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KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION  
*Opening Doors and Changing Lives*

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## Welcome from the Executive Director

It's the spring semester at Kellogg Community College and that means the KCC Foundation is readying for its annual Bid a Brighter Future Auction and Raffle. This event, planned and participated by KCC employees, is celebrating its 19<sup>th</sup> year on March 3 and 4. **Event features** include 100 items for bid, wine and beer pulls and raffles. We are grateful to individuals, businesses and organizations that contribute items to event that has raised over \$173,000 over the years for student scholarships and emergency needs. This year's theme is the Roaring 20's and we look forward to exciting days of active online bidding, ticket sales and great fun.

**Scholarship** season is upon us and we are looking forward to facilitating the review of applications and the recommendation of awards to many students who will be attending KCC in the 2022-2023 academic year. The priority deadline for submission of applications is March 1 for the Gold Key, Board of Trustees and Field of Study/Special Criteria scholarships and April 1 for Transfer scholarships. More information can be found at [www.kellogg.edu/kccscholarships](http://www.kellogg.edu/kccscholarships)

We hope you enjoy reading this edition of the KCC Foundation E-News and we appreciate you staying connected to us.

Always a Bruin!

Teresa Durham



The KCC Foundation is thrilled to announce the return of the KCC Alumni Awards! KCC Alumni Awards recognize former Kellogg Community College students who have made outstanding strides in their professional field, enriched their community and supported KCC.

Nominations are open through **March 20, 2022**, and can be completed online. Alumni may not nominate themselves for an award, but there is no limit on the number of nominations one can submit. Applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of KCC faculty and staff, KCC Foundation board members, former award recipients and KCC alumni. Nominees will be announced in early April, with recipient(s) being announced at the College's Outstanding Bruin Awards ceremony on April 26.

**Nominate an alum TODAY!**

## Scholarship Priority Deadline Approaches

Students applying for scholarships for the 2022 - 2023 academic year will need to click the blue submit button very soon! The KCC Foundation *priority deadline* is **March 1, 2022**. While applications will be accepted through July 31, 2022, a majority of scholarships will be awarded to those submitting by March (in order to have scholarships awarded close to when registration opens.)

Students interested in applying can log in at <http://kellogg.academicworks.com> and complete their scholarship application entirely online.





### **KCCF Spotlight: The Susan B. Aiken Family**

Susan encouraged all students she encountered at Kellogg Community College to persevere in their studies. After graduating from Hart High School, she married and devoted her attention to raising her three daughters and helping run the family farm. In 1991, Susan embraced a new direction in her life and enrolled at KCC where she studied Accounting. Her passion for education began to grow, and she graduated with her Bachelor's in Arts & Science with a Public Relations Administration emphasis from Sienna Heights University. While she was enrolled at KCC Susan accepted a position assisting students with the college as well as helping with resume' preparation for graduating students. Her employment evolved through the years, with Susan eventually becoming the secretary for the EMS Department where she assisted with the certification and re-certification process for local fire & police departments. Her tenure at KCC spanned over 15 years before she retired in 2011.

Susan's devotion to learning extended beyond her occupation and could be seen in the quality of her gardening. She loved being outdoors and enjoyed taking Horticulture and Gardening classes through KCC, Leila Arboretum Society in Battle Creek, and Southern Exposure. Her passion for gardening and her search of knowledge led to her certification as a Master Gardener.

Sadly, Susan passed away on September 14, 2021. Many of her KCC colleagues have remarked about her tremendous positivity, saying her bright smile and personality were always welcomed by them and students. "A great spark of life on the KCC campus," said Liz Neumeyer, a fellow KCC retiree.

Now that spark lives on with the Susan B. Aiken Memorial Scholarship fund established by her daughters, Robin, Jody and Teresa. A generous gift from Susan, her family and friends has allowed the fund to be endowed and a scholarship to be awarded annually to help support a KCC student, who is a single parent, to succeed academically. In doing so it is the family's hope that the recipient will find their place in the world, advance their career, and/or enhance their quality of life.

Susan planted the seed of education in herself, in her children and in countless numbers of students and the garden will continue to cultivate an abundance of success.

## Giving Tuesday Exceeds Expectations

November 30, 2021, was KCC's Giving Tuesday Initiative. Thanks to the support of the community and our employees and students, we raised \$3,248.46 to address food insecurity at KCC (eclipsing our goal of \$2,000 by more than 62%!).

We are grateful to see such a wonderful outpouring of support for these programs. We are thrilled with how much our employees showed up to support our students, and equally appreciative of those community members that supported us. Thank you!



**The KCC Foundation is deeply grateful to welcome the following new funds.**

- Dean Barnum Gold Key Scholarship Fund
- Dean Barnum Scholarship for Student Athletes
- Lindsay B. Draime Transfer Scholarship for Business Students
- Phillip G. and Bonnie S. Cortright Scholarship for Police Academy Students
- Virginia M. Hensley 2<sup>nd</sup> Transfer Scholarship for Education or Health Care Students
- Paula and Bob Westdorp Wonders of Recovery and Discovery Scholarship
- Keck Family Scholarship
- Susan B. Aiken Memorial Scholarship

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