

Danville Area Community College Foundation is a not-for-profit organization committed to promoting and supporting the success of Danville Area Community College through fundraising and stewardship of the Foundation's resources, with the belief in the College's positive educational, cultural, and economic impact on the communities it serves.

Dr. Gerald Cockrell, DJC '73 — Why I Give

Understanding that a little encouragement can go a long way toward giving a student the confidence he or she needs to be successful, DACC Alumni Association President Jerry Cockrell established the Dr. Gerald W. Cockrell Scholarship fund with a \$10,000 endowment to the DACC Foundation. This fund will award an annual scholarship of \$500 to a student who has overcome life obstacles and is looking to make a difference in their life and community.

Dr. Gerald "Jerry" Cockrell is a 1973 graduate of Danville Junior College who parlayed an Associate degree in electronics — which was not designed to be a transfer degree — into a full professorship in Electrical Engineering Technology at Indiana State University.

His academic journey led him to ISU as a transfer student where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees — and met his wife, Jan — and then to Indiana University for a doctorate. After working briefly in industry, Jerry returned to academics as a Professor at ISU. He retired in 2012.



Jan and Jerry Cockrell

Jerry credits DJC Professor Marion "Blacky" Blackburn with turning him from an aimless student searching for a career path, to ISU and the future in Electronics that provided so well for him and his family.

He says, "I want to have the chance to create a spark to succeed just like the one Mr. Blackburn provided me."

Jerry and Jan have also established the Jerry and Jan Cockrell Academic scholarship at their joint alma mater, ISU. Giving back and encouraging student success are very important to both of them.

"In my entire academic career as a professor, the one thing that brought me great joy was when a graduate would return to campus or write me a note thanking me



DACC President Stephen Nacco and DACC Foundation Executive Director Tonya Hill accept the "big check" from Jerry to establish his scholarship.

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for being a professor who impacted their life,” says Jerry. “That is a huge reward for anyone who pursues the teaching field. I guess with this scholarship, we will in a small way impact lives of students who are searching for future success and happiness.”

In 2017, Jerry was among a handful of alumni who attended a gathering scheduled after the annual Honor’s program to organize a new DACC Alumni Association. He volunteered to lead the new Association as its President. Since that initial meeting, several others have joined the Alumni Association Board of Directors.



Alumni Association officers (l to r): Reggie Warfield, Treasurer; Neal Boyd, Secretary; Timyra Carter, Vice President; and Dr. Gerald Cockrell, President

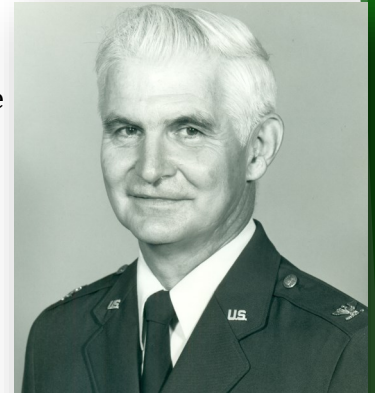
A Life Well Lived — Canon John Joseph Flattery

Most donors choose to give while they can see the results of their gifts, but we occasionally learn of a gift only as the result of estate settlement when someone passes.

One such gift happened recently with the estate of the Very Reverend Canon John Joseph Flattery. Father Flattery passed away in January, 2019, having lived a great life of nearly 89 years.

In his lifetime, Father Flattery served a distinguished career as an Air Force Chaplain – retiring as a Colonel

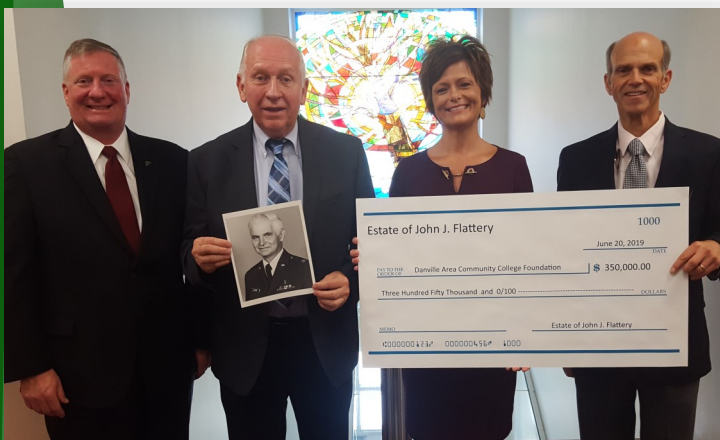
in 1988 – and was beloved for his local pastoral service from which he retired in 1995. He was an author who published two books about the history of Danville’s Catholic churches. He was a contributor to this area’s *Heritage* magazine and did extensive research on the history of St. Elizabeth Hospital.



Father Flattery retired as a Colonel from the Air Force in 1988

Father Flattery was a kind man who lived a quiet life. When he passed, he left \$350,000 to the DACC Foundation. His cousin Fred Faulstich, a long-time supporter of the Foundation, and member of the Foundation Board of Directors, has represented Father Flattery and spoken of his love for education.

The Bible’s book of Matthew says, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be, also.” Father Flattery’s gift is a true representation of that verse; in his support of education, he left his treasure where his heart was.



DACC Foundation Board President Tom Chamberlain and Executive Director Tonya Hill along with DACC President Stephen Nacco accept a “big check” from Fred Faulstich representing the estate of his cousin, The Very Reverend Canon John Joseph Flattery

DACC Distinguished Alumnus 2019 —

Dr. Jaya Nelson-Ellington

Each year, a committee comprised of alumni representing each decade of the College's history — led by Executive Vice President Dave Kietzmann — recommends an alumnus to the DACC Board of Trustees for recognition as the DACC Distinguished Alumnus. Upon acceptance of their recommendation, Board then nominates that person for the Illinois Community College Trustees Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award. In February, 2019, that Distinguished Alumnus was Foundation Board member — and local dentist — Dr. Jaya Nelson-Ellington.

Dr. Nelson-Ellington is a shining example of the greater impact community colleges have on the communities we serve. A Danville native who started her education at DACC, transferred on without debt, pursued professional licensure, and returned home to serve the community that reared and supported her.

"Danville Area Community College was the best early choice I made to jump start my career. DACC gave me the chance to get used to the style of college courses and focus on my studies without the financial burden of student loans on my first of many degrees throughout the years," Dr. Nelson-Ellington said. "I take the skills I learned in my first two years at DACC and share with my high school aged patients at my dental office all of the benefits that

community colleges can offer.

To further repay the support she received from the community – and the College – Dr. Nelson-Ellington provides free dental care to the underserved population on Dental Day and has established a scholarship to support other African-American females who wish to follow in her footsteps in pursuit of a dental degree.

Dr. Nelson-Ellington, despite her youth and relative inexperience in dental practice, is a rock star in her field, recognized as a President's Club top 20% provider in her national practice network.

Dr. Nelson-Ellington exemplifies the community college experience of graduates returning to contribute to their home community. She chose to practice in a medically underserved area. She is a minority female in a field that contains very few females or minorities and chooses to offer a hand up to support others who look like her. It is for these reasons, and countless others, that the DACC Board of Trustees was honored to recognize her as DACC's Distinguished Alumnus for 2019.



Dr. Jaya Nelson-Ellington
graduation photo: Meharry
Medical College School of
Dentistry



Dr. Jaya Nelson-Ellington with Trustee Greg Wolfe and Assistant Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer Carla Boyd at the ICCTA Annual Awards Banquet in June 2019



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Honors & Memorials

February-October 2019

With gratitude we recognize these 2019 honor and memorial contributions which provide a lasting tribute by enriching a DACC student's educational journey.

In Honor of...

Carla Boyd

St. James United Methodist Church

Julius W. Hegeler II

Carl and Tonya Hill
Dr. Alice Marie and Darrel Jacobs

Tonya Hill

James and Linda Anderson

Sybil Mervis

Ellen Metzendorf

Thomas "Tuck" Meyer

Dr. Curtis and Laura Girouard
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Dr. Alice Marie and Darrel Jacobs

In Memory of...

Randy Crain

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Kenneth Dennison

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Ron Eltzeroth

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Geraldine 'Gerry' Fahey

Sandra Diveley Batmangelich

Robert 'Bob' Fink

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Thomas "Tuck" and Marsha Meyer

Martha Hargan

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Carl and Tonya Hill
Raj Karinattu

Julius W. Hegeler II, cont'd

Gary and Doris Resh
W. John and Sue Shane

Darrin Hightower, Sr.

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Charlotte Johnson

Danville Area Community College

Ronnie Johnson

Danville Area Community College

Dr. Joseph Karinattu

Arthur and Julie Friedman
Raj Karinattu

Robert Kesler

Dr. Alice Marie and Darrel Jacobs
Dr. John C. Mason, Jr.
Bob and Barb Muirhead
W. John and Sue Shane

Lawrence Krupa

Raj Karinattu

Ward Peace

Danville Area Community College

Glen Schultz

Bill and Marilyn Satterwhite

Dr. Grover Seitzinger

Dr. Alice Marie and Darrel Jacobs

Memorials — cont'd

Rose Sudholt

Danville Area Community College

Joyce Thompson

Danville Area Community College

Barbara Todd

Tim and Jackie Prunkard

Larry Turner

Anonymous

Kolleen Asaad

Rose Askam

Edward and Lana Lagacy

Larry Turner, cont'd

Janine Sprague

State Farm Insurance Companies

Dean and Diane Strong

Michael and Roxie Sweikar

Kimberly Thompson

Judy Turner

Mike and Julie Wright

John Zilko

Dinah Bedard

Bill and Marilyn Satterwhite

Thank You for New Scholarships/Estate Gifts

The DACC Foundation is grateful for the following Scholarship funds and Estate gifts received in the past six months.

New Scholarships

- Dr. Joseph Karinattu Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Gerald W. Cockrell Scholarship
- Echocardiography Scholarship
- Larry F. Turner Scholarship
- The Dick and Mary McFarland Endowment Fund of Presbyterian Church Scholarship
- Rokosch Family Scholarship
- Austin Gill Camareno Athletic Memorial Scholarship
- The Bobo Smalls, Jr. Scholarship
- Marron Family Farms Scholarship

Estate Gifts

- Thomas and Jeanne Conron Estate
- Col. JJ Flattery/Very Reverend Canon John Joseph Flattery Estate



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Honoring Scholarship Recipients and Donors



Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship Recipients with Instructor Todd Flessner



First Year Presidential Scholars with Foundation Board President Tom Chamberlain, Executive Director Tonya Hill and DACC President Stephen Nacco



Donor Rebecca Schlecht with recipient Jill Istringhausen



Donor Fred Faulstich with recipient Chloe Miller

We see many examples of generosity at Danville Area Community College. The DACC Foundation's Honors program is an annual celebration of the community's generous spirit, and an opportunity for scholarship recipients to express their thanks.

For the 2019-2020 academic year, the DACC Foundation awarded more than 520 scholarships valued at nearly \$665,000. Most scholarships awarded were between \$250 and \$1500, with a few that covered full tuition.

All totaled, over 300 students received at least one scholarship. That's all private money; it doesn't include state or federal financial aid or institutional scholarships, e.g., athletic scholarships. That is generosity!



Growing Through the Challenges Scholarship donor Kristen Herr with three of her five recipients



First Midwest Bank Scholarship Recipients



TRIO Scholarship Recipients with Program Director Shanay Wright



Second Year Presidential Scholars with Foundation Board President Tom Chamberlain, Executive Director Tonya Hill and DACC President Stephen Nacco

2020 Scholarship Application Calendar

The DACC Foundation Scholarship Application for the 2020-2021 academic year will be available online beginning January 2, 2020. All applications must be submitted electronically no later than March 9, 2020.

The Scholarship application may be found at:

www.dacc.edu/foundation

Click on the DACC Scholarships button to be taken to the online application.

Rave Reviews for “Legends”

By this time next year, we may very well be talking Emmy.

In mid-October, Video Productions Director Laura Hensgen completed the first installment of DACC’s monthly “Legends” series. The 25-minute video will run on Danville’s Comcast channel 5 throughout November. DACC will also post the full show as well as excerpts on the DACC Web site and YouTube.

Collaborating with Ms. Hensgen on the “Legends” series is College Relations Executive Director Lara Conklin, who conducts interviews with people who can provide their personal perspective on the DACC legacy. Says Ms. Conklin, “This new DACC Legends series celebrates just a few of the folks who have given their time and talents to make Danville Area Community College a great place to learn, grow, and explore ‘Endless Possibilities.’”

For the first show, the interview subjects are former College Trustee Dick Cheney, current Alumni Association President Dr. Gerald Cockrell, and Foundation Board Member and philanthropist Sybil Mervis.

Mr. Cheney’s interview includes his often comical interaction with founding President Mary Miller when he was an instructor and an administrator. Dr. Cockrell fondly recalls his life as a student when the Danville campus first opened and hadn’t yet transformed from its origin as a dormitory for the Veterans Administration.

Mrs. Mervis relates events surrounding the acquisition of the campus from the VA. While attending Friday service in a Danville temple, Sybil’s husband Lou got a tap on the shoulder from VA Administrator Otto Schafer, who asked Lou whether Ms. Miller would be interested in receiving “seven buildings” from the VA as a campus for the College.

Ms. Hensgen shoots and edits the interviews with care as her subjects reflect on a variety of topics that are intercut throughout each video. She says, “The people are important and what they have to say is important. They’re the faces of DACC.”

Those already interviewed for future installments are Julius W. Hegeler II, former Board Chair Vickie Miller, and alumnus and dentist, Dr. George Zundo.

Channel surfers in the Danville Comcast system are in for a treat when they stumble onto channel 5.



Mrs. Mervis speaking at the 2019 Foundation Honors Program



Lou Mervis receiving an Honorary DACC degree at the 2017 Commencement Ceremony. Pictured here with wife Sybil, son Michael, DACC Facilities VP Mike Cunningham, and President Stephen Nacco



Dick and Patricia Cheney at a reception held in honor of his retirement from the DACC Board of Trustees, June 2017

DACC Child Development Center Supports Food Pantry

This summer, the children enrolled in the Child Development Center's School-Age summer program got a real-life lesson in community service.

The children spent a week making and selling goodies around campus to raise money for the DACC Foundation Food Pantry. The small group raised \$300 selling cupcakes, cookies, fruit, fruit kabobs, popsicles, and bottled water to raise the money. At the end of the week, teacher Brittany Lewis took the children to Meijer to shop for the items they would donate. In addition to food pantry supplies, the children also bought some new board games for the CDC.



CDC Director Ana Nasser said, "Our goal is to teach the children empathy and about giving back to the community. We want to show students how to be a part of the community and the importance of being community oriented. They learned that not everyone has food every day, but we can help them in small ways."

Thank you! Food Pantry Donations

- Old National Bank
- First United Methodist Church of Georgetown



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