graduate with my Associate Degree in Science in 2018. Now I am currently in the LPN program, and I am looking forward to graduating in December 2020."

~ Jameria Doss

Annette Hill - Spencer Scholarship Recipient

One day I came to the realization that furthering my education wasn't optional, it was a necessity, in order to be successful. This epiphany was dampened when I began to register for classes at the community college. Mistakes and challenges of my past had seemed to block my future aspirations. My budget was limited and I didn't qualify for Pell grant. The WCCS Financial Aid Department advised me to apply for the Spencer Scholarship. I was dumbfounded how simple, fast, and forgiving the application was. One class turned into two, and now I'm at the threshold of entering the nursing program for my future career. The Spencer Scholarship alleviated the worry of finances, so I could focus on completing my studies. Thanks to the Spencer scholarship my dreams can now become reality.

~ Forever Grateful, Annette Hill



