Who has Influenced Minds and Changed Lives?

A new graduate looks ahead to his future, while alumni reflect upon 50 years of life-changing opportunities to succeed and give back.
A Letter from the Presidents

Dear Alumni and Friends:

In 2008 and in this new year, we have enjoyed meeting and interacting with many alumni and friends at events such as Homecoming. It is humbling to be reminded of the power an education can have on an individual’s life. You are the “Fairmont State” and “Pierpont” story of success!

This has been a transformational year for Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College as well. We had to say goodbye to former FSU President Dan Bradley and his wife, Cheri, as he accepted the presidency at Indiana State University. The Fairmont State Foundation exceeded the goal for its charter capital campaign. Another significant change is the result of legislative action. Beginning on July 1, 2008, Pierpont C&TC became a separate institution with its own Board of Governors.

We are working hard every day to manage these transformations in a spirit that maintains the quality of the “Fairmont” and “Pierpont” experience and draws strength from our long-time partnership.

• A nationwide search is now under way to select a new president for Fairmont State University. The FSU Board of Governors hopes to name that person by early April 2009.
• influencing minds, changing lives: The Fairmont State Campaign has been extended by two years, and $5 million supporting athletics, scholarships and the Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center has been added to the original $10 million goal.
• The two boards of governors are also working together to make the necessary administrative adjustments to move forward as two separate institutions, while maintaining the benefits we have long enjoyed as partners.

The new year also brings new excitement on a global level. Pierpont is one of only two community colleges in the nation to sign a memorandum of cooperation with Suzhou Institute of Trade & Commerce in China to begin promoting educational, research and cultural programs. In celebration of the centennial of the College Singers, choir members will travel to Russia in May 2009 for concert performances. FSU continues its student exchange program with the University of Calabria in southern Italy.

As we manage our transformations, we are aware of and sensitive to national and international economic concerns. Despite the economy, we pledge to continue our efforts to maintain two strong institutions and to work hard to influence minds and change lives. We will strive to maintain access to excellence, and we welcome your partnership in providing these opportunities for current and future students.

With gratitude,

Interim President Charles J. McClain
Fairmont State University

President Blair Montgomery
Pierpont Community & Technical College
Meet President McClain

Interim President Charles J. McClain at Home in Fairmont

Becoming Fairmont State University’s interim president has been an unexpected homecoming for Missouri’s Charles J. McClain. After many years of visiting the area with his wife, Fairmont native Ann Kettering Covington, Dr. McClain has long felt a connection to Fairmont State and the community.

“I wasn’t really seeking out a position, but it was one of those a-ha moments—almost as if it were intended,” Dr. McClain said. “Many of the great opportunities in my life have come through my beautiful and talented wife, Ann.”

The first female chief justice for the Missouri Supreme Court, Ann Kettering Covington has a distinguished legal career and a practice in Missouri. “I’m delighted that Charles is there,” Covington said. “He has such a passion for education, and he’s very comfortable. He likes Fairmont and always has. He’s pleased to be able to put to use some of his skills. I think he wants to make a difference while there, if possible, and leave the place just a little bit better for the next president who is coming. He’s grateful for the opportunity.”

After serving as president of Truman State University in Missouri for almost 20 years and as commissioner of higher education for six years, Dr. McClain retired in 1995; but he hasn’t been very successful at staying retired.

Since 1995, he has accepted consulting assignments from colleges and universities. He worked as a desegregation monitor for U.S. District Court, Western Division of Missouri; served as interim commissioner of higher education for Missouri; served as interim head of Columbia Independent School in Columbia, Mo.; and was a Des Lee Distinguished Professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. When he heard of the position open at Fairmont State, he was tempted.

“Once you have had the opportunity to work in a college or university environment, it is very tempting to want to do it again,” Dr. McClain said.

Because of his long career in higher education, he always had an interest in Fairmont State and would drive around the campus on visits to Fairmont. Through the Kettering family, he met Professor Edgar Jaynes, the namesake of Jaynes Hall, as well as former President Wendell Hardway. Dr. McClain and his wife attended the same church when visiting town as former President Dan Bradley and his wife, Cheri. Covington’s brother, Jim Kettering, has long been associated with the university and currently serves on FSU’s Board of Governors.

As a leader, Dr. McClain is someone who does not believe in mediocrity and who looks for opportunities to shine a light on the talents of others.

“I hope I can establish some courses of action, if you will, or patterns of behavior that would inspire persons in order to be challenged to new levels of achievement. I work hard, and I hope that’s contagious. I am a pretty hard critic on myself. I have to work hard in order to reach a standard of excellence that’s at all acceptable, and then it’s not as high as I want it to be. I think excellence is an important concept for an organization,” Dr. McClain said.

Dr. McClain knows that FSU’s alumni play a vital role in the university’s future success. “The message I would like to send to alumni is that we treasure their days on campus,” he said. “We will continue to be interested in what happens to you. Being a graduate and an alumnus of Fairmont State is irreversible; it’s one of those conditions that we hope you’re proud of, because we’re certainly proud of you.”
## 2007-08 Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors

*2007-2008 members of the board of directors who attended the annual full board meeting at Muriale’s Restaurant*

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Annual Donor Listings

Annual donor listings are for contributions made to Fairmont State and Pierpont C&TC between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2008. Cumulative gift categories, the 1865 Heritage Society, and are based on records from July 1, 1999, to June 30, 2008.

Pledge gift totals are reported in the fiscal year in which the pledge is made, subsequent payments made on the original pledge amount are not recognized in the annual report. Matching gifts are credited to both the donor and the matching gift company. It is our policy to recognize spouses of donors in our listings, unless otherwise directed. If both spouses are donors, the total gifts from both will be combined to determine recognition level.

Every effort has been made to list accurately the name of each donor. However, in listings of this length and complexity, errors and omissions may occur. If your name is misspelled, omitted or listed incorrectly, we apologize. Please bring the error to our attention, so we can correct our records. Thank you. Questions, corrections and concerns should be directed to: Jessica Sharps Editor-In-Chief Fairmont State Foundation, Inc. 1201 Locust Avenue Fairmont, WV 26554 Direct: (304) 367-4232 E-mail: Jessica.Sharps@fairmontstate.edu

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Senator Roman Prezioso ’71, 1997 Alumnus of Achievement, and Ellen McAteer Snyder ’58 speak with Keith Foster, director of major gifts.

Earl W. McConnell Jr. ’73 is a current member of the PC&TC Board of Governors, 2004 Alumnus of Achievement and the East Fairmont High School Busy Bee Band Director.

Dr. Naomi Hovatter ’25, ’27 is sharing history with Michael Wade, husband of Carole Wade ’71, who resides in Newport Beach, California.

G. Patrick Stanton Jr. ’56, past Alumni Association president and 2002 Outstanding Alumnus, is pictured with his wife, Shirley Champ Stanton ’54, Fairmont State Board of Governors secretary and Outstanding Alumnae 1996, at the Emeritus lunch.


Frank Pulice, Jr. ’76, 1993 Alumnus of Achievement, is photographed with Nancy and Coach Joe Retton ’53.

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Naomi “Nicki” Boyers Hovatter ’25, ’27 was named Outstanding Alumna during Homecoming 2008, while also celebrating her 101st birthday. She obtained an education degree from the Fairmont State Normal School and then furthered her education in Chicago to become a podiatrist. Her education has enabled her to serve her community well, first as an elementary education teacher in Fairmont and later as she returned home from Chicago to serve many young athletes and community members. Nicki’s life motto has been “do not resent growing old...many are denied the privilege.” She is still going strong and prides herself in the 101 years she has influenced minds and changed lives.