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— ELENORE ROOSEVELT

EMPOWERING  
STUDENTS.  
CHANGING  
LIVES:

Rita and  
John Canning's  
Empowering Gift



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WELCOME NEW  
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## GIVING SOCIETIES LAUNCHED ON JULY 1, 2014

On July 1, the Harper College Educational Foundation officially launched two new giving societies to show appreciation and gratitude to our annual donors. The Friends of Harper and Dean's Circle societies recognize annual donors who give gifts between \$100 - \$9,999 each year. Those who made an annual gift during the last fiscal year (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014) at the Friends of Harper or Dean's Circle level are now being recognized as *Charter Members* to the new societies.

*"As someone who spent 32 years in the classroom, I know that educating students is a journey of days, weeks, semesters and years. We are so grateful for all the wonderful support our Annual Giving donors provide year after year. Their yearly donations to the Educational Foundation support our students and faculty in real and meaningful ways. They are our partners on the journey."* — Mary Jo Willis\*

Members of Friends of Harper and the Dean's Circle will be recognized on the Foundation website and through a new annual donor wall that will be displayed in the Performing Arts Center in November. Additionally, members of both groups are invited back to campus for special events. A reception, honoring the charter members of the Friends of Harper and Dean's Circle societies, will be held in conjunction with the opening night performance of *Fiddler on the Roof* on November 14, 2014.

For more information about either Friends of Harper or the Dean's Circle, please contact Michael Adzovic, Annual Giving Manager, at [madzovic@harpercollege.edu](mailto:madzovic@harpercollege.edu) or 847.925.6468.

\*Mary Jo Willis is a Harper College Educational Foundation Board member and Professor Emerita, Harper College Speech and Theatre Department. Mary Jo co-chairs the Foundation's Annual Giving Committee along with Foundation Board member Carol Pankros.



## FOUNDATION BOARD PRESIDENT KATHLEEN A. GILMER

As the new school year begins at Harper College, the effort and commitment of the Educational Foundation is strengthened with the leadership from the Board of Directors. Our goal is to provide scholarships to every student who needs financial assistance to pursue and achieve their educational goals.

As Board President, I am very fortunate to have colleagues who share this goal and work tirelessly to find new opportunities to grow our endowed funds. This will ensure that long-lasting opportunities exist for students through our scholarship programs.

In fiscal year 2013/14 the Educational Foundation awarded over \$300,000 scholarships, to 336 Harper College students through the support of 383 donor supported scholarship funds.

Undeniably, education plays a crucial role in every student's future and having these scholarships available allows them to proceed in life with little debt or student loans. To learn more about establishing your own scholarship visit [harpercollege.edu/foundation](http://harpercollege.edu/foundation) and click on **Ways to Give**.

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## FROM THE DESK OF LAURA J. BROWN

*"We are ambassadors, matchmakers, bridge builders and translators. We bring the wider world into our institutions, and we bring our institutions into the wider world."*

Those words are a source of inspiration for me and guide the work that we do on behalf of our students each and every day. It's our goal to provide opportunities and the support that our students need to excel, and I'm both excited and humbled to return to the Harper College Educational Foundation as its Chief Advancement Officer where we make such a profound difference to our students and our community. I am fortunate to know firsthand the wonderful work Harper College and the Educational Foundation have achieved over the years and to be in a position to help us move forward, building on past leadership and success.

The Foundation is a special place filled with hardworking and committed volunteers and donors who create opportunities and develop resources for students to go to college. Through our support and the work of our Board of Directors, 383 scholarship awards were extended to students this past year. These scholarships make a difference in a student's life and their future. The decision to pursue a college education should not be based on affordability, but instead on the quality of the educational experience, ability to maximize career opportunities, long-term professional goals and a viable future.

I am inspired by the goals and directions set forth for the Foundation this year to increase the scholarship opportunities available to all students. As we all work together to create new opportunities of scholarships, we are empowering students to succeed and attend college. Whether enrolling with the goal to transfer to a college or university, or pursuing a degree or certificate; scholarships provide support for a debt-free college education.

I hope you'll join me in making a charitable gift and making college a possibility, instead of a wish, for our current and future students.

Warm regards,

Laura J. Brown  
Chief Advancement Officer and  
Executive Director  
Harper College Educational Foundation



LARRY MOATS

## PROFESSOR POWELL AND LARRY MOATS EXTRA FIVE MINUTES FACULTY AWARD

Connections can be inspiring, motivating and life changing. All of these things happened to Larry Moats when he met Professor Robert Powell 47 years ago. In the fall of 1967 Larry enrolled at Harper College and made a connection with his English professor which changed his life and inspired a lifetime of educational learning.

As a high school senior, Larry was frustrated with high school in general, but particularly with his accelerated senior English class. He remembers having a teacher who was strict and allowed no room for grammatical errors or second chances. Larry did not enjoy high school, but loved to work, delivering approximately 500 newspapers from 3-5 a.m. and approximately 200 evening edition papers seven days a week. After he graduated, he worked the midnight shift in a factory where it became clear that he would have to "get through college." Larry enrolled at Harper where one of his first classes was an English class with Professor Powell.

On his first paper, Larry received a C. He felt that he had understood the novel the class was reading and approached Professor Powell to discuss his grade. Larry remembers their conversation — the questions that Professor Powell asked — the short five-minute dialogue that they shared. After their conversation, Larry was offered the opportunity to rewrite the paper for a new

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## SAVE THE DATE

### HARPER COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION EVENTS.

- **Economic Update and Outlook Breakfast** – January 21, 2015
- **5th Annual Nursing Alumni Symposium** – April 22, 2015
- **27th Annual Golf Open** – June 8, 2015



grade. He received an A and a newfound appreciation for English classes, for Harper College and for the Professor who gave him a second chance.

Larry attributes this five-minute conversation with Professor Powell as a turning point in his life. He says that it showed him it doesn't take a lot — just a small amount of time — for a teacher to have a big impact on a student's life.

While attending Harper, Larry ran for, and was publicly elected to a seat on Harper College's Board of Trustees. In 1969, at the age of 21, Larry became the youngest elected official in the state, and served 15 years on the College's Board of Trustees. As a trustee, he continually reminded everyone that for a college's success, the most important thing is to hire and retain the best faculty. "I am passionate about the contribution that Harper made in my life. I had great experiences in and out of the classroom — they couldn't have been any better," he reflects.

Ever since then, Larry has stayed involved with Harper and enjoyed his friendship with Professor Powell. In 2011, Professor Powell passed away at the age of 92. The same year, Larry was honored as one of Harper College's Distinguished Alumni. Two years ago, Larry created the Professor Powell and Larry Moats Extra Five Minutes Faculty Award in memory of his mentor.

The endowed award recognizes one faculty member each year who has inspired students, given them extra time and made a difference in their lives. The award nominees are identified by Harper College students who are asked to reflect on their experiences at the College and identify an educator who helped them achieve their academic goals.

Larry is pleased that he is able to honor his mentor, Professor Powell, and recognize a faculty member with this award every year. He says, "Look at the difference that faculty make in peoples' lives. This award is one opportunity for students to thank someone who has helped them and made a difference in their lives."

For more of Larry's story and to read about the 2014 faculty recipient, visit [harpercollege.edu/alumni](http://harpercollege.edu/alumni).

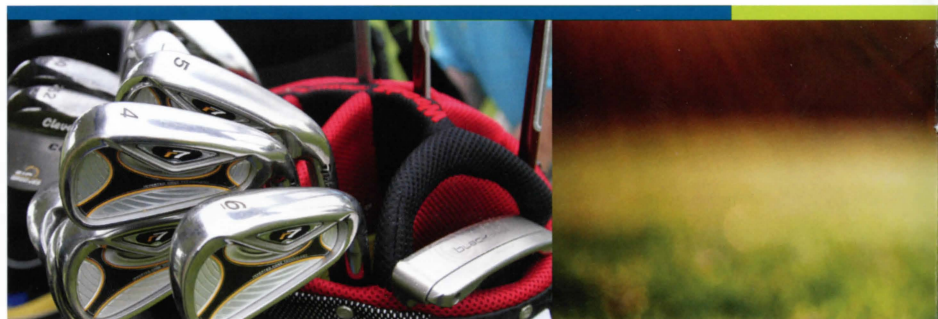


## ON JUNE 9, 2014, **117 GOLFERS** TEED OFF IN THE NAME OF STUDENT SUCCESS AT THE **HARPER COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION'S 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OPEN**

After all the drives, putts and mulligans were tallied, the Foundation raised \$91,000 (net) for student scholarships and programming in support of the College's student success agenda. The outing, which included 18 holes of golf, brunch, a cocktail reception, buffet dinner and awards program, was held at the Inverness Golf Club.

Tim Tyrrell, former NFL player and current Director of Market Development for Pirch Kitchen and Bath fixtures, served as the evening's guest speaker. Tim's seven-year career in the NFL began in 1980 when he walked onto the Harper College football team and quickly became the star quarterback. Tim is a 2013 recipient of the Harper College Distinguished Alumni Award.

The golf open also featured a raffle and live auction with prizes including a penthouse suite to a Bulls or Blackhawks game and a five-day getaway to Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. Jay Fritz, Educational Foundation board member and Managing Director at Cornerstone National Bank & Trust Company chaired the Golf Open planning committee.





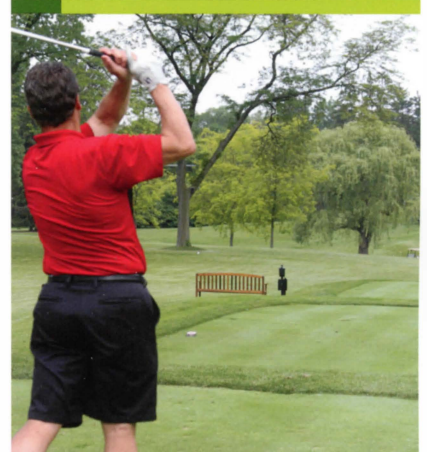
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RITA AND JOHN CANNING'S:

# EMPOWERING GIFT... TRANSFORMING LIVES

*"The Rita and John Canning Women's Program has given me the guidance and confidence to plan and follow my goal to re-educate myself for a better career, and to better support my family. I am very grateful for the Rita and John Canning Women's Program and all it offers."*

— Rita and John Canning Women's Program participant

Rita Canning has a long history with Harper College. In the early 1980s, Rita visited the Women's Program at Harper College and engaged in an occupational assessment prior to her re-entering the workforce after a twenty-year hiatus. She credits Harper College for being a "tremendous help to me. I just needed a little guidance at the time." Almost 25 years later, Rita joined the Harper College Educational Foundation Board of Directors, and in 2007, was elected to the Harper College Board of Trustees.

In 2008, Rita, and her husband John, made a donation to support the Harper College Women's Program. Their gift established scholarships for women enrolled in the program and enabled the development of a faculty fellow program in the area of domestic violence awareness through curriculum development and delivery at Harper College.

Now, six years later, Rita and John demonstrated their continuing support of the Rita and John Canning Women's Program at Harper College by pledging a \$1 million gift to support students enrolled in the program. Their commitment is the first seven-figure cash donation in the College's history.

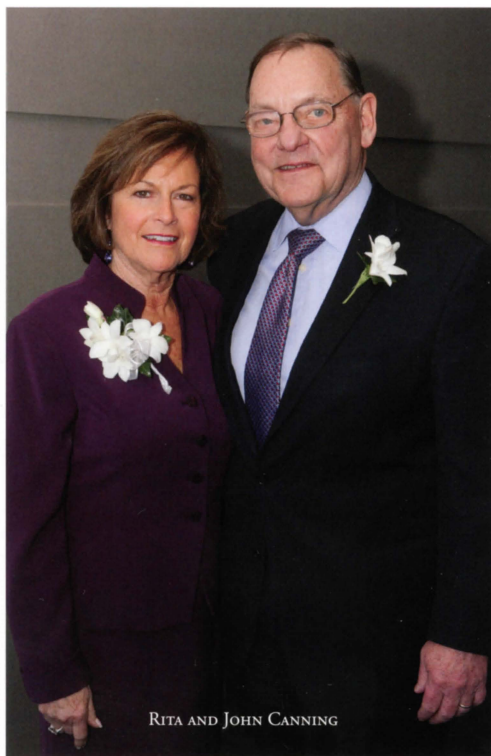
Their gift will provide \$100,000 of direct support to students enrolled in the Rita and John Canning Women's Program each year for the next 10 years. The Program provides education, career and personal support services for individuals who meet low-income guidelines and qualify as displaced homemakers, single parents, non-traditional career seekers or individuals with limited English proficiency. Typical services provided by the Rita and John Canning Women's Program include education, career and personal guidance, referrals to campus and community resources and job readiness preparation. The program provides additional support for individuals who have experienced domestic abuse.

About 50 percent of the 400 participants in the Rita and John Canning Women's Program at Harper College state that they have experienced domestic violence. Of those 200 participants, about 100 are enrolled in classes at the college each semester.

Rita and John's \$1 million gift will be used to support tuition, fees and books for participants, with a special emphasis on those who

have experienced domestic abuse. Their gift will provide a bright future to women who seek a new path in life through education at Harper College. The purpose of their gift is to change lives.

John says of their interest in supporting the Rita and John Canning Women's Program, "It provides education to somebody who is disadvantaged and doesn't have the ability to do it themselves, but is willing to apply themselves...It's a commitment. It's a program. It's not just a class."



"We strongly believe in empowering women to soar to great heights," says Rita. "We're inspired by the countless number of courageous women, many in their darkest moments, who have turned to Harper College to start on a new path. By offering the support, resources and often the confidence they need, the Women's Program impacts the lives of women and their families in a truly meaningful way."

The Cannings were honored for their gift at a reception this past spring. At the reception, Catherine Clarke, a former student from the Rita and John Canning Women's Program spoke about her experiences in the program, and her gratitude. She said, "I believe that I can make a difference in the lives of other women. And the reason I believe that is because of the people – the women – in the program and the people who run this program who made a difference in

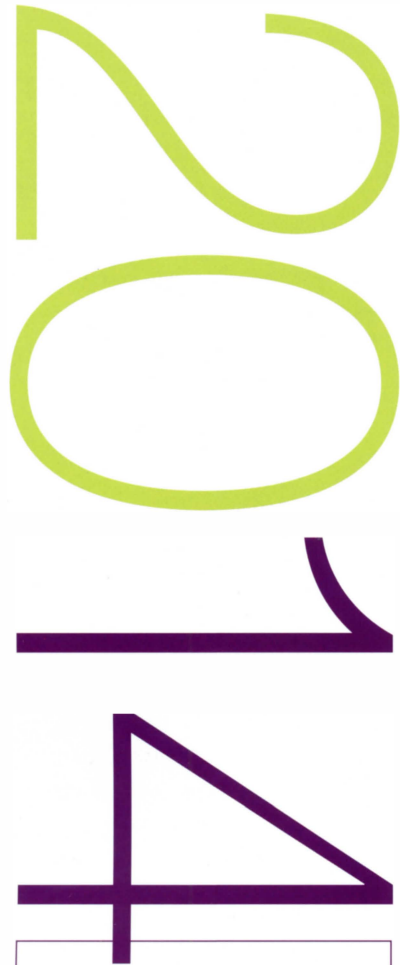
my life. This is truly a transformational program. And it is made even more transformational by the Canning's gift. Thank you." Clarke graduated from Harper in 2011 and is a recent Elmhurst College graduate with a major in psychology.

Harper College will name its future One Stop Student Center in honor of Rita and John. The Canning Center, slated to open in 2017, will consolidate the College's admissions, registrar, financial aid and businesses offices, making it easier and more convenient for students to enroll at Harper College.

"The mission of the Foundation is to make higher education accessible and affordable to as many people as possible, and the Canning's gift just made the dream of college a reality for countless new individuals," said former Harper College Educational Foundation Board president Tom Wischhusen.



# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HONOREES



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI OF 2014

On October 29, 2014 we honored the seventh class of Distinguished Alumni at a special reception and awards ceremony sponsored in part by Robbins Schwartz.

With outstanding accomplishments in their professions and the community, these amazing alumni from Harper College are inspiring examples of the importance of education, goals and dreams.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards were started in 2008 as part of the College's 40th Anniversary. Since then, 42 alumni have been formally recognized for their outstanding professional accomplishments and service to the community.



### ROBERT C. BACHUS, PH.D.

Robert Bachus graduated from Harper College in 1971 and continued his education at the University of Illinois at Chicago earning both a bachelor's and master's degree. He continued his studies at Stanford University, where he earned a Ph.D. in Geotechnical Engineering.

After Stanford, Bachus began teaching at Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), where he conducted funded research and published extensively in the field of geotechnical engineering. While at Georgia Tech, he immersed himself in the then-emerging fields of geosynthetics and geoenvironmental engineering, developing classes and conducting research in these areas.

In 1990, Bachus left Georgia Tech to join Geosyntec Consultants, where he currently serves as a Principal Engineer. Today, Geosyntec Consultants is recognized as an industry leader in the solid waste and geotechnical engineering fields, focusing on innovative techniques for leachate treatment, sustainable landfill designs and data management and visualization.

Bachus remains active in publishing and research, and he regularly speaks to student chapters of American Society of Civil Engineers. He also teaches landfill design courses for Georgia Tech and the Center for Training, Research and Education for Environmental Occupations at the University of Florida and geotechnical engineering classes on behalf of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



### DR. T. TYLOR BEHRENS

A first generation college student, Dr. T. Tylor Behrens enrolled at Harper College in 1985. After completing his bachelor's and master's degrees, he continued on to earn a Doctorate in Higher Education Management from UCLA. Behrens's experience as a first generation college student inspired him to become a peer advisor while at Harper. He discovered that his passion for helping his fellow community college peers would serve as the foundation for his entire career.

Today, Behrens wears multiple hats at Southern Methodist University (SMU). He serves as the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Dean of Residence Life and Student Housing and Executive Director of the Hegi Family Career Development Center.

In addition to his role at SMU, Behrens serves as Vice President and Founder of SkillBott, Inc., a company that provides learners and educators state-of-the-art college and career readiness courseware.

Behrens is an accomplished presenter and author on management, career development and workplace leadership. His significant community involvement includes service on countless boards and committees, volunteer work, and the coordination of hundreds of student-led service learning projects.



### MAYOR RODNEY S. CRAIG

Following a six-year tour of duty in the United States Navy, Rodney Craig attended Harper College as an adult student, earning a certificate in electronics technology in the fall of 1976. He continued his education at Concordia University, where he earned a Bachelor's in Organizational Management.

Craig went on to work in systems operations with the Federal Aviation Administration for 33 years. He entered public service when he was appointed as a Trustee of the Hanover Park Fire Protection District in 1995. In 2001, he was appointed as a Trustee to the Hanover Park Village Board where he served until his election as Village President (Mayor) in 2007. He was subsequently re-elected as Village President in 2009 and 2013.

Currently in his third term as mayor, Craig is an advocate for public safety, community development and education. He has worked to streamline village operations, increase transparency and increase cooperation between the village government, schools, park districts and other organizations. Craig is a supporter of Hanover Park schools, where he is a youth mentor and regularly reads to students. In addition to the impact that he has made locally, Craig is also active in intergovernmental relations on a regional, state and national level.





**DAVID GOTT**

David Gott graduated from Harper College in 1989 and went on to receive his Bachelor's of Economics from Northern Illinois University in 1990. He has been employed for 16 years by Simon Property Group, an S&P 100 company and a global leader in the retail real estate industry.

Currently, Gott is the general manager of Woodfield Mall, one of the largest shopping destinations in the United States. In his role, Gott manages the daily operations at Woodfield Mall, maximizing the asset value and overseeing leasing, contract negotiation, budgeting, tenant relations and marketing for the property.

During his tenure with Simon, Gott managed several assets including the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City, Bowie Town Center, St. Charles Towne Center and Potomac Mills. In 2013, he received Simon's Best of the Best Award for Mall Managers and the Simon Extra Mile Award in 2014.

Gott's community involvement includes serving on the Board of Directors for the Schaumburg Economic Development Commission, speaking on property management and working with at risk students who are on the verge of dropping out of high school through the Simon Youth Foundation.



**LINDA J. LANG**

Linda Lang came to Harper in 1983 to refresh her business skills before re-entering the job market. When she discovered that Speech 101 was a requirement for an associate's degree, she almost decided to forgo the degree due to her fear of public speaking. However, that speech class turned out to be the catalyst for all her future educational goals.

Lang graduated from Harper with her associate's degree in 1989. She went on to earn a Bachelor's (summa cum laude) and Master's of Speech Communication from Northern Illinois University before returning to teach Speech 101 as an adjunct faculty member at Harper College. During her tenure, she served as assistant speech team coach, judged speech tournaments, volunteered countless hours of her time and traveled with the team to national tournaments. Lang also received the inaugural Harper Speech Team Alumni Award in 2008.

After retiring, Lang established the Linda J. Lang Endowed Speech Scholarship. In addition to her endowed scholarship,

Lang has generously supported many other scholarships and programs at the College. She also has served on the Harper College Educational Foundation's Annual Giving Committee since 2004 and has joined the newly formed Alumni Committee.



**DR. MEG MCENERY-SCHNOOR**

Dr. Meg McEnery-Schnoor's career as a special education teacher and school administrator began while attending Harper College in 1989. A professor suggested that she consider teaching special education because he felt she had the patience, desire and intelligence to foster learning in special needs populations.

After earning her associate's degree from Harper in 1991, Schnoor continued her education at Illinois State University, earning a Bachelor's of Education with endorsements in Learning Disabilities, Emotional Disturbances and Cognitive Disabilities.

Upon graduation, she began her teaching career as an alternative school instructor for Township High School District 214. In recent years, Schnoor earned a master's degree and Doctor of Curriculum and Instruction degree. She has served as an Assistant Principal, Principal, District Director of Special Education and is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning for Community Consolidated School District 15 in Palatine, IL.

Schnoor's efforts have been recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education with their Those Who Excel award, by Township High School District 214 with their Outstanding Contributions Award and the Illinois Alliance of Special Educators with the William Ott Award and Scholarship.



**JAMES P. MEIER**

Jim Meier began his engineering career in 1984 for the Illinois Department of Transportation while still in high school. Upon graduation, he enrolled at Harper College, completing his associate's degree in 1991. Meier continued his education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, receiving his Bachelor's of Agricultural Engineering.

Meier's professional experience includes engineering, surveying, property boundary law and floodplain/stormwater management. He has been called upon

as an expert witness for several projects, as a licensed professional engineer, a licensed professional land surveyor and a certified floodplain manager in Illinois.

In 2005, after holding leadership positions in several engineering and consulting firms, Meier founded his own engineering company, MertiCorp Group LLC, by merging with another company. Only 2.5 percent of all engineers are self-employed, and Meier is proud to be among this select group.

Meier is a licensed Master Captain by the United States Coast Guard, an active member of the Palatine Chamber of Commerce, involved with the Schaumburg Business Association, the Fox Valley Business Leaders and is a member of the Biological Systems Engineering Curriculum Committee, which helps shape the engineering program for future students and maintain compliance for ABET Accreditation. He is also a member of the Harper College Educational Foundation Board of Directors and co-chair of the Alumni Committee.



**PETER SOBY, JR.**

While Peter Soby, Jr. was a student at Harper College, he was a student leader and involved in many activities. In 1987, he suffered a traumatic spinal cord injury which left him a C5-C6 quadriplegic and bound to a wheelchair.

After spending nine months in hospitals and rehab centers, he returned to Harper and graduated with his associate's degree in the spring of 1989. Soby transferred to the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, earning a Bachelor's of Speech Communications in 1991.

Soby moved to Los Angeles, CA and began working in the entertainment industry. He spent several years working for various production companies before starting his own company as an independent producer. He has written, directed and produced across many mediums.

Today, Soby continues to write, direct and produce, as well as offer his individual and business clients marketing, branding and social media expertise through his company, Krazy Killah Media.

He is a volunteer with Project Share, speaking to high school and middle school students about his experience and the dangers of diving into shallow water. Soby is also an active member of the Kabbalah Centre in Los Angeles, where he volunteers his time and talents.

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**Stephen J. Topolski**  
(Retired) Partner  
PTW

**Donald D. Torisky**  
Century Solutions, LLC

*\*Deceased*



FORMER FOUNDATION  
BOARD PRESIDENT

## EARN'S EMERITUS BOARD MEMBER STATUS

In his nine years serving on the Foundation Board, Lane Moyer participated on almost every Foundation committee. From Chair of the President's Ball, to Treasurer and Foundation Board President, Lane led the Foundation with passion and dedication for the students' and the community that Harper College serves.

In 2007, Lane and his wife, Patricia, founded an endowed scholarship to support GED Scholars. In gratitude for his years of leadership and service, Lane was recognized with Emeritus Board status at the Foundation's June 2014 Annual Meeting. Congratulations, Lane.



### DEE BEAUBIEN

- Considers that Harper's success at training in essential skills a critical element for employers in our area.
- Retired mental health counselor and consultant who worked for more than 29 years with persons with brain disorders.
- Serves as a Foundation Trustee of JourneyCare as well as the Advisory Boards of Barrington Youth & Family Service, Barrington Area Council on Aging and Mano a Mano Family Resource Center, which she founded with her late husband, Mark.
- Lives in Barrington Hills and enjoys the Lyric Opera, gardening, fundraising, travel and spending time with her six grandchildren, all of whom live in Barrington.



### RYAN MOATS

- Is the third generation in his family to be involved with Harper College — his mother Dr. Carolyn Moats, taught nursing at Harper, his father Larry Moats served as a Board of Trustee for 15 years and his grandfather, Robert Moats, served on the Board of Trustees for three years.
- Vice President and part owner of Moats Office Properties, Inc.
- Lives in Chicago.



### HERB JOHNSON

- Joined the Foundation board after becoming aware of the magnitude and diversity of the programs offered at Harper including GED preparation, adult education, transfer programs and artistic productions.
- Former Treasurer of the Village of Inverness and member of the NIU Executive Club.
- Tax Principal at the certified public accounting firm of Eder, Casella, & Co. and has spent more than 40 years in the public accounting firm arena.
- Lives in Inverness with his wife Laura and enjoys worldwide adventure travel.



### NANCY ROBB

- Supports and advocates the great opportunities and quality education that students can obtain through attending Harper College.
- Retired Superintendent of District 211.
- Serves on the board of the District 211 Foundation, Buehler YMCA, WINGS Leadership Board and the recently formed a not-for-profit organization, Excel Beyond 211, to mentor first generation college students.
- Lives in Barrington with her husband John.



### JIM MEIER

- Believes that Harper College's role is to provide a high quality education to the members of the community at a reasonable cost.
- Principal and co-owner of MeritCorp Group LLC a civil engineering, land surveying, environmental science and land planning firm.
- Alumnus of Harper College and 2014 Harper College Distinguished Alumni recipient.
- Lives in Palatine with his wife, Lori, and is an active member of the Palatine Chamber of Commerce.



### DREW SCHAEFER

- Wants to make a difference in students' lives as a Foundation Board Member.
- Senior VP, Commercial Lending at Cornerstone National Bank and Trust Company.
- Lives in Saint Charles with his wife, Katie and his two children, Laney and Joseph.
- Graduate of NIU, enjoys golfing and attending his children's baseball games and orchestra concerts.



## HOW CAN I HELP?

It's the time of year when we start thinking about the gifts we will give to people who are important to us. For some, that may also include making a gift to help the lives of those served by the charities and organizations whose missions we support.

During the holiday season, we like to encourage people to include philanthropy as a part of their year-end gift planning. Like many, you might be surprised at how tax incentives allow you to do more with your charitable donations, improving your own financial position in the process.

### **Monetary Donation**

There are many ways to make a monetary donation – check or credit cards are some of the easiest, and the Harper College Educational Foundation is now accepting electronic funds transfer gifts. You can set up a monthly deduction to be taken directly from your bank account (checking or savings) or with your credit card to support Harper students.

### **Gift of Stock or Other Property**

If the property has depreciated in value, sell it and deduct the loss to the extent allowed by law. Then donate the cash received from its sale. That way you have another deduction. If it is worth more than what you originally paid for it, do not sell it. Donate the property to us—we'll sell it and you will eliminate all the capital gains tax you would have paid had

you sold it. Your gift will be deductible at its full fair market value on its date of delivery if you have held it for more than one year.

### **Include Harper College in Your Will or Trust**

Including a bequest in your will or trust is a wonderful way to ensure that future generations of Harper students will receive the help needed to achieve their educational dreams. Making a charitable bequest is easy, revocable and tax-smart. Your estate is entitled to an unlimited tax charitable deduction for bequests to qualified charitable organizations.

Please be sure to share your bequest designation with us, so that we can assist you and your professional advisor to ensure the right legal entity is identified in your estate document so that your gift is received by the appropriate organization. We can also work with you to set up a fund agreement that details your intentions on how the gift is to be used. For example, some donors have set up endowed scholarships in their will while others have restricted their gift to be used to support an academic program.

Regardless of how you choose to give, make sure to consult your personal tax advisor or financial planner to see if the gift is right for you.

If you have questions about making your year-end gift, please call Heather Zoldak, Associate Executive Director/Major Gifts at **847.925.6319** or visit our website at **[harpercollege.edu/foundation](http://harpercollege.edu/foundation)**