

Rebel YELL



Fall 2014

Greetings Alumni and Friends!

Thank you for taking the time to look through this issue of the Rebel Yell, the Hill College Alumni and Friends quarterly newsletter!

This is my first introduction to many of you so, I would like to take this opportunity to say hello and tell you a little bit about myself. My name is Preston McReynolds and I am incredibly excited to begin my service to you as your new Alumni Coordinator! I took over for your previous coordinator, Matthew Busby, in August of 2014. Matthew served the college wonderfully during his tenure and it is my hope to continue the excellent tradition that he established.



Preston McReynolds
Coordinator of
Alumni Relations

I have been a member of the Hillsboro community for the past 15 years but am new to the Hill College family. I look forward to serving you in every way that I can and I hope to meet each of you at one of our upcoming reunions and events! If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact me at pmcreynolds@hillcollege.edu or (254) 659-7510.

WELCOME DR. BOEHM!

On July 1, 2014 we welcomed Dr. Pamela Boehm as the 10th president of Hill College. She is no stranger to Hill College, having served in numerous faculty and administrative roles at Hill College since 1978. Dr. Boehm began at Hill College as the administrative assistant to the dean of instruction. Since then she has served as director of counseling and support services, dean of students, vice president of student services, adjunct faculty, crisis counselor, and psychology instructor.

“As a non-traditional student myself, I benefited from the teaching/learning process at a community college by caring faculty who were approachable, accessible, and willing to assist me in reaching my educational goals while raising a family and working,” Dr. Boehm said.

“The board voted unanimously and we are very excited to be working with our new president,” said David Teel, president of the Hill College Board of Regents. “Dr. Boehm has come up through the ranks of Hill College and has done an exceptional job in every area she has worked”.



Dr. Pamela Boehm
President, Hill College

“You make a living with what you get, you make a life from what you give.” - Dr. Pamela Boehm

INVESTORS & STUDENTS CONNECT AT LUNCHEON

More than 50 students, investors and Hill College supporters attended the Scholarship Appreciation Luncheons held in Hillsboro and Cleburne February 12 and 13.

For the first time, students were able to meet the donors who helped them succeed at Hill College. The impact education makes in the lives of students and the continuous, positive cycle that begins leads Jasmine Pope, the College's director of development, to prefer the word "investor" over "donor".

Freshman Tatenda Makoni and sophomore Karla Pizano expressed appreciation for the generosity of their benefactors and how much it meant for a stranger to be so passionate about their success.



Library
Cleburne campus

9th ANNUAL BOOTS AND SUITS RAISES \$56,000!

On Saturday, May 3, Hill College hosted the 9th annual Boots and Suits Ball at the Cleburne Conference Center. The evening featured a live and silent auction, dinner, dancing and entertainment provided by the K2K Band from Arlington, Texas.

In addition, the 2014 Boots and Suits Ball committee members honored Judge Bob McGregor (Hillsboro), The Walls Family (Cleburne) and Beverly Powell (Burleson) for their vision and leadership in our communities.

With great community support and sponsorships, Hill College was able to raise more than \$56,000. These funds will be used to purchase much needed equipment for the Athletic Training program and provide student scholarships at the Burleson, Cleburne and Hillsboro campuses to ensure local students obtain a high quality education.

Individuals, companies or organizations interested in supporting scholarships or others needs at Hill College, may contact the Director of Development, Jasmine Pope at 254-659-7512

Stay Connected with fellow alumni & college events by joining the Hill College Alumni and Friends Association.

Requesting your card is easy, free and will give you access to:

- Hill College library services
- Unlimited use of the college fitness center
- Free admission to all Hill College athletic events
- Invitation to special events
- 10% discount at the campus bookstore
- 10% discount at the Texas Heritage Museum
- **COMING SOON: Alumni discount program expansion**



- This will be a network of both local and national businesses that offer specific discounts only to members of our alumni association!

Joining the Alumni and Friends Association is free!

Contact us at:

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Fill out the update form on Alumni section of our website www.hillcollege.edu

SAVE THESE DATES...

- "Dimensions in Blue" the USAF Jazz band will perform at 7:30 p.m. September 22 at the Vara Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center.
- "Heinavaker" a music vocal ensemble from Tallinn, Estonia will perform at 7:30 p.m. November 3 at the PAC.
- "Baylor Bronze" a handbell ensemble of Baylor university students will perform at 7:30 p.m. December 2 at the PAC.
- The Hill College Texas Heritage Museum will celebrate "50 Years in the Making" September 22-25, 2014. For more information contact, John Versluis at jversluis@hillcollege.edu

Stay connected. Update your information online at www.hillcollege.edu/alumni

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Tatiana Booth

Tatiana Booth is one of many alumni to proudly call Hill College home. An engaging, charismatic personality and known for her big smile, 'Tat' as she is affectionately known, is continuing to pursue her dreams with the same passion and success she exemplified while a student and athlete at Hill College.

"Something just felt right about coming to Hill College," Tat said. There were multiple offers by various schools who believed in the value Tat would bring to their volleyball programs. Thankfully, she chose Hill and believes it was one of the best decisions she could have made. Not only a stellar athlete but also an honors student, Tat's fondest memories are all the friends made, so many of them "lifetime friends" she still talks with regularly. Her experience was fun but balanced by challenges in the classroom, on the volleyball court and in life. Learning to "never take anything for granted", Tat struggled when a good friend passed away unexpectedly and then when she was side-lined with a major injury.

A leader on and off the court, Tat continued her studies and involvement with the volleyball team. Her selection to participate in the first student leadership class at Hill College, along with teammates Yakira Essix and Annisa Garcia, was both an honor and memorable as the class served as the "voice of the campus to the president". Tatiana "hated to leave and would have stayed if it was a university", she was nonetheless excited

to graduate with an associate of arts and transfer to East Central University, where both she and teammate Yakira Essix received a full-ride scholarship as student-athletes.

Encouraging students to "have fun and live in the moment"

Tatiana realizes how fast time flies since her graduation with a history degree from East Central in 2012.

Currently balancing life as a volleyball coach at Vernon College while working on a masters degree in sports administration, she is wholeheartedly committed to follow her passions.

After spending one year as an assistant coach, on August 19 of this year, Tat was offered and accepted the position of head women's volleyball coach for Lady Chaps of Vernon College. Her desire to make an impact on students and her love for teaching are sure to lead her to great success .



Tatiana Booth
Head Volleyball Coach

"Life is either a great adventure or nothing"

- Helen Keller

STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Julie Britain, Echocardiography Program Instructor and Clinical Coordinator, has worked at Hill College for nearly 2.5 years. One thing she loves is how much it feels like home and family.

Passionate about her field, Julie told us, "The heart is an amazing organ! Ultrasound is more than just scanning babies. As an echocardiographer, we are able to assist the cardiologist in identifying abnormalities. We play a part in helping patients and preventing cardiac disease in America. This is important work."



Julie Britain
Echocardiography Program Instructor
and Clinical Coordinator

DON'T MISS YOUR REUNION!!

- Athletic Hall of Fame Reunion Weekend February 20-21, 2015

-Residence Hall Reunion Weekend March 20-21, 2015

If you would like would like to be a part of either or both of these reunions please let us know!

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