

Brazosport College Foundation Scholarship Luncheon

Brazosport College Foundation hosted its annual scholarship luncheon on March 5, 2013 at the Dow Academic Center. The theme was “Transforming the Future of Our Students”, with Dr. Barry Foster as the keynote speaker. He introduced two BASF Technology Scholarship recipients, Michael Koziol and Rebecca Owen, who shared how their scholarships have helped them achieve their educational goals. The BASF Technology Scholarship is offered through the workforce training program and designed to help prepare for careers in our local industry. Smokey Hebert, Foundation Board Member and luncheon chair, announced that during the 2011-12 school year, 956 various scholarships were awarded, totaling \$634,158. Although this may seem like a lot, Brazosport College is now serving over 4,200 credit students each semester, so the need for scholarships continues to grow. Jon and April Lubke of Integrity Mortgage Group generously sponsored the luncheon. Jon shared his personal story of how education truly transformed his life

as a young husband and father. He invited Janet Benevides, his *Sponsor a Scholar* recipient, to join him on stage and share her similar story as a young mother and student. Janet is currently a part time student who is nearing completion of her associate degree at Brazosport College. Janet’s success is partly due to her scholarship which has allowed her son to attend the Bill & Julia May Children’s Center at BC, while she attends class. Another *Sponsor a Scholar* recipient, Travis Sheppard, is a full time student who is working toward his Associate of Science degree. He joined Dr. Millicent Valek on stage and expressed his appreciation for the scholarship. Dr. Valek shared how she and her husband, John May, are excited to sponsor Travis as he works toward his degree. Guests were entertained by the Brazosport Jazz Singers and the Brazosport Jazz Band.

We sincerely appreciate our donors and students!



Pictured Above:
Janet Benevides and Jon Lubke
Sponsor a Scholar



Pictured Above:
Travis Sheppard and Dr. Millicent Valek
Sponsor a Scholar

Brazosport College Foundation – Annual Campaign gains support through BC Employees

Brazosport College Foundation kicked off its Annual Campaign on December 1, 2012. The campaign will run through May 31, 2013. Planned Giving and Scholarships for Workforce Programs paired with emphasis on the *Sponsor a Scholar* scholarship program, are the focus during the campaign. Chris Witte, Senior Vice President for BASF Freeport Site, is serving as the campaign chair. Chris is also a member of the Brazosport College Foundation Board. Through his efforts and through the support of the community, there has been \$33,551 donated to the annual campaign. The Employee Campaign was held during the month of February. In addition to the funds raised in the community campaign, \$16,973 has been received from the

employees of Brazosport College. Dr. Barry Foster, faculty member at Brazosport College, served as the employee campaign chair for the second year in a row. The Foundation hosted a reception at the Java Hut in the Student Pavilion on February 4, 2013 where Barry delivered a heartfelt, motivational speech to encourage participation. Your donation to the Annual Fund will help provide essential support for many deserving students. Through your investment, our students, our campus, our community, and our state will continue to be transformed.

Donate through our new online giving program, SecureGive...check it out at www.brazosport.edu/foundation



Pictured Above:
Integrity Mortgage Group
(luncheon sponsor)



Pictured Above:
Employee Campaign Committee

Women's Lecture Luncheon Series—Our 5th Anniversary 2013-2014 Series to be announced soon!

The Women's Lecture Luncheon Series is designed to promote cultural enrichment for all women in the community. The 2012-2013 series will conclude on **April 18, 2013** with **Anne Chao**, professor at Rice University, who will speak on Asian Women in America. Her topic will be "Standing in the Middle of the Bus: Asian American Women and their Strategies for Survival."

Members are welcome to invite guests for \$60 per guest! This includes the lecture and a delicious meal. Please contact Lynnette Bauman at 979-230-3234 to make arrangements.

We will be announcing our 5th Anniversary 2013-2014 lecture series soon!

For more information, visit www.brazosport.edu/foundation.



Anne Chao

Planned Giving—
Wondering how to include Brazosport College in your will?

The Clarion—2012-2013 Guest Artist Series

The 2012-2013 Guest Artist Series, held at The Clarion, has hosted an amazing line-up of performances this season. Still to come are: **Pinkalicious** - April 16, 2013 (sponsored by John Woods & Lisa Bundick-Woods and

Shintech Inc.), **Casey Abrams** - April 20, 2013 (sponsored by Freeport LNG), and **Jane Monheit & Mark O'Connor** - April 26, 2013. Tickets may be purchased for these performances at www.brazosport.edu.

Brazosport College Foundation 15th Annual Foundation Challenge Golf Tournament

Brazosport College Foundation will be hosting its **15th Annual Foundation Challenge** golf tournament on Friday, **May 3, 2013** at The Wilderness Golf Club. The tournament begins at 12:30 p.m. with registration starting at 11:00 a.m. Proceeds from the tournament support the General Scholarship program at Brazosport College. Please consider becoming a sponsor! Contact Denise Holtzclaw at 979-230-3496 for information.

Sponsorships are available as follows:

- Title Sponsor...**\$2,000
- Club House Sponsor...**\$1,000
- Team Sponsor...**\$600
- Hole Sponsor...**\$250

You may make the Brazosport College Foundation a beneficiary of your estate through a bequest in your will. This type of gift enables you to help others during and beyond your lifetime. Gifts can be designated to support specific programs or departments at the college as well as scholarships. Planned gifts can be structured in a variety of ways depending on the donor's particular situation, financial goals, and philanthropic objectives. It is recommended you consult with your financial advisors and/or legal counsel to establish a planned gift that best suits your objectives. Additional questions can be addressed to the BC Foundation at 979-230-3245.

Brazosport College Foundation will host its second Scholarship Soirée on September 7, 2013! Mark your calendars now!!

Dow & Dow-Mitsui Sponsors Kevin Eubanks Concert



The Dow Chemical Company & Dow-Mitsui Chlor-Alkali LLC sponsored a concert by Kevin Eubanks and the Brazosport Jazz Orchestra at The Clarion on January 19, 2013. The evening was enjoyed by all!

Thank you to our friends at Dow & Dow-Mitsui...we appreciate your continued support!

