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WELCOME FROM THE KCC FOUNDATION

Welcome to the first issue of our new quarterly e-newsletter. Here you'll find the latest Kellogg Community College Foundation news, spotlights on donors, upcoming events, and updates about scholarship programs and initiatives.

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We hope you enjoy our first newsletter.



MEET DAVID PIERCE

Dave started attending the Bruin Scholarship Open in 2012. That year, he substituted for a player on the Ralston Foods team, and he was hooked! "After that first time participating in the Open, I knew that this was a special event, not only for the fun of golfing and meeting new faces associated with Battle Creek, but how much it helped students earn a college degree," Dave says.

After ConAgra had purchased Ralston Foods, the foursome continued to play in the Open. When Dave joined W. Soule as a project manager, the company became a Team Sponsor in 2017, and his foursome won the Mixed Division that year. He keeps in close contact with his former colleagues and continues to invite them to be a part of the foursome.

Dave attended KCC in the early 1980s taking basic classes toward an associate degree before transferring to a millwright apprenticeship program. His wife, Lucinda, graduated from KCC with a paralegal degree and his mother with a nursing degree after raising five children. So, with family ties to KCC, the Bruin Open hits home for Dave.

The KCC Foundation is grateful for the continued support by David Pierce and W. Soule, a full-service custom fabricator and industrial mechanical company with over 425 employees based in Portage, Michigan. We look forward to seeing his foursome and other teams at the annual Bruin Scholarship Open on September 10, 2021. kellogg.edu/foundation/events.

Pictured above: The W. Soule team at the Bruin Scholarship Open; Dave Pierce is third from the left.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OPEN!

The 2021-22 KCC Foundation scholarship applications are open! Currently, the KCC Foundation has over 160 scholarship opportunities, so we encourage *new AND returning students* to apply. General scholarship applications are due March 8. For more info visit kellogg.edu/kccscholarships



WHAT'S NEXT WORLD

Hope is the subject of the latest sculptural addition to the permanent art collection at KCC. The bronze sculpture at the corner of North and Roosevelt avenues is titled "What's Next World?" and features a young girl standing on a podium, holding the planet Earth in an outstretched palm while looking over campus. The sculpture was created by Harper Creek High School Graduate, Paula Blincoe who started her college education at KCC. It was gifted to the College and the community by the Battle Creek Branch of the American Association of University Women. The group began raising funds for the project in

celebration of its 100th anniversary, creating the AAUW Battle Creek Centennial Legacy Committee Project Fund through Battle Creek Community Foundation. Read the full story [HERE](#).

Join us in celebrating Performing Arts at KCC through a Virtual Gala!

This virtual gala will feature the talents of the KCC choirs, alumni, theater troupes, and faculty, with a word from notable KCC alum (and star of the CBS show Young Sheldon) Lance Barber.

Visit [//www.kellogg.edu/foundation/events](http://www.kellogg.edu/foundation/events) for more information and to sign up for free or to be a *Bruin Backer* for this wonderful event. All proceeds will go to support Performing Arts at KCC.



NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The KCC Foundation is honored to announce the following recently established funds:

Scott Brockman Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund
Coldwater Township Sunrise Rotary Promise Scholarship Fund
Heydenberk Scholarship Fund
Kopf Family Scholarship Fund
Kourt-Martin Academic Scholarship Fund
Ann Lemaire Memorial Scholarship Fund
Brenda Mercer Memorial Scholarship Fund
Carol Ott International Studies Scholarship Fund
Lois Pennock-Brown Maple Valley Endowed Scholarship Fund
Jerry C. and Janet M. Petersen Scholarship Fund
Pharailde Thorrez-Maes Lumen Christi Scholarship Fund
Randall-Coverdale Tuition Scholarship Fund
Rob "Robbie" B. Lyman Memorial Scholarship Fund
Schweitzer Scholarship Fund for Skilled Trades Students
Suresh Family Endowed Scholarship Fund

BENEVOLENT BRUIN CHET DALSKI

Dr. Chet Dalski, Director of Simulation and Special Projects, began his career in 1989 as the Director of the EMS program and, in 2017, became the Occupational Education Director. Chet's undeniable passion for education was instilled in him by his family. His grandparents were immigrants from Poland who came to the United States looking for work opportunities and a better life. They were able to find work with Ford Motor Company and settled in Detroit. Chet's parents, Chester A. and Josephine Dalski, were dedicated employees of the Detroit Public School System.

They demonstrated perseverance and taught Chet the value and worth of an education. Without knowing it, Chet's parents exemplified the words of W. K. Kellogg, "Education offers the greatest opportunity for really improving one generation over another," an example that continues today with Chet earning his Doctoral Degree and his children attending college. When Chet walked onto KCC's campus in 1989 and saw the quote at the front entrance, he felt an immediate connection and knew he was in the right place. He wanted to have a positive impact on EMS students and help them pay for their tuition. Within nine months of working for KCC, Chet went to Neil Sharp, Director of Purchasing (*retired*), to ask if there was anything he could do, such as donate money or establish a scholarship. Neil had nowhere to put the donations, as the KCC Foundation wasn't established until 1998, but graciously accepted Chet's donations, making Chet among the first employees to start his own fund and automatically contribute from his salary.

Chet recalls having a conversation with the KCC Foundation about his employee contribution not being enough to meet his goal of awarding a scholarship that would pay for most of, if not all of, an EMS student's tuition, and saying "if it takes more, I'll do more."

Today, Chet willingly volunteers at the Bruin Scholarship Open as the onsite medic, and he recruits others to assist him. He donates and offers simulation experiences to raise money for Bid a Brighter Future, a yearly employee auction and raffle, and contributes to his fund through payroll deduction. Through his career, family, and long-term commitment to giving, Chet demonstrates how he is *Always a Bruin!*

PROGRAM INITIATIVE GRANT RECIPIENTS

Each year, KCC employees and retirees have the opportunity to apply for a Program Initiative Grant (PIG) from the KCC Foundation. These grants are awarded based on innovative concepts, the ability to directly impact students and the connection between the College and Foundation missions. In 2020, the following projects were approved. Congratulations grant recipients!



Beginning Algebra Course Pack
Electrical Training Program for HVAC-R Applications
Nursing Student Success Coach
Post-KCC Survey– Service Learning
Virtual Study Abroad Opportunity
Virtual Choir Project

For more information on these projects, visit our [PROGRAM INITIATIVES](#) page.



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