

Foundation Update

July 2009

Robert G. Patton Memorial Middle College Scholarship Announced

Robert Patton dropped out of high school to help support his family. He began by sweeping floors at a local grocery store in Galax, VA. He was later drafted into the army where he not only served his country, but obtained his GED.

After his army tour was complete, Mr. Patton returned to Galax to work in the meat department of the store where he first began, Food City. Food City is a chain of stores owned by K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc., a super-market chain operating in three states – Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee.

Mr. Patton progressed from meat department manager of one store to regional director for the meat departments of the entire Food City chain. Upon retirement, he purchased the Galax Food City store from K-VA-T Food Stores and changed the name to Old Town Market.

With hard work, a never quit attitude, and a desire to provide for his family, Robert Patton was able to buy the store where he worked prior to joining the army.

Mr. Patton died in 1996, but through an endowed scholarship established at Southside Virginia Community College by his son Chad, our Middle College students will have the opportunity to pursue their educational dreams.



Chad Patton (right) signs the administrative agreement for the Robert G. Patton Scholarship as Mary Jane Elkins (SVCC Foundation) watches.



First Citizens Makes donation to SVCC

Dr. Cavan accepts a donation from First Citizens Bank presented by Cindy Thomas (center), Area Executive, and Jerry Reynolds, (right), Corporate Development Officer. The donation is for the First Citizens Bank Nursing Scholarship which provides financial assistance to SVCC students enrolled in the nursing program. Mr. Reynolds is President of the SVCC Foundation Board of Directors.

SVCC Family continues support of Amani Kids!

From a change jar at the SVCC Daniel Campus snack bar to Jazz and Jambalaya, our SVCC family continues to financially support the Amani Kids. We recently received a letter of thanks from the Amani Childrens home that enclosed a picture of Abdalla Hamisi and the following information:

Both of Abdalla's parents died before his 10th birthday. He survived on the streets for three years before one of Amani's social workers rescued him. When Abdalla arrived at Amani he was determined to make up for the years he had missed in school. He excelled in the classroom, listening carefully to his teachers and working diligently on all of his assignments.

Abdalla was one of eight students from Amani's Non-Formal Education Program to sit for their secondary school entrance exams last year. Earlier this year, we received the fabulous news that Abdalla and five of his classmates had passed the exam, giving them the very special opportunity to attend secondary school – an opportunity available to very few Tanzanians.

This year Abdalla began his studies at a local secondary school and continues to unlock doors to a bright and successful future. Abdalla's life has been transformed from an orphan on the streets to a promising young man full of hope.



Thanks to Becky Walker, our SVCC Alumni have a facebook page! Becky is a SVCC student who is keeping us up-to-date and in touch! We currently have 92 friends. Check it out! <http://tinyurl.com/svccfacebook>

Second Annual SVCC Foundation Golf Classic Raises over \$8500. Winners were:



Championship 1st Place
Keith Hamm, Al Wood, Charlie Babb, Corey Morris



Championship 2nd Place
Dean Adams, Mike Scott, Jim Wilson, Robert Coltrane



Championship 3rd Place
Nick Dunn, Warren Agee, Matt Dunn, Larry Dunn



Lower Championship 2nd Place
Butch King, Ray Hudson, Ed Childress, Charlie Bailey



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Lower Championship 3rd Place
Stephen Walker, Bill Wilson, Tim Newton, Charles Hudson



First Flight 1st Place
L.B. Ligon, III, James Edwards, Bryan Moore, Tim Jarrett



First Flight 2nd Place
Adam Clary, Danny Grounrad, Myra Quicke, James Warf



First Flight 3rd Place
Everett Sykes, L.B. Ligon, Hayden Hall, Barbara Stroud

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