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Greetings,

It’s been a great fall semester at Normandale, and there have been so many events that showcase the wonderful talents of our students. From the programs and activities hosted by student clubs and organizations, to the Fine Arts performances and the myriad of workshops sponsored by academic departments, this has been an amazing semester of campus engagement.

One of the key areas the college is focusing on this year is health and wellness. An example of this aspect occurred on October 9, when the Foundation hosted the second Roar N’ Red 5K Run/2.5K Walk. This event gathered community members, faculty, staff and students to run, walk and offer encouragement to each other while helping to raise funds for student scholarships and programs.

The Foundation’s Scholarship and Donor Recognition event was another highlight of the fall. The event recognized students who received scholarships and the generous donors who provide these opportunities. This is a great way for our students to show how appreciative they are for their scholarships, and for the donors to hear remarkable stories about our students.

In this issue of Creating Futures, you will learn more about our efforts to promote health and wellness, including a look at our outstanding Exercise Science program. You will read profiles of some of our scholarship recipients and donors about the difference scholarships make. And you’ll get updates on the amazing accomplishments of our past students, other happenings from around our campus, and information on some exciting grants we have recently received.

I hope you enjoy reading about the stories and events going on around campus. Thank you for your support of Normandale!

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Balancing finances and academics is one of the biggest challenges in pursuing a postsecondary degree. Normandale has many students who need to work one or multiple jobs to help pay for their education. Given that, any amount of financial assistance can help a student find the right balance, one that allows him or her to complete a degree and find academic success. Through the generosity of organizations, businesses and members from around the community, Normandale Foundation provides more than 200 scholarships each year to deserving students who use the assistance to reach their goals.

As the experiences of these students and donors illustrate, the scholarships make a tangible, lasting difference.

### Recipients and Donors

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Vy Dam came to Minnesota from Vietnam three years ago. The transition to college wasn’t easy, largely due to a language barrier which made it hard for her to understand course content.

Dam’s other challenge: she needed a job to afford her tuition. Initially unsure about applying for a scholarship, encouragement from classmates, friends, counselors and instructors eventually swayed her. “The biggest part of applying for a scholarship was overcoming my own fear,” she recalls.

The scholarship provided Dam with time to study and find success in her classes. “I feel like I can spend more time studying, and that has helped me be successful as a student,” she says. “That has done a lot for my self-esteem and confidence.”

Her advice to students thinking about applying for scholarships:

“Don’t hesitate. If you think you can, you can. And believe in yourself. If you don’t, nobody else will.”

#### Amanda Gomes Torres, recipient, Bud Gordon Memorial and Desmond Success Through Perseverance Scholarships

When Amanda Gomes Torres moved to Minnesota from Virginia at the start of the last academic year, her goal was simple: Get through school. Thanks to scholarship opportunities and getting involved on campus, however, she says she has grown into a completely different person.

Gomes Torres admits she didn’t know anything about scholarships, and that she initially wasn’t interested in Normandale’s clubs and organizations. A couple of chance encounters changed her course. One of her club advisors, Craig Miller, told her she would be a good candidate for scholarship opportunities available at Normandale. He prompted her to apply, and she did.

“I am glad I applied,” says Gomes Torres. “It is such an awesome thing that the Foundation does to set up these scholarships, and I am so appreciative to receive them.”

Gomes Torres also had a classemate convince her to attend a Student Senate meeting. After initially resisting, she began getting involved. Not long after, the Senate’s president stepped down and Gomes Torres was nominated and then elected to the position. In addition to her presidential duties, she served on the Minnesota State College Student Association Board and went to Washington, D.C., to advocate for student education issues this past spring.

“I feel like I accomplished so much this last year, especially in the Student Senate,” says Gomes Torres. “I am a very different person and these experiences have helped me learn a lot about myself.”

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In 1986, he started the Kopp Family Foundation, which has provided scholarships for high school and college students around the state. In 1995, Normandale was one of the first two-year colleges in the state to receive donations from the foundation.

“The feeling you get ‘more bang for your buck’ at two-year colleges,” says Kopp Family Foundation Director of Charitable Giving Lindsey Lang. “In addition to a great education, it helps students find out what they really want to do.”

The Kopp Family Foundation donates to many different causes, but Lang notes that education is the top priority. “A scholarship can do two things,” she says. “It can help financially, but it can also give a huge boost in terms of confidence and feeling good about yourself. It is a great feeling to apply and get a scholarship—and know that someone has confidence in you, is helping you succeed, finish school and make a positive impact on the world.”

#### Ona Pinsonneault, donor, Ona and Wayne Pinsonneault Music Scholarship

Ona Pinsonneault was a music instructor at Normandale for 41 years. She started in 1969—one year after the college opened—and retired in 2011.

During that time, she saw what students had to juggle while getting an education. “I saw students struggle with financing tuition. I saw students that had to work and study simultaneously. I saw students who had to juggle between working and school.”

“Ona considered it her mission to help students,” says Pinsonneault. “We decided to donate a scholarship that allowed students to work less and practice more, since that is the key to their success in music.”

Pinsonneault and her husband Wayne endowed their scholarship in 2008. With new funds from the Pinsonneaults and others, the college was able to award two scholarships for the 2015-16 academic year. Students audition for the scholarship and also submit academic records and a written statement. “The idea is for the students who apply for the scholarship to achieve a certain level of competency in music,” says Pinsonneault. “We have set up the music program to give students a background that will allow them to pick the area of their choice when they transfer to their next college. The students who have received these scholarships have been prepared to attain high levels in their chosen fields, and we are happy to provide these opportunities.”

#### Alice Seagren, donor, Alice Seagren Scholarship

Alice Seagren has always believed in the importance of education. Her parents stressed it when she was growing up, and it has played a big role in her career. She served as commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education from 2004 to 2011, was also a member of the House of Representatives, and has served on the
Normandale offers a wide range of health and wellness-related courses, programs and activities for students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community.

Health and wellness has long been a priority on the Normandale campus. This year, the college has put extra emphasis on it as one of the main aspects of the work plan. The goal: Harness and coordinate existing and potential student and employee opportunities to provide holistic wellness experiences for the college and the local community.

The initiative has taken numerous forms. For example, the Foundation hosted two Roar N’ Red 5K Run2.5K Walk events in May and October. The Fitness Center’s hours have been extended, along with the offering of many intramural and extramural activities and on-campus fitness classes. Normandale also provides integrated health offerings through Continuing Education, the annual Health Fair, a Student Health Expo, and the college’s Exercise Science program.

With a new partnership with SMSU, students can stay on Normandale’s campus to complete a bachelor’s degree in Exercise Science.

Exercise Science Program
Normandale’s Exercise Science program offers Associate of Science (AS) degree and certificate options for students looking to pursue health and fitness industry careers. The Certificate path is designed to prepare students to successfully participate in the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM)-Certified Personal Training Examination and enter the workforce as a personal trainer. The associate degree path prepares students to also pursue a bachelor’s degree in Exercise Science and related areas.

“The AS track coursework mostly focuses on fitness and some of the science behind it,” says Barrett. “However, the BS courses expand to include rehabilitative sciences. Students who graduate with an AS from Normandale and a BS here on our campus from SMSU will have a background to get into occupational therapy, physical therapy, athletic training or corporate wellness and fitness. They can work as personal trainers or go to high schools or colleges and work as certified strength and conditioning specialists. They will also be able to work in community center roles or management-type roles operating community programs."

Personal Training
The Exercise Science program has long provided service learning experiences for AS students who want to become personal trainers. About five years ago, the program began matching up students with Normandale faculty and staff members looking for personal trainers.

The eight-week program starts with an initial consultation, in which students determine if the faculty or staff member has any medical limitations, or if he or she will need doctor’s clearance to participate. During the second session, students perform a pre-assessment and set goals for the client. After that, students and clients aim to meet twice a week to work on exercises and goals.

“IT’s a great experience for students to work with faculty and staff members who have a variety of different backgrounds,” says Exercise Science Instructor Angie Effertz. “The campus fitness center provides a comfortable environment for students to learn techniques and refine their skills prior to their certification exams.”

Effertz adds that it also allows students to work on their professionalism in preparation for the workplace. “This experience demands a higher expectation of them,” she says. “They feel as if their performance is being evaluated, and they make sure they present themselves in a positive way. We also make sure that they are tending to current professional aspects of their career development such as updating their LinkedIn profiles and having an email signature.”

On-Campus Facilities and Student Wellness Group
Through Normandale Recreational Services, students, faculty, and staff can play sports during open gym time, check out equipment for activities, and participate in intramural and extramural leagues. Normandale students compete in extramural competition with other community colleges in flag football, ice hockey and soccer. There is also an intramural basketball league and one-day tournaments in other sports.

The College offers strength and cardio, boot camp and yoga group fitness classes. Normandale Recreational Services Coordinator Aimee Broom is certified to teach most of the fitness classes, and other instructors come in to teach some specialty classes such as yoga. “We have a lot of free, fitness-related resources for students, faculty, and staff on campus,” she says.

Activities-Based Classes
Activities-based classes are another aspect of the Exercise Science program. They include courses such as Backpacking, Badminton, Fencing, Fitness for Life, Soccer, Weight Training, Yoga, and more. “These classes allow students to explore activities they might want to learn about or participate in, and be in a situation where they are not afraid to ask questions,” says Exercise Science Instructor Jay Kam.

Kam has also noticed that a social component develops among students, something that he feels is helpful to their overall Normandale experience. When he taught soccer, he set up a weekly match with the soccer club and his class. Three weeks after the class concluded, the students took it upon themselves to get together and play soccer. “It is great when students can participate in a new activity and find out if it is something they like doing,” says Kam. “It also builds friendships, and I believe when people have friends on campus, they are more likely to feel supported and succeed as students.”
Employee Wellness

Normandale’s Human Resources Department runs a variety of events to help promote employee wellness. There is a Wellness Committee that meets to put together events and initiatives for employees.

That group, along with Human Resource Assistant Mai Lucio, coordinates events and spreads the word around campus. Events have included a workshop to help employees figure out their strengths; the Frosty Challenge, which encourages employees to maintain health habits over the winter; and a walking club.

Lucio also is in charge of the Health Fair for students, faculty, staff and the community. In the past, Normandale has brought in companies and vendors to promote health and wellness. However, this year Lucio wants to add some new aspects to the program.

“We will be having a lot of participation this year from our Nursing and Dental Hygiene departments,” she says. “We also plan to have Continuing Education instructors talk about some of their integrated Health course offerings. There will be many great options available to anyone who wants to learn more about different areas of health and wellness.”

Normandale also received a 2015 Wellness by Design Bronze Red 5K Run/2.5K Walk on October 9. Students, community members, faculty and staff showed their support for student programs and scholarships by running, walking, volunteering and cheering on the event’s participants.

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Bloomington School Board.

As a former member of the Normandale Community College Foundation Board, Seagren received the Foundation’s Community Connections award in 2005. “I think community college is a very affordable first step for people pursuing postsecondary education, and I believe that Normandale has some of the best instructors and offerings of any community college in the area,” she says. “I have always been very impressed with Normandale. All of the programs are just wonderful.”

Seagren always enjoys meeting the recipients of the various Normandale scholarships, and is often impressed by their desire to get an education—and to make sure others in their family have the same opportunity. “I have met so many recipients over the years with unbelievable stories,” she says. “The great part about talking to the students is that many of them say that once they get through their education and are successful, they want to give back. I think it is great to see them already thinking about that while they are still in the middle of trying to accomplish their goals.”

Indigo Upton, recipient, Chorzempa Family Scholarship

Indigo Upton has long had a passion for music. All throughout her childhood, she loved singing and performing in musicals. At age seven, she watched Kelly Clarkson win on American Idol and decided she wanted to follow in her footsteps.

She attended the Main Street School of Performing Arts in Hopkins, and took a year off after high school to volunteer to teach choir at a middle school. That sparked her interest in teaching music. “I really enjoyed being a student teacher for the choir,” she says. “I always wanted to make a career as a performer, but since I was teaching, I realized I love being a part of music, and that I would enjoy teaching it as a career.”

Upton knew Normandale was her best route to an affordable and quality education, and she threw herself into the endeavor. She currently works at a Starbucks and a nursing home, and has a full-time, 15-credit course load. Upton knew even with the two jobs, she would need help with her tuition. Her next move: She checked out the college’s Web site and applied for a scholarship.

She received good news via mail shortly afterward. “When I learned I got the scholarship, I started crying because I never thought I would get it,” says Upton. “It really helped out. The money I am getting through the scholarship, financial aid and my two jobs will help me finish on time and have the finances to continue my education when I graduate from Normandale.”

Upton is taking music courses and is part of the college’s Concert Choir and Vocal Ensemble. She is enjoying her music classes. “The instructors are great. I’ve enjoyed learning about music theory and other aspects that are an important foundation for what I need to learn to be a music teacher.”

Mark Adkins, donor, Adkins Family Scholarship

Mark Adkins can appreciate the different aspects of life that Normandale students must balance. He returned to school as a nontraditional student while working full time and helping to raise four kids. “It was a financially stressful time,” says Adkins. “I decided that if I was financially successful in my future I would like to give back to help ease the financial burden of students in similar circumstances.”

Today, Adkins is a Vice President and Wealth Management Advisor for the BWA Wealth Management Group of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. He’s also made good on his promise. He established the Adkins Family Scholarship in 2014, shortly before joining the Normandale Foundation Board.

He is happy that his education, hard work and ambition have given him the opportunity to give back. “I give to Normandale because of the diverse student body, and large population of non-traditional students.”

Nasrudin Aliy, recipient, Normandale FoundationScholarship

Before even starting at Normandale, Nasrudin Aliy decided he wanted to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Dental Hygiene. Normandale’s partnership with Metropolitan State University allowed him to take Dental Hygiene classes for his associate’s degree—and stay on campus to complete his bachelor’s degree.

He appreciated this arrangement, because he could pursue the degree at a more affordable cost. But Aliy also realized he would need financial help to pay his tuition. So he applied for a scholarship, received it and used the support to pay for books and the balance of his tuition.

Aliy mentions that it is easy to apply for the scholarship, but that it is important to be to make sure you put in a good application. “My advice to other students is to not wait until the last minute,” he says. “Apply early and work on making sure you organize your essay to be a quality one.”
SOUND OF SUCCESS

A new Minnesota Job Skills Partnership grant will allow Normandale to help a local company—and help keep the state’s employment base healthy.

On November 13, Normandale and ReSound, a Bloomington-based hearing aid manufacturer, hosted a ceremony to announce the joint acceptance of a three-year Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (MJSP) training grant. The event, which was held at ReSound’s headquarters, is a win for the college, the company, and the local community. MJSP grants are awarded by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and aim to help cultivate the skills that will lead to solid employment prospects for individuals—and also keep and expand jobs in the state.

ReSound is part of GN ReSound, one of the world’s largest providers of hearing instruments and diagnostic and audiological instrumentation. The company, which employs 500 people, will work directly with Normandale to develop courses that will allow the organization to take advantage of an opportunity to increase its presence in the customized device market.

The first group of courses will focus on preparing the organization to learn. That foundation will allow ReSound to develop customized processes and improve how it acts on customer feedback. The final phase will help ReSound sustain the learning by preparing in-house mentors, coaches, and trainers.

“As our organization experiences exceptional growth and innovation, it is imperative that we focus on the training and development of our workforce,” says ReSound President Kim Lody. “Partnering with Normandale, an organization in our own backyard, was especially important, as many of our employees have roots in the community.”

“We are especially excited to work with a company such as ReSound because of our shared commitment to employee development,” says Jeff Hudson, Normandale’s Director of Continuing Education and Customized Training. “We look forward to the grant—and to a long and productive partnership.”

REWARDING EXCELLENCE

Normandale’s Robb Lowe recognized for his innovations in guidance counseling and career development assistance.

Normandale Dual Enrollment and Perkins Department: Academic Affairs Coordinator Robb Lowe recently received a 2013 Association for Career and Teaching Education (ACTE)/Region III Career Guidance Award. He was selected from a host of worthy candidates from Region III, which includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

The award recognizes guidance counselors and career development professionals who have made significant contributions to advocate, educate and communicate the value of CTE as a viable career option to a variety of audiences in their communities.

The programs Lowe oversees have followed innovative pathways and doubled their enrollment rates in recent years. Lowe has been at Normandale since 2004. His responsibilities include concurrent enrollment, articulated high school-to-college agreements, Online College in the High Schools, and Post-Secondary Enrollment Options. In addition, he works with course equivalencies and prior learning assessment, including Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and the College Level Examination Program.

DIFFERENT MAKER

Normandale’s Dr. Orinthia Montague selected to attend the League for Innovation in the Community College’s Executive Leadership Institute.

Dr. Orinthia Montague, Normandale’s Vice President of Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer, has been selected by a national review panel to attend the prestigious Executive Leadership Institute. Sponsored by the League for Innovation in the Community College, the institute only invited 36 participants, all of whom hold senior-level leadership positions at U.S. community colleges.

The institute, which was held in Phoenix from Dec. 13-17, 2015, allows potential community college presidents or leaders at U.S. community colleges to participate in leadership discussions and network with nationally and internationally recognized community college faculty and leaders.

Formed in 1968, the League for Innovation is an international association dedicated to catalyzing the community college field. It hosts conferences and institutes, develops Web resources, conducts research, produces publications, and leads projects and initiatives with member colleges, corporate partners, and other agencies—all with a goal of making a positive difference for students and communities.

MATH ON A STICK?

A Normandale instructor shows off his inventive teaching methods at the Great Minnesota Get-Together.

Normandale Math Instructor Christopher Danielson has a reputation for developing inventive teaching methods. He put those skills on display this year at the Minnesota State Fair.

Danielson’s exhibit, Math On A Stick, featured a range of fun and useful learning activities. Those activities included a photo scavenger hunt called The Number Game, and an activity table that allowed participants to make shapes and patterns and look for similarities and differences. Some activities were led by visiting mathematical artists (including Normandale’s own Kevin Lee) who shared beautiful, mathematical creations—and helped fairgoers make their own.

Danielson has put together a website called Talking Math with Your Kids—which can be found at talkingmathwithkids.com. The site is designed to help parents support their children’s mathematical development. His goal: Encourage parents to talk about math with their kids as they encounter numbers and shapes in their everyday lives.

STATE OF THE ART

Normandale students create a custom mural to adorn and celebrate Mall of America’s new expansion.

Normandale’s Art Department participated in Mall of America’s Community on Canvas event with Twin Cities-based artist Shane Anderson on October 4. Normandale students created a mural combining imagery from the Normandale Japanese Garden and the Normandale Community College logo.

The students’ mural, along with projects by Anderson and representatives from local art organizations, will be displayed in the mall’s new Central Parkway area.

Q&A: MANLEY OLSON

A conversation with a dean who retired from Normandale—but who has never really left the college.

Can you tell us about your experiences at Normandale and why you continue to stay so involved with the college?

I was a dean at Normandale for 30 years and had many different assignments during that time. One area that reported to me was the Office for Students with Disabilities. After I retired, I decided that, rather than getting me a gift, I wanted people to give money to a fund that would help students in the Office for Students with Disabilities. I helped set up the fund, and talked with the OSD Director to have the money available for students in that area who have difficult situations and need financial help.

A year ago, I decided in addition to that program—which retires contribute to—we would set up a scholarship for qualified students in the disability program. This year was the first time the scholarship was awarded.

For the rest of Q&A: Manley Olson go to www.normandale.edu/manleyolsonQA.
SPOTLIGHT: NORMANDALE JAPANESE GARDEN

Open Year-Round

Normandale Community College’s Japanese Garden is a two-acre oasis on its campus. The beauty and serenity of the garden make it ideal for contemplation and renewal of the spirit, as well as special ceremonies and photo moments. The garden is open year-round at no charge, except when reserved for special events. The Japanese Garden was named by KARE-11 as one of the “11 Most Relaxing Places in the Twin Cities.” For more information, visit www.normandale.edu/community/japanese-garden, email at japanesegarden@normandale.edu or call 952-358-8145.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015
**SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Normandale Foundation held the 2014-2015 Scholarship and Donor Recognition event in April 2015 to recognize student scholarship recipients and generous donors who help make scholarships and program support possible. In total, 360 students received $369,181 in scholarships, an increase of 150% over the previous year.
- Several new scholarships were established and awarded in the 2014-15 academic year, including the Aaron Hilden Memorial Jazz, Adkins Family, Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IME), Nadine Bordwell Dental Hygiene, Normandale Alumni, Olson-Dunne OEO, Otto Bremer Foundation, the Russ Smiley Memorial, and Wells Fargo scholarships.
- Normandale Foundation also established the Roar N’ Red Scholarship with funds raised from the first Roar N’ Red 2.5K Walk/5K Run held in May. In total, 300 faculty, staff, students and community members participated and volunteered in an event designed to foster school spirit, encourage a healthy lifestyle, and promote the college and its beautiful campus.

**MEMORIALS**

A memorial tree has been planted in memory of Fred Moyer, former Normandale head football coach and instructor who passed away March 30, 2015. The tree’s dedication took place at the annual Foundation-hosted retiree luncheon in October.

In his 22 seasons, Moyer led Normandale to 12 state conference championships, 11 appearances in postseason bowl games, and 10 Top-10 national rankings. He is ranked as the fourth-winningest coach in the history of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). Retiring in 1991, Moyer was elected to the Minnesota Community College Conference Hall of Fame in 1992 and inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame in 2000. Fred loved his players, often stating, “These are not just football players. They are my sons.”

**PROGRAM SUPPORT**

- Normandale Foundation received a grant of $200,000 from the Otto Bremer Foundation to improve semester-to-semester retention and on-time degree completion. The Normandale Finish Line Program supports students within two semesters of completing an associate’s degree through performance-based scholarships with required program activities that include academic planning, transfer application, resume writing, and financial literacy. In addition, a grant of $14,000 was awarded to facilitate discussion of best practices among the 10 MnSCU institutions receiving Finish Line grants through the services of The Improve Group.
- Normandale’s Hospitality Management Program received a grant of $358,137 over three years from the Carlson Family Foundation to provide job skills training and employment assistance to unemployed or dislocated workers, low-income adults, recent immigrants, and youth for the hospitality, travel, and tourism industries. Hospitality Pathways will provide tuition and textbooks, mentoring, skills training, and academic counseling as well as an internship or job shadowing experience.

**EQUIPMENT SUPPORT**

- Made possible through a gift from HealthPartners and matched by a Leveraged Equipment grant from Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU), the Normandale Nursing Department purchased a Junior Simulator. This programmable and computer-controlled mannequin of an adolescent child will provide active, hands-on learning experiences for nursing students to develop clinical reasoning and response skills.
- A grant from the Best Buy Foundation enabled Normandale’s Vacuum and Thin Film Technology faculty to develop and conduct a one-day camp of career exploration for middle and high school students. Fifty-five students with the TRIO Upward Bound and ETS Programs learned about degree and certificate programs in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) through hands-on experiments and computer tablets purchased with the grant. In addition, Normandale STEM and Education students assisted industry professionals, faculty and staff in conducting the activities and sharing college experiences.
- With funding from Donaldson Company and a match from MnSCU’s Leveraged Equipment grant, Normandale’s Fabrication Laboratory acquired a profilometer to measure the thickness and accuracy of thin film coated experiments. Donaldson Company Laboratory acquired a profilometer to measure the thickness and accuracy of thin film coated experiments. Donaldson Company Foundation, Thomson Reuters, Bloomington Noon Rotary Club Foundation, and Julie and Robert Gaertl, fund scholarships for STEM students in Normandale’s Academy of Math and Science. Now in its ninth year, 37 Academy students received $54,349 in scholarships during this academic year.
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ALUMNI NEWS

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We thank you for your support that is greatly needed, truly appreciated and distributed very wisely. The Foundation responds to financial needs of our deserving students with emergency financial aid. With a student population approaching 15,000 this year, the growing need for financial assistance is ever present. Every dollar truly counts!

“Metamorphosis...Transforming Lives” is the theme for our April 30, 2016 gala. Join us for a fun, fabulous spring event featuring our students! Please contact us for tickets, auction donations and volunteer opportunities.

Because our fall gala was moved to a spring 2016 gala, hundreds of 2015 tax-deductible gala gifts did not occur this calendar year. Your support is vital. Please help us TRANSFORM the lives of hardworking Normandale students as well as their families, which ultimately builds a healthier economy in our communities.

Warmest regards for a joyous holiday season and a wonderful 2016!

Colleen Simpson, Normandale Foundation Executive Director

EVENTS CALENDAR SPRING 2016

THEATRE PERFORMANCES

The Dining Room
by A. R. Gurney
Directed by Kathleen Bagby Coate
Feb. 25-27 and March 2-5, 2016
The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
Music and Lyrics by William Finn
Book by Rachel Sheinkin
Conceived by Rebecca Feldman
Directed by Paul Coate
April 21-23 and 28-30, 2016

MUSIC CONCERTS

Jazz Combo—Feb. 29 and May 2, 2016, 7:30 p.m.
Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble
Mar. 3 and May 5, 2016, 7:30 p.m.
Concert Choir and Vocal Ensemble (at Christ the King Lutheran Church)—Mar. 4 and May 6, 2016, 7:30 p.m.
Spring Choral Concert with Century College (at Church of St. William)—May 1, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

ART EXHIBITIONS

Metro West High School Conference Art Show
May 12–19, 2016

2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

Last Day to register for Spring Semester classes—Jan. 8
Spring Semester classes begin—Jan. 11
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, No Classes—Jan. 18
President’s Day, No Classes—Feb. 15
Success Day—Mar. 1
Spring Break—Mar. 7-12
Summer registration begins for current students—Mar. 14
Scholarship application deadline, returning students—Apr. 1
Fall registration begins, current students—Apr. 18
Commencement—May 16
Scholarship application deadline, new students—June 1