Holiday greetings from the IVCC Foundation

Boyle friends and relatives attended the ceremony including Connie Halbleib, left, Roger Bolin, Nancy Hopkins, Sally Boyle and Adriane and Scott Shore.

Boyle bequest transforms Weeg Cultural Centre

Walter Durley and Hazel Marie Boyle’s contributions to Illinois Valley Community College were celebrated this fall in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

The Boyle’s bequest of over $620,000 to IVCC’s Foundation helped fund the purchase of 587 theatre seats, wall treatments, energy-efficient LED house lights and greatly improved accessibility for the disabled.

IVCC President Jerry Corcoran emceed the Oct. 15 event which featured the unveiling of a plaque honoring the Boyles (see above).

Mr. Boyle, who died at age 94 in 2008, served 22 years on the IVCC Foundation and nine as a college trustee. A 10-term Putnam County State’s Attorney, he practiced law for more than 70 years.

Hazel Marie, who died in 1994 at age 83, taught kindergarten at Hennepin Elementary School.

“Durley’s contributions to IVCC will carry on long after his death thanks to the provisions he made for the college in his will.”

IVCC President Jerry Corcoran

INSIDE: ‘15 to Finish,’ 21st Century Scholars, Taylors lead

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In the face of ever-increasing student demand for financial assistance, the IVCC Foundation will award nearly $300,000 in scholarships to 269 students this year.

With IVCC students qualifying for more than $7 million in financial aid, the Foundation continues to play a vital role in providing access to IVCC. In just the past four years combined, over $1 million in scholarships has been awarded.

Overall Foundation support to the college in fiscal 2018 topped $700,000. It was one of the strongest years in the organization’s 42-year history.

A crowd of about 400 recipients, donors and family members attended the Sept. 27 scholarship reception in the gym.

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Pleases consider supporting the IVCC Foundation’s 2018 Annual Appeal. Your gift to the Annual Appeal will help the Foundation support students like future nurse Noemi Gonzalez.

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Noemi plans to major in nursing, earn her RN, BSN and MSN and eventually become a nurse practitioner.

She works as a CNA and plays for IVCC’s soccer team. In addition, she is halfway through a six-year enlistment with the Illinois National Guard where she is part of a unit responsible for responding to chemical attacks.

Foundation director O.J. Stoutner with Erick Rosales, recipient of his finance scholarship. Stoutner has served the Foundation for 19 years. Stoutner’s spouse Susie sponsors a nursing scholarship.
The 12th annual 21st Century Scholars Society dinner Aug. 30 in La Salle recognized and rewarded some of IVCC’s top second-year students including the night’s overall winner, Lillian Rodrigues of Mendota.

Rodrigues, who received $3,000 for the award, plans to become a physician’s assistant.

As president of IVCC’s Hispanic Leadership Team, Rodrigues led a campaign for victims of natural disasters in South America.

As vice president of the college’s Red Cross chapter, she’s helped run blood drives, installed fire alarms, packed trailers for disaster relief and earned certifications in First Aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and shelter set-up.

Other finalists included Nicholas Bollis and Nicolas Martinez of Peru and Noemi Gonzalez of La Salle; each received $1,500. Bollis and Martinez plan to become physicians and Gonzalez a nurse practitioner.

In all, 17 students, including 13 honorable mention awardees, received $17,500. Since its founding in 2007, the Society has awarded over $160,000 to 137 students.

Currently made up of more than 30 members each contributing $500 annually, the Society rewards IVCC’s most promising returning students.

To qualify, students need a minimum 3.5 GPA as well as extensive college involvement and community service.

New Society members this year are Dave and Colleen McClure of Ottawa and Mark and Liz Grzybowski of Peru.

For information, contact Director of Community Relations and Development Fran Brolley at (815) 224-0466 or fran_brolley@ivcc.edu.
21st Century charter members since 2007: Jane Goetz, left, Bob and Vicki Marshall, Gary and Deb Dahl, Joshua and Dr. Cecile Becker, Bill and Dian Taylor, Dr. Sue Schmitt, O.J. and Susie Stoutner, Larry and Chris Huffman, Mary Brolley, Harold and Nancy Barnes. Dennis and Linda Thompson, John C. Smith and Malcolm Whipple were unavailable.

21st Century members: Dr. Jerry and Katherine Corcoran, left, Jim Stevenson and Jan Biolchini, Dave and Deanne Conterio, Jack and Kathy Cantlin, Patricia Fester, Karen and Nelson Nussbaum, Laurie Bonucci, Jim and Marilyn Loveland.
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New Members:
David J. Barnes II
Allan and Bonnie-Bennett Campbell
Owen and Patricia Seibert
The Mertel family of Utica established a $1,000 healthcare scholarship in memory of daughter Michelle Mertel Nuckles.

At the check passing are IVCC Director of Community Relations and Development Fran Brolley, left, IVCC President Jerry Corcoran, parents Sue and Michael Mertel with Michelle’s son Hunter, Michelle’s sister Meghan Ambolo holding her son Michael, and Michelle’s husband Marcus.

Nuckles died in March 2017 at age 36 following complications from a spinal cord injury suffered in September 2015 near her home in Charlotte, North Carolina.

“Our goal is to provide a scholarship for students pursuing careers in physical, occupational or speech therapy or doing medical research to one day find a cure for spinal cord injuries,” said Sue Mertel.

Dr. Corcoran said, “The poise and dignity the Mertel and Nuckles families have demonstrated in the face of this heart-wrenching tragedy is extraordinary.

“Through this scholarship, Michelle’s courage and passion for life will live on.”
A group of about 20 IVCC students and staff prepare to board a charter for NIU’s Transfer Day in April. The charter and lunch was paid for by IVCC alumnae Bill and Dian Taylor.

**Taylors continue to invest in IVCC students**

Framed in large print inside the William and Dian Taylor Student Development Commons a quote reads: “Winners give back. Big winners give more. Start with your community and school—they have invested in you.” Dian (Lechner) Taylor, IVCC 1963.

More than inspirational words, Bill and Dian Taylor of Winnetka live up to that statement every year at their alma maters: IVCC and Northern Illinois University.

Since Mr. Taylor retired as a managing partner at Big 4 accounting firm Deloitte in the mid-2000s, he and Dian have donated hundreds of thousand of dollars to IVCC including last spring chartering a bus to allow IVCC students to experience NIU for a day.

About 20 students and staff made the trip in April.

Mr. Taylor consistently works to strengthen ties between IVCC and Northern Illinois.

“Bill is a leading benefactor for both institutions and he works behind the scenes to increase the number of students transferring from IVCC to NIU,” said IVCC Director of Community Relations and Development Fran Brolley. “We are very fortunate Bill devotes so much of his time and resources to assist our students and better our college.”

The Taylors fund 10 half-tuition IVCC scholarships annually, four full-tuition scholarships for IVCC transfers at NIU in accounting and STEM-related fields, are 21st Century Scholars Society charter members, donated $150,000 to two IVCC fundraising campaigns, and provided funding for the college’s alumni position.
ACCOUNTING SCHOLARS: Dian and Bill Taylor were joined by IVCC transfers Matthew Pehoski, left, and Edgar Castillo at the fall Accountancy Awards Banquet at NIU. Taylor accounting and STEM awards are worth about $25,000 to each recipient.

STEM SCHOLARS: STEM award winners joining the Taylors prior to the fall banquet are Bailey Bradish, left, Aubrey Molln and Jacob Hall.
Novak returns

Distinguished IVCC alumnus **Dr. Holly Novak** returned to campus recently for the first time in years.

Dr. Novak of Prairie Cardiovascular Consultants of Springfield graduated from IVCC in 1974 before graduating from Southern Illinois University Medical School in 1979.

**Scriba gifts keep coming**

A recent $50,000 gift from IVCC alumnus **Ralph Scriba** will pay for the updating of simulation manikins in the nursing lab, allowing students to experience highly-realistic patient encounters.

Mr. Scriba of Palos Verdes, Calif., has now donated $350,000 to IVCC in just the past seven years.

Mr. Scriba grew up on a family farm near Troy Grove. After serving in World War II, he graduated from LPO JC in 1951 and moved to Southern California to found a company that manufactured airplane and computer parts.

**ALUMNI GAME:** The alumni again took on coach Chris Herman’s Eagles men’s squad Oct. 26. Alumni included Jonathan Smith, left, Austin Stewart, Perry Adams, Austin O’Sadnick, Trae Blumhorst, Brett Barkman, Nick Finney, Corey McCrary and Alec Schwab. Mike Gills, Tylon McCallister and Dominique Fortute were unavailable for the photo.
Alumni update: Spetzler earns lifetime achievement award

Dr. Robert Spetzler (IVCC 1961) was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at Az Business magazine’s healthcare leadership awards last year for pioneering advances in neurosurgery including the use of cardiac standstill procedure to stop the heart and blood flow so surgeons can safely treat problems deep in the brain.

The recently retired CEO of Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix treated more than 6,400 aneurysms. In 1999, he won the ‘Nobel Prize of Neurosurgery,’ the Herbert Olivecrona Award.

In 1994, Dr. Spetzler, along with brothers Hartmut and Bertram, and sister Gabrielle, all of whom attended IVCC, made a presentation and donated $20,000 to the Foundation as part of IVCC’s 70th anniversary celebration.

Bertram, also a surgeon, said of the gift, “We all feel we have received far more from this college than we have given.”

Johnsons give back to IVCC

This fall, the Johnson family of Ottawa made a $2,000 donation to the Foundation.

Making the contribution are Jeremy, left, and Gayle Johnson, with children Harper and Jett, and Larry Johnson. Accepting the check are IVCC board chair Jane Goetz, trustee Angie Stevenson and President Jerry Corcoran.

Gayle and Jeremy Johnson both graduated from IVCC in the early 2000s before transferring to Illinois State University. They are the owners of JJ’s Pub in Ottawa and Gayle teaches at Lincoln Elementary School in Ottawa. They were joined in the donation by Jeremy’s uncle Larry.

After serving in Vietnam, Larry attended IVCC in the early 1970s on the GI Bill before transferring to Illinois Wesleyan University.

He also played and coached football at IVCC. Johnson helped organize a successful football reunion in conjunction with the IVCC-LPO Hall of Fame induction of Apache coach Vince McMahon in 2016.

President Corcoran lauded the Johnsons’ generosity and community spirit.

“Larry has a close, association with IVCC and Jeremy and Gayle also enjoy a rewarding connection with our college,” Corcoran said. “This gift will help our students.”
Giving Day III April 3 in gymnasium

The Foundation’s fun-filled Giving Day III is April 3 in the gymnasium. Last year’s celebration featured A Chuckin’ Chick’n Challenge, Doughnuts for Dough, Bucks for Baskets and a Slime Challenge.

All proceeds support the Foundation’s core mission: providing access to IVCC. Giving Day is again sponsored by Hometown National Bank of La Salle with a $3,000 gift.

In Bucks for Baskets, former IVCC basketball players and Foundation scholarship recipients Lauren Tomasson and Julia Pohar had a free throw shooting competition against faculty members Tom Tunnell and Bob Reese.

In the Slime Challenge, employees Quintin Overocker, Vince Brolley, Promise Yong and Cynthia Cardosi vied for the ‘privilege’ of being slimed. Overocker and Yong ‘won’ the competition. The slime was created by Chem Club students.

In Chuckin’ Chick’n, IVCC President Jerry Corcoran and Vice-President for Student Services Mark Gryzybowski tossed rubber chickens into buckets to raise pledges.

Finally, students Richard Nowotnik and Jonathan Quintana, assistant director of admissions Aseret Loveland and ag instructor Willard Mott competed in “Doughnuts for Dough.” Quintana ate the most doughnuts in three minutes.

To donate to Giving Day III, visit www.ivcc.edu/givingday or call Janice Corrigan at (815) 224-0253.
HELPING STUDENTS STAY IN SCHOOL: IVCC’s Student Emergency Living Needs Fund helps students facing financial crises stay in school by providing cards for food, gas and other essentials. Oglesby Elks Lodge 2360, represented by Ken Ficek, left, recently made a $500 donation to SELN through President Jerry Corcoran. Since 2013, SELN has provided more than $8,000 to students in need. In addition, a mini food pantry was recently opened for hungry students near the Cyber Café.

Selin gift in memory of Dennis Kowalczyk

The family of Dennis Kowalczyk of Bolingbrook and formerly of Peru recently donated $300 to the Student Emergency Living Needs fund in Dennis’s memory. Dennis died Aug. 22 at age 66.

A graduate of LP, IVCC and NIU, Dennis was a planning and zoning administrator instrumental in developing the municipalities of Gillette and Lander, Wy., as well as Lake Tahoe. His most recent position was as Director of Community Development for the Village of Bolingbrook. He was a Will County board member and precinct committeeman.

He is survived by his mother, Phyllis, a son and granddaughter, and sisters Cathy (Mike) Wicks of Downers Grove and Patty Kowalczyk of Peru.
SWINFORD LEGACY

IVCC President Jerry Corcoran, left, accepts a $10,000 check from Lani Swinford to create the Randy Swinford Legacy Scholarship.

Mrs. Swinford was joined by Randy’s longtime friend and colleague Brian Church.

The scholarship honors the memory of the former Princeton High School teacher and coach who died in late 2017 at age 64 after battling cancer.

The award is for students pursuing technical or digital technology careers; it was awarded for the first time in September to D.J. Piper and Olivia Lund.

“The compassion and generosity of coach Swinford’s wonderful family and subsequent contributions we’ve received from his former players and local businesses, will allow his legacy to continue for generations at IVCC and Princeton High School,” said Corcoran.

DIEKEN AG AND NURSING

Shea Moritz, with Robert Dieken, is the first recipient of the $2,000 Dieken Family Foundation scholarship for Streator High School graduates planning to study agriculture at IVCC.

Mr. Dieken also created three $1,000 nursing scholarships to be awarded for the first time in fall 2019. He will award an additional $1,000 to each recipient after they’ve earned the associate’s degree in nursing.

“From the moment we met Bob, it was clear his heart and soul was committed to helping SHS students achieve their educational and career goals,” said IVCC President Jerry Corcoran.
CSO TRIP: Michael Pecherek’s (left) second-year music theory students experienced a Chicago Symphony Orchestra concert and the Art Institute of Chicago in April thanks to the generosity of Peru’s Nancy Maze, second from left. The Maze family donated $10,000 to ensure students can make the trip each spring.

BROKAW SCHOLARSHIP: The family of late Peru Police Sgt. Jason Brokaw created a criminal justice scholarship in his memory in March. Brokaw’s widow Deborah, daughter Hayleigh, son Calvin and parents George and Barbara Robinson donated $15,000 to create the Jason A. Brokaw Memorial Scholarship. Cal and Deb are pictured awarding the scholarship for the first time to Brandon Wilson of La Salle. Officer Brokaw had worked previously for the Spring Valley Police Department.

GREENING AG: Commemorating creation of the Ron and Sandy Greening Scholarship are IVCC agriculture program coordinator Willard Mott, left, Ron and Sandy’s children Richard Greening and Bonnie Jasiek, and IVCC President Jerry Corcoran. The $500 scholarship will be awarded to a sophomore planning a career in the ag industry. Lainee Day of Streator was the first recipient. Ron and Sandy Greening farmed, raised Polled Hereford cattle, boarded horses and bred registered appaloosa horses on a small farm outside Oglesby. Ron was a self-employed carpenter and grain farmer. Sandy was a quality control inspector, but her first love was farming.
A message from the Foundation Board:

A heartfelt thank you to all our gracious and generous donors. We enjoyed a successful year thanks to your kindness. We dearly appreciate your belief in our mission.

Warm wishes for a wonderful holiday season for you and your family.

Whipple increases award

Malcolm Whipple of Peru and formerly of Waltham Township, made a significant donation to increase the number of recipients for his single-parent scholarship. Mr. Whipple also sponsors a music scholarship. Pictured in 2011 are Whipple music winner Laura Roberts, left, and single parent winner Georgia Jones with her daughter. A lifelong farmer and former La Salle County Farm Bureau President, Mr. Whipple is an IVCC-LPO Hall of Fame inductee.

IVCC Foundation Board of Directors

Foundation and college officials: IVCC President Jerry Corcoran, seated left, Vice-President Dr. Kim Novak, President Dr. Susan Schmitt, Treasurer David Conterio, and back left, Director of Development Fran Brolley, Secretary Donna Swisloski, Foundation Assistant/Alumni Relations Coordinator Janice Corrigan, Jeff Simonton, Bob Walsh, Jim Loveland, Karen Nussbaum, Jerry Yendro, O.J. Stoutner, Kim Zavada, Jack Cantlin, Patricia Seibert and Daryk Brayton. Not pictured: Dan Janka and Dr. Frank Zeller.