

July 2016

BC Former Students Association Alumni Spotlight Shane Pirtle



Shane Pirtle believes that community involvement is one of the most important things one can do. He's made a habit of sharing his time with organizations such as The Boys & Girls Club, Faith in Action and Habitat for Humanity, to name a few. He's also well known for his tenure as mayor of Lake Jackson, as well as his service to other city organizations.

No doubt, Shane is a community leader. He's also a Brazosport College graduate.

A 1973 Brazoswood High School graduate, Shane earned two degrees from BC, an Associate of Elective Studies and an Associate of Applied Science in in Electronic Technologies.

He also earned his degrees the hard way, working during the day and taking evening classes as many as four nights a week until his goal was accomplished.

"I always tell kids to go to college now," Shane said. "Do what you can before you're tied down. It was tough, but I fortunately had some good support."

Shane is not only a BC alumni and a member of the school's Former Students Association, he's also a huge supporter of his local college.

"This is a great college and I love it," he said. "It's a huge advantage to this community. It always has been and it will continue to be. It's wonderful to see the college continue to grow."

Shane contributes to the BC Foundation and takes pride in being able to assist students in receiving a college education.

"To me, it's about giving back to those who can't afford to get here by themselves," he said. "I count my blessings that I had the support I did, but not everybody has those means."

Through the foundation we can provide scholarships or opportunities to others.”

Today, Shane is married to his wife of 27 years, Linda. He has three children. He retired from Dow Chemical Company in 2007 after a 30-year career.

Although he is enjoying his retirement and spending time with his family, Shane plans on always being involved within his community, as well as his college. To him, community involvement is simply a way of life.

“It’s part of who I am,” Shane said. “It’s extremely important to be involved and to give back to your community — to help other people. As a Christian, we’re supposed to help other people.”

For more information about Brazosport College, call (979) 230-3000. To learn more about the Brazosport College Foundation, call (979) 230-3234.

Scholarship Updates

In partnership with the BC Foundation, the **Zachry Group** has established the Zachry Group Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$50,000.

Zachry Group puts a special focus on corporate citizenship, on making tangible improvements in communities where our employees live and work,” said Tinsley Smith, Zachry Group’s director of Community Investment & Philanthropy. “With this contribution to the college foundation, we are excited to provide scholarships and support learning opportunities for Brazoria County students.”



Zachry Group is one of the largest industrial contractors in the nation. Headquartered in San Antonio, the company provides engineering, construction, maintenance and specialty services to customers, primarily in the energy, petrochemical and process market segments. Zachry is the contractor-of-choice for designing, building and maintaining power, chemical and petrochemical plants throughout the United States.

Gulf Coast Scientists recently presented a \$2,000 check to Brazosport College to be used toward chemical technology scholarships. The scholarship will assist students making consistent progress toward a degree or certificate in the chemical technology field.

Pictured below: Norm Byrne, Kristen Schwertner, John Pendergast, Thomas Krienke, Daniel Benavides, Steve King, Sherrie Garrett and Willem Degroot.



Women's Lecture Luncheon Series



Women's Lecture Luncheon Series

The Women's Lecture Luncheon Series continues to bring diverse speakers from many fields that will challenge ideas and opinions on important issues.

Join now to become a member!



Jonathan Turley

October 13, 2016

Separation Anxiety: The Rise of Presidential Power and the “Fourth Branch” in the Madisonian System

Professor Jonathan Turley is a nationally recognized legal scholar who has written extensively in areas ranging from constitutional law to legal theory to tort law. He has written more than three dozen academic articles that have appeared in many leading law journals at Cornell, Duke, Georgetown, Harvard and other schools.

Turley’s award-winning blog is routinely ranked as one of the most popular legal blogs by AVVO. His blog was selected as the top News/Analysis site in 2013, the top Legal Opinion Blog in 2011, as well as prior selections as the top Law Professor Blog and Legal Theory Blog.



Immaculée Ilibagiza

February 16, 2017

Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust

Immaculée Ilibagiza is a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide that took the lives of nearly one million Tutsis. Men, women and children, including her entire family except for one of her brothers, were massacred at the hands of Hutu marauders. Immaculée found shelter at a pastor's home, where she and seven other women hid from the deadly rebel mob in a 3-by-4-foot bathroom for 91 days.

Today, Immaculée is regarded as one of world's leading speakers on faith, hope and forgiveness. She has shared this universal message with world leaders, school children, multinational corporations, churches, and at events and conferences around the world, including a recent presentation to over 200,000 people in Sao Paulo, Brazil. A major motion picture about her story is under production with an international release in theaters in spring 2018.



Linda Evans

April 6, 2017

Ageing Gracefully – Living your Best Life and Life Lessons

Actress Linda Evans has personified beauty and grace to American television viewers for more than five decades, from her role as Audra Barkley on “The Big Valley” to the glamorous Krystle Carrington on “Dynasty” to “Hell’s Kitchen,” the British competitive cooking reality show she won in 2009.

Linda Evans eloquently shares her personal wisdom in this keynote. Using her own life experiences, Linda uses compelling stories to captivate the heart and mind of her audience bringing insight, hope healing and inspiration in a culture that does not revere aging.

Register for the 2016-17 WLLS Season [HERE!](#)

Wynonna Judd highlights star-studded 2016-17 Clarion season!

Wynonna and the Big Noise will kick off the Clarion's 11th season on September 9. Winner

of five Grammy awards, Wynonna will perform an intimate, acoustic set.

That's only the start to a big season at the popular concert hall.

A variety of musical styles will be represented, including country songwriters, Music City Hit-Makers; jazz artists David Sanborn and the Helen Sung Quartet; blues storyteller Keb' Mo'; a cappella ensemble VoicePlay; and a mix of classical music and comedy with "Charlie Chaplin at the Symphony."

The Clarion also has more treats in store for audiences, including a performance by local talent Ben Edquist, who will be a special guest with the Brazosport Symphony Orchestra.

Another highlight will include a return performance from guitar virtuoso Shaun Hopper. Hopper, who wowed the Clarion crowd three years ago, will bring along vocalist/guitarist Caroline Sky.

Rounding out the new season's Clarion programs will be a special educational outreach event featuring mathematician and magician, Bradley Fields.

Season tickets and individual tickets go on sale July 1. Call the Clarion box office at (979) 230-3156 or log on to clarion.brazosport.edu to learn more. (*Season tickets are not available online.*)

2016-2017 SEASON

WORLD CLASS VENUE • SMALL TOWN HOSPITALITY

Clarion Special Event

Wynonna
5 Top Big Hits
September 9, 2016

Charlie Chaplin at the Symphony
with the Brazosport Symphony
October 8 & 9
October 8, 2016

Voice Play
March 31, 2017

Ben Edquist
with the Brazosport Symphony
Orchestra
January 28, 2017

School Outreach Event

Bradley Peltz
MathsMagic
October 27, 2016

Shaun Hopper & Caroline Sky
February 25, 2017

Music City Hit Makers
November 11, 2016

David Sanborn
with the Brazosport Jazz Orchestra
January 31, 2017

Keb Mo
December 2, 2016

Helen Sung Quartet
November 16, 2016

Call today for your copy of the 2016-2017 Season Brochure

Clarion events are supported in part by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts

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THE CLARION
AT BRAZOSPORT COLLEGE

For Ticket Information: Box Office: 979-230-3156 or clarion.brazosport.edu

[Click here for tickets!](#)

FSA Washer Tournament

The BC Former Students Association partnered with the City of Lake Jackson to host a Washer tournament at the Summer Concert Series on Friday, June 17th.

A very special thank you to Erik Verduzco for organizing and helping to raise almost \$500 for student scholarships!

We would also like to recognize our prize sponsors: BASF, Dow & Freeport LNG.



We appreciate your support of the FSA.

Join the FSA today!



Serena Andrews & David Howarth with the 1st place winners!



Sherrie Garrett & David Howarth with the 2nd place winners!



David Howarth, Erik Verduzco, Sherrie Garrett & Michael Garrett

Upcoming Events

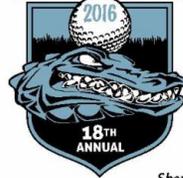
18th Annual BC Foundation Challenge Golf Tournament!

RESCHEDULED DATE!

**The BC Foundation Challenge
Golf Tournament**

**18th
Annual**

BRAZOSPORT COLLEGE
**Foundation Challenge
GOLF TOURNAMENT**



FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2016

The Wilderness
Lake Jackson, TX

7:00-8:00 a.m. - Registration

8:00 a.m. - Shotgun Start

1:00 p.m. - Awards Reception/Lunch,
Silent Auction

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