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Questions? Contact Sam Minniti at x23884

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To learn more about McMaster University’s Case Management program and how it can launch your career in health care, visit www.mcmastererce.com. For further program details, contact Carol Tistam at ctnorst@mcmaster.ca or 905-525-9140 ext. 24250.
Call for nominations

Community Contribution Awards

McMaster University’s Community Contribution Awards are presented in recognition of contribution to the University community and to the broader community-at-large.

The Gordon Raymond Award was established in 1996 by MAPS and other friends and colleagues in honour of Gord Raymond in recognition of his 27 years of service to McMaster University, including 15 years as Coordinator of Part-Time Degree Studies. It is awarded to the part-time student who, in the judgment of the selection committee, demonstrates enthusiasm for lifelong learning and has had an influence on the lives of part-time students.

Application forms and further information are available from the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships (Gilmour Hall, Room 120). The deadline for applications is April 15, 2007.

Call for nominations

MSU Awards

The McMaster Students’ Union (MSU) presents several awards each year to individuals and groups to recognize excellence at McMaster. Part-time students are eligible for a number of these awards.

The Rudy Heinzel Award of Excellence has been presented annually since 1997 in recognition of an outstanding one-year achievement that improves the lives of McMaster students. Any member of the campus community (students, staff, faculty and alumni) may be nominated. Last year’s recipient was MAPS President Dave Moore.

The J. Lynn Watson Award for Community Service recognizes the McMaster campus group that has made the greatest contribution to charitable giving.

The MSU Spirit Award recognizes the campus group that has demonstrated superior spirit throughout the academic year.

Nomination forms are available at http://www.msu.mcmaster.ca/awards, at the Compass Service Desk, or the MSU Main Office (MUSC 201). The deadline for nominations is March 2, 2007.

Any member of the McMaster community may put forward individuals or groups for nomination. Further information is available from MSU Speaker Catherine Brown (speaker@msu.mcmaster.ca).

MAPS Bursaries

Applications for the next round of MAPS bursaries are available in the MAPS Office (MUSC 234). The deadline is Tuesday, April 17, 2007. To learn more, contact Josephine Taylor, MAPS Office Administrator, at x22021.

DON’T FORGET

The McMaster Association of Part-Time Students (MAPS) Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday March 6, 2007 at 5:30 pm in the CIBC Hall (MUSC 308/309).

“In the event McMaster is closed (possibly due to inclement weather), the MAPS AGM will be held on Friday, March 16 at 5:30 pm in MUSC 308/309.

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Celebrating Excellence

$250,000 MAPS gift endows bursaries named for Hawkiggins

The McMaster Association of Part-Time Students (MAPS) has made a $250,000 gift to the University to endow the Mel and Marilyn Hawkiggins Part-Time Student Bursaries.

The announcement was made at MAPS’ 22nd annual awards dinner on November 24.

The gift will be matched by the Government of Ontario, making this one of the largest named student aid endowments at McMaster. The fund is expected to generate more than $20,000 per year in bursaries in perpetuity.

“Mel and Marilyn have graced hundreds of events with their warmth, energy and a boundless enthusiasm for McMaster and its students,” said MAPS President Dave Moore. “MAPS is proud to make this gift to a fund that will bear their name as a lasting tribute to their service and the importance they have placed on students.”

When Dr. Hawkggins retires next August, he will become the second longest serving chancellor since the role was re-constituted in 1950 as an “unpaid friend” and titular head of the University.

University president Peter George, who was in China on University business, sent a telegram to convey his thanks to MAPS and congratulate the Haukgiggins.

“While I cannot join you in person, I do want to offer my sincere thanks to MAPS for your exceptional gift this evening in honour of an extraordinary couple,” George wrote.

“Your gift to establish these bursaries will assist generations of students to achieve their dreams of a university education at McMaster. I cannot think of a better tribute to McMaster’s most beloved family members. Thank you again for your very generous gift.”

MAPS has contributed $500,000 over the last three years to student financial aid endowments to benefit part-time students and leveraged matching funding from the provincial government. The gift makes MAPS one of the early major donors to The Campaign for McMaster – the $400 million fund raising drive currently being undertaken by the University.

MAPS also presented the Hawkiggins with a framed reproduction of the Moulton Window – an iconic McMaster image – as a keepsake of the evening.

See The Hawkiggins, page 3.