

Foundation Update November 2008
The Estes Center Celebrates Its First Decade, Looks to Bright Future

Chase City's Estes Community Center was filled with excitement and activity on Friday, October 24 as friends and supporters celebrated ten years of success at the center and learned of plans to assure a well-maintained and equipped future at 316 N. Main Street.

The theme of the evening, "Preserving the Opportunity....Maintaining the Dream," is representative of an announcement of an anonymous contribution, matching dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000 to initiate the Estes Community Center Endowment Fund. Proceeds from the fund are invested through the SVCC Foundation, Inc. and will be used to perpetually maximize the quality and effectiveness of the Center's facilities and programs through maintenance of the physical facility, grounds and equipment.

During the evening, Dr. Earle Moore, Master of Ceremonies, spoke about accomplishments at the Center over the past decade and Dr. Cavan reiterated that the Center makes it possible for the college to accomplish its mission of touching the lives of every Southside Virginian. "Having this state-of-the-art facility for use by everyone in this community is a great asset and accomplishment", he said.

A silent auction of items was held during the event to raise funds for the Endowment. Recognized during the event were those who have contributed or pledged \$1,000 to kick-off the new fund and also, the members of The Estes Heritage Society who have included the endowment fund in their estate plan.

Pictured during the event, from left to right, are Dr. John Cavan chatting with Carol and John Bowman, Dr. Earle and Janice Moore dancing to the music provided by the band, "Pizazz" and Nita White, SVCC volunteer, working the silent auction.


John Johnson named SVCC's Gene Thomas Commonwealth Legacy Scholar.

At a recent luncheon honoring one Commonwealth Legacy Scholar per community college, the VCCS recognized John Johnson as SVCC's recipient. This merit-based scholarship is sponsored by the VCCS and the 2008-09 scholarship is named in honor of Gene Thomas, a member of the SVCC Foundation Board of Directors and a long time supporter of SVCC.

John was one of the top five graduates in his high school class at Buckingham County High School. He is a part of the Honor's Program at SVCC and has special interest in history and broadcasting. John was co-captain of his high school soccer team.



Dr. Glen DuBois, Chancellor of the VCCS, and John Johnson pose for a photograph prior to the Commonwealth Legacy Luncheon.