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Alumni Give Back: Starlite Scholarship Fund

Hill College alumna Robin Roberts Bostic recently created the Starlite Scholarship Fund, a \$50,000 scholarship providing \$5,000 to music and choir students annually.

Three high-achieving students received the second annual Starlite Scholarship. Courtney Daughabaugh, Kenneth Clary and Christina Hammond received the 2012 scholarships. "I have been extremely blessed with such a great support system at Hill College and I couldn't be more grateful," Daughabaugh said. "Music has always been a great passion of mine and I'm so grateful for opportunities to continue my studies."

Bostic attended Hill College from 1979-1981, receiving basketball, tennis and choir scholarships. "I have so many wonderful memories from Hill that I want to be able to help students like me have that experience as well," Bostic said. She also expressed her appreciation towards the hard work of Band Director Phil Lowe and other Hill College professors.

Hill College offers a number of athletic, academic and institutional scholarships to prospective and current students. For more information about establishing a scholarship at Hill College, please contact Sharon Middlebrook at smiddlebrook@hillcollege.edu or (254) 659-7502.

Dr. Daniel Williamson, Hill College AA '93, Baylor BBA '98, Baylor PhD '05 was named Exemplary Professor of the Year for Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Ky., for the 2011-2012 academic year. Williamson is an associate professor of counseling at LWC, where he has worked since graduating from Baylor in 2005.



Alumni Spotlight

After being recognized in April, Williamson and his wife, Jennifer, Hill College '93, Baylor MSEd '98, Baylor PhD '05, traveled to Uganda in May to teach for Uganda Christian University and to work with the National Board for Certified Counselors on a Fulbright Specialist grant. While overseas, the Williamsons also were able to work with one of their former students who now runs a nonprofit, the Uganda Counseling and Support Services, that provides social services, counseling and spiritual development.

"This is a project of special interest to us because the majority of the population of Uganda is under 18, and it is a nation working hard to rebuild their infrastructure, their faith, and their hope," writes Daniel.

Courtesy of Baylor Magazine

38th Annual Spring Concert Honoring Phillip Lowe

Join us as we honor Mr. Lowe at the 38th Annual Spring Concert, to be held on Thursday, April 4th in the Vara Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center on the Hill College Hillsboro campus. The Concert will start promptly at 7:30 p.m., with an Alumni Dessert Reception to follow. We are asking his former students to bring a fun story or memory of their time with Mr. Lowe.

After 38 years of dedicated service, Mr. Phillip Lowe is stepping down as the Hill College Director of Bands. Mr. Lowe will continue teaching brass, music literature, serve as the Coordinator of Visual and Performing Arts and be the primary advisor for all music, drama and art majors. He will also continue to run the Hill College Performing Arts Series and the Alden J. Blonar Smith Speaker Series.

Boots & Suits Ball Benefiting EMS Program

The 8th Annual Boots & Suits Ball will be held on May 11th at 6:30pm in the Cleburne Convention Center. Individual tickets, as well as table sponsorships, are available. For more information, please contact Sharon Middlebrook at smiddlebrook@hillcollege.edu or (254) 659-7502.



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Faculty Spotlight

Phillip Lowe has been Director of Bands, Music Instructor and Program Coordinator for the Visual and Performing Arts at Hill College since 1975. He received his BM and MM degrees from Hardin-Simmons University and completed additional doctoral work at the University of North Texas, the University of Miami and Texas A&M University at Commerce.

During his tenure as the Director of Bands for Hill College, Mr. Lowe has not only built an outstanding program, but has served as an outspoken advocate for the performing arts throughout the state of Texas.

Mr. Lowe is a member of the Texas Community College Teachers Association, Texas Community College Band Directors Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, Texas Music Educators Association and is the Hill College representative to the Texas Association of Music Schools where he serves as chair of the Commission on Research and Communications.

He received the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence in Teaching award in 2009 and also received a Hill College Faculty Study Grant in 2009 for research in England of brass bands and instruments of the 19th Century. In 2012, he was selected as the Minnie Stevens Piper nominee for Hill College. He is currently collecting and archiving the history of the Texas Community College All-State Bands from 1974 to the present.

Upcoming Events

May 9th—Graduation

May 11th—Boots & Suits Ball

September 27th & 28th —Coming Home Alumni Weekend-*Celebrating 90 years of Educational Excellence*

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Hill College Leads Texas in Academic All-Americans

The NJCAA National Office in Colorado Springs, Colorado, released the names of the 2011-12 NJCAA Academic All-American awards recently, and Hill College led the state of Texas and tied for fifth in the nation with 17!

"I am super excited that our athletes at Hill College have accomplished this," Athletic Director Paul Brown said. "In collegiate athletics, education is number one and even while we have been successful on the courts and fields, this achievement emphasizes exactly what we are trying to instill in our athletes – education!"

Traci Cooper (women's soccer), Iliana Hinojosa (softball) and Kyle Kern (baseball) received the Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence for having a 4.0 GPA for 45 semester hours.

The following students received Superior Academic Achievement awards (3.8 to 3.99 GPA for 45 semester hours): Kelsie Dutton (women's basketball, 3.96), Chane Lynch (baseball, 3.82), Michaela McNeely (volleyball, 3.81), Andrea Moen (softball, 3.91), Ashley White (women's soccer, 3.89) and Travis Wolf (baseball, 3.86).

The following students received Exemplary Academic Achievement awards (3.6 to 3.79 GPA for 45 semester hours): Brittany Berry (volleyball, 3.7), Tyler Creek (baseball, 3.6), Matt Daniels (baseball, 3.63), Seth Harrison (baseball, 3.65), Elizabeth Moore (softball, 3.6), Kimberly Stanley (softball, 3.79), Ryan Swinney (baseball, 3.66) and Tara Tague (softball, 3.72).

Hill College also had three All-Academic teams for the 2011-12 academic year (3.00 GPA or higher): volleyball (3.12), softball (3.32) and baseball (3.24, tied for 9th in the nation).

The NJCAA is the second largest national intercollegiate athletic organization in the United States with more than 500 member schools in 43 states. Each year more than 60,000 student-athletes compete in one of 28 different sports.

For more information about Hill College athletics, please visit www.hillcollege.edu/athletics.

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