

# KCC FOUNDATION

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*Opening Doors and Changing Lives*

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## Birthday Fundraiser, anyone?

In recent years, dedicating your birthday to a cause or charity you care about has become increasingly popular. With just a few minutes, you can raise funds for the KCC Foundation - all without leaving your home!

Interested in hosting a birthday fundraiser? Contact us at [kccfoundation@kelllogg.edu](mailto:kccfoundation@kelllogg.edu) and we can guide you through the steps of doing a successful birthday event! We appreciate your support.

## Welcome from the Executive Director

Welcome to the second edition of the KCC Foundation E-Newsletter. This newsletter serves as our way to stay connected to you, our friends and partners. This quarter, we highlight the generosity of retired KCC history professor, Elizabeth Neumeyer. Liz, as she is fondly known, is passionate about KCC and the success of students. We appreciate donors, like Liz, who see the potential in others and take action to make positive change.

In May, the KCC Foundation made the majority of its 2021-2022 scholarship award recommendations, and we are sharing some statistics with you. On June 22, we are hosting our first Fresh Food Initiative for KCC students in partnership with the South Michigan Food Bank. One hundred boxes of food will be distributed to help our students with a challenge many face----food insecurity.

On September 10, we will host the 24th Annual Bruin Scholarship Open at Binder Park Golf Course. Since its inception, this event has raised over \$1.3 million to provide scholarships for KCC students. You can get more information about sponsorship and teams [here](#).

The KCC Foundation congratulates the 2021 Starfish Award winners---KCC employees nominated by this year's KCC graduates. Since 1999, the Foundation has sponsored this project in which students can acknowledge any full- or part-time employee who has positively impacted their experience at KCC. The recipients are: Caleb Ausbury, Anna Cox, Susan McCabe, Kristin McDermott, Ann Miller, Matt Samra and Ron Smith.

Thank you to our donors, partners, and sponsors for your continued support in opening doors and changing lives.

Teresa Durham  
Executive Director

## #BruCru Shout Out!

Congratulations to the KCC baseball team, who finished third in the nation at the NJCAA Division II World Series! This was KCC's eight World Series appearance since 1999, and their best finish since a fourth-place run in 2011. Head KCC Baseball Coach Eric Laskovy crossed the 500-career-win mark in April!

Interested in celebrating and supporting them? Join us on **July 31, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. for the 2021 KCC Baseball Alumni and Friends Golf Outing!**

Visit [www.bit.ly/KCCBaseballGolf21](http://www.bit.ly/KCCBaseballGolf21) for more information about sponsoring the third place KCC Baseball Team!



# KCC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

**24%**  
FIRST GENERATION  
STUDENTS

**3.2**  
AVERAGE GPA

**24%**  
RELATED TO KCC ALUM



**14%**  
SINGLE PARENT  
STUDENTS

**2021-2022**

**451**  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED

**306**  
INDIVIDUAL  
RECIPIENTS

**77**  
2021 HIGH  
SCHOOL GRADS

**18**  
UNIQUE  
HIGH SCHOOLS

**\$467,000**

IN SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDED AS OF JUNE 1, 2021

**42%**  
CALHOUN

**15%**  
BRANCH

**11%**  
KALAMAZOO

**10%**  
BARRY



**76%**  
FEMALE  
IDENTIFYING



**2%**  
NONBINARY  
IDENTIFYING



**22%**  
MALE  
IDENTIFYING





### **KCCF Spotlight: Liz Neumeyer**

Retired Professor, Liz Neumeyer, is an exuberant cheerleader for KCC and its students. From 1968-2007, she taught history, psychology, and occasionally interpersonal communication. After she retired, she continued to share her love of history with the Institute for Learning in Retirement and students in Lifelong Learning. She graduated from Delta College in 1964 and continued her studies at Central Michigan University where she received a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education and master's degree in History. She later earned two additional master's degrees from

Western Michigan University.

Liz states that choosing an education career path was mostly an accident. She just wanted to go to college and in her day – late 50s early 60s, careers generally meant secretary, nurse, or teacher for women. “I just kept taking college classes I liked – history and political science and so I became a history major and political science minor in secondary education program, she says. “It was a happy accident because I liked telling stories and teaching history was the perfect way to do it.”

While studying for her master's degree it was her professors who suggested she apply to teach at a community college rather than a high school. The KCC Dean, at the time, was a CMU alum who was seeking teaching candidates from the CMU history department. “When I came to KCC for the interview in May of 1968, the campus was all in bloom and it was so stunning. As I walked up the steps, I prayed, please God, let them ask me to teach here.” she says.

Liz has volunteered for Heritage Battle Creek, writes a local history column for Scene Magazine, gives out free books to children and adults at a summer community free breakfast program and recently authored “Always a Bruin: A History of Kellogg Community College 1956-2017”.

Liz's involvement with the KCC Foundation began with serving on the Gold Key Scholarship Committee. She later applied and received grants to have special courses and programs for the students, and she became involved with the Beyond Tuition Assistance program. Liz states, “This program is my favorite because of my own experience as a student and as a teacher. The CMU Small Loan Program helped me out a few times in tight circumstances even though I had scholarships. Before the Beyond Tuition Assistance program, most of the professors helped KCC students with things like gas money, groceries, bus tickets, a textbook, and so on. It is these needs that sometime set students back and I am glad that we now have an organized system to help students.”

What inspires Liz to give? She says, “I am a believer in what is called the commonwealth, that is, you support the community, to help maintain the public good. I owe my community for supporting me through taxes for education and I believe in giving back and paying forward.”



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