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Gift transforms Taylorville welding lab

Students will truly benefit from a recently completed remodeled welding lab at LLCC-Taylorville. By combining a very generous anonymous gift with additional LLCC Foundation and college funds, the quarter-million-dollar plus project will significantly enhance the experience of welding students from Taylorville and surrounding communities. The project included new equipment, flooring, welding curtains, and energy efficient ventilation and lighting systems.



Additionally, thanks to the Bertrand Hopper Memorial Foundation and its board members, a cold saw was purchased, the last piece of the puzzle needed to completely update the lab. According to LLCC President, Dr. Charlotte Warren, "We are so excited about the opportunities that this project will create for our students. This program truly has the ability to put our community members to work!"

The welding program has had a history of being well-liked and in-demand at LLCC-Taylorville. Twelve new machines offer more flexibility, as well as the ability to serve more students as each machine performs three techniques -- metal inert gas or MIG, tungsten inert gas or TIG and stick, shielded metal arc welding. Marty Swan, LLCC's Coordinator of

Construction programs says, "Our former machines would only perform one function each. Being proficient in all three techniques eliminates barriers and offers students more options for employment." Swan adds that there is typically a waiting list to get into the welding classes as all the instruction is hands-on and individualized. Welding classes are also taught at LLCC-Springfield in the Workforce Careers Center.

After 25 years of observing and working with industry professionals, Swan says that construction occupations are often looked to as a barometer for the economy. "Right now there is a shortage of qualified welders due to the aging workforce and so few training programs." Swan says the average beginning salary is \$40,000 to \$50,000. He is also unabashed in touting the quality and affordability of the program. "We have the finest welding instructors around and dollar for dollar, this is the best deal available to prospective students."

From repairing farm machinery to building skyscrapers, welding is a needed skill in a broad range of industries with aerospace, automotive production, power plants, ship-building among them. LLCC-Taylorville Director Dee Krueger says she sees welding positions regularly posted in many area newspapers, showing the need for skilled workers is great. She adds that longtime generosity by residents and others supports the area's economy as well as LLCC students. "The kindness of the greater Taylorville community affords us the opportunity to continually improve our programs and what we can offer students. Helping build a qualified workforce is just one way we can say thank you and give back to the community."



Congratulations to Dr. Karla Ivankovich
LLCC Class of 1993
on being selected as the
**2018 Illinois Community
College Trustees Association
Distinguished Alumni Award
recipient!**



A cheerleader for education

Evelyn Brandt Thomas, D.H.L., is a force to be reckoned with. Ninety-five years young, she is a vibrant woman, leading a big life. But it's her giving heart that has shaped a confident future for many LLCC agriculture students.



Photo by Terry Farmer Photography

Most days you'll still find the co-founder of Brandt Consolidated in her office at the company headquarters on Koke Mill Road in Springfield. Now celebrating its 65th year, the global company has come a long way from the small fertilizer business she and her

brother, Glen, started in 1953 when he borrowed his father's tractor to apply anhydrous ammonia for central Illinois growers, while Evelyn handled the administrative side of the partnership.

Her rural upbringing and country roots shaped Evelyn's future. "I started high school in 1936 and just knew that it wouldn't be possible for me to get a four-year college degree. My dad was a tenant farmer and the money just wasn't there." So, she took every business class she could, then attended a business school for six months after high school. In 1948, she met Gordon Thomas through 4-H, and two years later, they were married. The day after their wedding, he graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in agriculture. Gordon

spent much of his career at the Illinois Department of Transportation, retiring in 1982, and was also a co-owner of Brandt Consolidated.

Understandably, education and agriculture are inspirational forces in Evelyn's life. The LLCC scholarship she established in Gordon's memory generously supports two agriculture students each year. In the 15 years since he passed in 2003, she has also established other agriculture scholarships at area high schools, colleges and universities in Gordon's memory. "Gordon came from a long line of educators. He was always such a gentleman, and always my cheerleader."

On behalf of LLCC students, we thank Evelyn for cheering them on.

Annual gala truly a learning experience

Many hard-working LLCC Culinary students, faculty and staff, presenting a meal that is second-to-none, lead the way in making the annual Foundation Gala the first-class event it has become. In every aspect, it is a learning opportunity for students, with planning beginning as the spring semester starts, and ending with a beautiful, enjoyable evening of seamless service to guests.

Nancy Sweet, Culinary Program and Operations Director, leads the charge along with faculty and nearly 60 students in six culinary classes from Food Production to Advanced Baking and Pastry and more. By Gala time in early May, "It's all hands on



Nancy Sweet works with students at the LLCC Foundation Gala.

deck," says Sweet. "This is really a final exam. Everything we do attempts to replicate real-world, on-the-job experiences, helping students understand the industry, deal with the stress of long days, physical exhaustion and unknown problems that invariably arise. Then, do it all with a smile, ensuring top-level service to guests."



Lakesha Jackson

Lakesha Jackson has earned three culinary certificates, all with honors, and is working toward her Associate's degree in Culinary and Hospitality Management. She says, "I'm there to help, and learn everything I can...to serve, cook, set the table, be a wine captain and more. Plus, it's a great charity."



Pick up lunch at the Bistro

Bistro Verde, LLCC's student run café in the Workforce Careers Center, is open to the public this fall for lunch Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with two dining options.

Bistro To Go (Tuesdays and Thursdays, through Nov. 15), offers soups, salads, sandwiches, baked goods, coffee drinks and smoothies for takeout. Orders can be placed in person by calling 786-2821 or emailing bistroverde@llcc.edu.

Bistro Grab & Go (Wednesdays and Fridays, through Nov. 16), offers a similar menu as well as specialty beverages.

For more information or to see the menus, visit the LLCC Culinary Arts & Hospitality Program Facebook page.



LLCC Foundation 2017-2018 Impact Report

Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2018

Balance Sheet

ASSETS	FY 2017	FY 2018
Cash	\$628,516	\$972,519
Accrued interest	\$125	\$63
Receivables, Contributions	\$123,471	\$61,023
Receivables, Other	\$12,797	\$1,250
Investments	\$7,725,891	\$8,075,938
Investment land	\$2,630,726	\$2,578,112
Furniture & equipment	\$11,731	\$9,461
Net investment in capital lease	\$863,561	-

Total Assets **\$11,996,818** **\$11,698,366**

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	\$470,823	\$607,148
Long-term debt	\$863,561	-

Total Liabilities **\$1,334,384** **\$607,148**

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted, Investment Land	\$2,497,909	\$2,447,951
Unrestricted, Other	\$(796,419)	\$(624,412)
Temporary restricted	\$2,390,259	\$2,597,247
Permanently restricted	\$6,570,685	\$6,670,432

Total Net Assets **\$10,662,434** **\$11,091,218**

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Revenues & Expenses

REVENUES	FY2017	FY2018
Contributions, net of allowance	\$1,149,447	\$1,010,181
In-kind contribution	\$297,037	\$374,095
Interest from capital lease	\$23,076	\$3,517
Investment income	\$657,435	\$350,047
Special Event	\$116,829	\$98,911
Grant	\$24,570	-
Gain on land	\$26,046	\$(52,614)
Rent	\$39,860	\$41,122
Other revenues & gains	\$5,525	\$5,728

Total Revenues **\$2,339,825** **\$1,830,987**

EXPENSES

Scholarships & other assistance	\$726,042	\$915,368
Management & general	\$247,772	\$237,033
Fundraising	\$231,138	\$249,802

Total Expenses **\$1,204,952** **\$1,402,203**

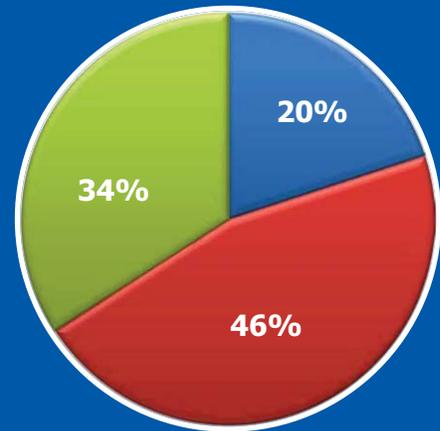
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS **\$1,134,873** **\$428,784**

NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR **\$9,527,561** **\$10,662,434**

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR **\$10,662,434** **\$11,091,218**

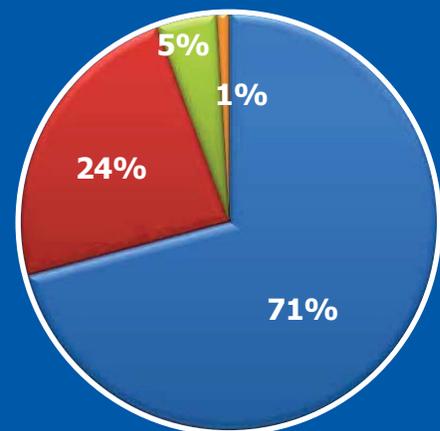
Gift Purpose

Student Scholarships & Awards	\$250,741
Program Support	\$574,452
Unrestricted Support	\$428,074
TOTAL	\$1,253,267



Gift Sources

Individuals	\$887,725
Businesses	\$295,025
Foundations	\$58,213
Community Organizations	\$12,304
TOTAL	\$1,253,267





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Radiography program receives two gifts

Two Springfield hospitals have graciously made gifts to LLCC's Radiography program, greatly improving the students' learning environment. In August, Dr. Charlotte Warren and others recognized HSHS St. John's Hospital for its donation of a new digital detector imaging system. And, in September, the program accepted a Pigg-O-Stat pediatric immobilization device from Memorial Medical Center (MMC).

For Stephen Sabo, system director of capital equipment at HSHS and 1988 LLCC radiography graduate, it was a natural partnership. "Enhancing students' training and education and helping them stay current with the latest, emerging technology positively affects patient care." Sabo credited LLCC's program for giving him a wide breadth of clinical knowledge that he uses in making purchasing decisions for the hospital system.



The Pigg-O-Stat, donated by MMC is used to securely hold infants and toddlers when chest x-rays are needed. Previously, Memorial allowed the college to borrow a Pigg-O-Stat for student training.

Janelle Murphy, director of the associate degree radiography program is grateful for both gifts. "With the latest technology and equipment conveniently located on campus, our students will be better prepared at the clinical sites they attend as part of their education."

Did you know?

The Qualified Charitable Distribution allows individuals age 70½ and older to make direct transfers of up to \$100,000 per year from individual retirement accounts to qualified charities without having to count the transfers as income for federal tax purposes. Since no tax is incurred on the withdrawal, gifts do not qualify for an income tax charitable deduction, but are eligible to be counted toward an individual's minimum required distribution.

Qualified Charitable Distribution provisions:

- Distributions must be made directly to a qualified charity by the plan administrator of an IRA. Distributions may only be made to 501(c)(3) tax exempt organizations and cannot be made to donor advised funds, private foundations, or supporting organizations.
- Distributions may not be used to fund life-income gifts such as charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, or pooled income funds.

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