



# HIBBING COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF GIVING

On March 17, 1958, the inaugural meeting of the Hibbing College Foundation (HCF) was gavelled to order by its board of directors' first president Dr. Rudy Perpich. Hibbing Junior College had been the fastest growing college in Minnesota. Then, tuition, fees, and books averaged approximately \$115 annually. Noting the evident financial need of many of the students, HCF President Perpich, Vice President James Abate, Treasurer Clifford Campbell, Secretary Amelia Bartoletti, and eleven Foundation board members assembled with the objective of raising funds in support of endowing student scholarships. Eighteen scholarships were awarded that year, with grants ranging from \$25 to \$100.

Fifty-nine years later, the enrollment of Hibbing Community College (HCC) counts approximately 1,200 students. Now, tuition, fees, and books annually average \$5,338. This number excludes housing costs, transportation, day care, or some of the course-specific supplies/tools/ equipment required in programs such as nursing, auto and diesel, and culinary arts. For example, tools for auto and diesel programs range from \$500 to \$1,200. Books and equipment for the nursing program can cost \$1000, just for the first semester. The professional knife set for the culinary program alone is \$250.

Nearly six decades after the first Foundation meeting, it remains abundantly clear many students are in financial need as they continue their education and pursue their career tracks. This year, 1,001 students received some type of financial aid, loan, or scholarship. HCC Foundation awards range from \$500 to \$2,500. Thanks to the kindness and generosity of HCC Foundation donors, students may receive scholarship funding to further their learning and to fulfill their career goals.

## Foundation Elects Head

The board of directors of the Hibbing College Foundation elected Dr. Rudolph Perpich, alumnus of Hibbing junior college, president at their recent first annual meeting. The group will discuss methods of raising funds for HJC and hear reports on the needs of the college at its May 26 meeting.

The purpose of the college Foundation is to acquire bequests for the junior college fund. The initiative for setting up the Foundation came from the college faculty Development committee. This organization will work independently of the HJC Advisory board.

Other officers elected include: James Abate, first vice president; Hugh Leach, second vice president; Clifford Campbell, treasurer, and Amelia Bartoletti, secretary.

The rest of the Foundation directors are: Dr. John Neumaier, George Fisher, B. M. Andreas, Peter Stark, Joseph Taveggia, William Home, James Demgen, all of Hibbing; Mrs. Alfred Maturi, Chisholm, and Herbert Latvala, Nashwauk.



PRESENTING THE first check to the Hibbing College Foundation is James Abate, center. Other officers shown are Miss Amelia Bartoletti, Clifford Campbell, Hugh Leach and Dr. Rudolph Perpich, left to right.

HCC Foundation board members are all volunteers. They support our students with fundraising events such as our annual dinner (prepared by culinary arts students); through the student crisis fund; by way of the faculty grant program (funding special classroom equipment or items needed by faculty which would otherwise remain unfunded due to the college's limited budget); and via annual planned giving campaigns such as GiveMn.org and end-of-the-year letter-writing efforts.

The HCC Foundation's efforts directly and positively make an impact on our students and enable our instructors to enhance their teaching resources. Hibbing Community College is grateful and fortunate for the dedication and service of each Foundation member. Together, Hibbing Community College and the Hibbing Community College Foundation--we work to create brighter futures for all HCC students.

## Play Gives Proceeds to Foundation

"Growin' Pains," Hibbing's centennial production, presented its performance to a capacity audience of more than 1,600 September 8, 1958.

Producer and composer of the production, Don Peterson, Hibbing; dramatic directors, Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy, Chisholm; the cast, musicians and staff contributed their time and talents to bring in a net proceed of \$1,190.58 which was turned over to the Hibbing College Foundation fund.

All arrangements were made by a special committee consisting of the HJC Citizen's Advisory committee, HJC Alumni association, Hibbing College Foundation fund and the Student Council.

They stipulated that at least 50 per cent of the total take should be spent on convocations, and the remaining 50 per cent for general development purposes.

# HCC LAW ENFORCEMENT TURNS 40!

Established in 1975, the Law Enforcement (LE) Program at Hibbing Area Vocational and Technical Institute began with just 17 students and one instructor. During the 1976 legislative session in St. Paul, a bill passed certifying two-year graduates of an approved law enforcement course as Law Officers. This act allowed Hibbing Community College (HCC) to expand the LE Program and to appoint Robert McGowan as its first instructor.

HCC's LE Program would be governed by an Advisory Board comprised of current Advisory Board Chairman Cal Saari, Sheriff Greg Sertich, Sheriff Russ Johanssen, and police chiefs from across the Iron Range. Saari was elected chair at the inaugural meeting; then Hibbing Chief Tom Motherway was named co-chair/vice-chair.

LE students trained in Emergency Care and CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation). They worked with local law enforcement personnel, judges, and state law enforcement agencies. Students visited the court system for first-hand knowledge of courtroom procedures. Classes in Sociology and Psychology were required, as well as focus in firearms, traffic control, and self-defense skills. While there are mainstay LE courses today, elective offerings have changed over the years. In 1976, students took courses in finger painting, photography, social problems, first aid, and physical education. Optional classes included Spanish for Law Enforcement, Natural Resources, Introduction to Mental Health, Civil Process, Crime Prevention, and Field Training Experience. Now, only a few of those electives remain, with Spontaneous Knife Defense and Field Training Experience as most popular.

In 1976, the Advisory Board coordinated a ride-along program. The class began to wear uniforms. First-year students wore their uniforms once during the week; second-year students, every day. To fail uniform inspection was to get "gigged." Those cited would have to complete 15 minutes of community service for each infraction. If they did not, the "gig" became part of their permanent file. This practice holds today.

In 1978, the first two \$100 LE scholarships were awarded by the Hibbing Police and Peace Officers' Ladies' Auxiliary to Vincent Puhek and Barbara (Hjort) Mitchell. Tuition at the time was \$13.50 per credit. Mitchell went on to become Chief of the Hibbing Police Department, retiring from HPD in 2010.

In 1983, the LE Program purchased its first state-of-the-art F.A.T.S. (Firearms Training Simulator) and traveled throughout Minnesota to train in-service officers. By 1984, there were five

instructors: Veryl Burkett, William (Bill) Quinn, Cy Schminski, and Steve Lorenz. In 2012, second-year students training in campus security began taking annual trips to Washington, D.C. and experiencing ride-alongs there. In addition, as they learned the value of community policing and volunteerism, LE students participated in many community service organizations. They included Hibbing Food Shelf, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, City-Wide Clean-Up Days, Electronics Recycling Days, National Night Out, and HCC's Safe Walk Halloween Party.

In 2001, the LE Program moved to the current HCC campus. Here, our newest simulator by TI Training is operated by our two-year students, as well as in-service officers in area departments. In Fall 2017, we implement Computer Aided Dispatching and Records Management software, as the ARMER Radio System. Modern "smart" classrooms are specialized for firearms simulation, defensive tactics, fingerprinting, and crime scene processing. Corridors in the LE's Building B complex are employed for building search training. Painted by 2017 graduate James Johannessohn, hallway corners were designed to replicate streets (named in honor of our fallen officers) and road signage for learning to transmit appropriate radio instructions. The first college to do so, Hibbing Community College also features a state-of-the-art indoor firing range. Prominently featured is a comprehensive patch collection representing all departments in Minnesota, as compiled and donated by 1985 graduate "Patch" Romano. Walls are also hung with photos of past graduates and the Advisory Board. On display are pieces of historical equipment used and donated by law enforcement. Last, but not least, is the honored placement of our memorial mural paying tribute to officers fallen in the line of duty, were former students, or had greatly contributed to our

program. Illustrated by 2014 graduate Shayne Ruby, the commemorative wall proclaims, "Heroes Remembered...Never Die."

HCC LE graduates have 95% MN P.O.S.T. Board Pass Rate. Not only offering our two-year program on campus, but HCC teaches the Skills portion of our courses (10 to 12 credits) to students in Mankato, Worthington, Brainerd, Thief River Falls, Vermilion, Fond Du Lac Tribal College, Leech Lake Tribal College, and Rochester. Yearly, Minnesota

police officers are required to attend in-service officer training. Our LE Program has provided over 14,000 hours of continuing education to officers in Minnesota, neighboring states, and



Canada. Since its inception, HCC's program has trained over 3,000 law enforcement officers.

Our LE graduates have worked in every state in the nation—in local city police, county sheriff departments, and tribal police departments; as State Troopers; and for the DNR and the BCA. HCC LE students have become Chiefs, State Patrol Captains, Sheriffs, and K-9 handlers. Frequently, HCC LE alumni return to serve as adjunct instructors, actors, and Advisory Board members.

Advisory Board members include in-service Chiefs, Sheriffs, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) Specialists, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and retired officers and instructors. They support LE instructors in remaining current with the materials taught at HCC. Meeting three times per year, the Board discusses program enrollment and maintenance of courses as required by the Minnesota Post Board Objectives. It approves the curriculum with recommendations for staying up-to-date with what officers currently experience on the job. As at its inception, the Board continues to be lead by Chairman Saari.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **November 16, 2017: Give to the Max Day.** This is a single day where non-profits and donors can participate in a 24-hour online fundraising event. The HCC Foundation asks for your support! Make a difference in the lives of Hibbing Community College students by donating to the foundation online. Just follow these three simple steps:

**Log on to GiveMN.org, Type in Hibbing College Foundation in the search box, Make a donation. Enter any amount \$10 or more and follow the prompts.**

- **April 26, 2018: The HCC Foundation 60th Celebration Dinner and Special Guest Speakers**

Hibbing College Foundation Annual Fundraiser Event. The Hibbing College Foundation rolls out the red carpet for its elegant fundraising event showcasing gourmet food prepared by HCC's Culinary Arts program and great entertainment and the goal of raising funds for student scholarships. **For more information, please contact Sharon Lind at 218-254-4133**



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Our donors are cherished assets and vital to Hibbing Community College students. Your generosity is an enduring part of the HCC success story. By making a gift, you are supporting the education of students preparing to make a difference in the world.

Each individual has very personal reasons for giving. It may be a means of accomplishing personal goals, supporting values and beliefs, or simply because you view your gift as a good investment. You may value your own collegiate experience and want to ensure the same for future generations of students. The best plan is one that satisfies all of your goals. The easiest way to make a gift is to write a check payable to the Hibbing College Foundation. There are many other options available when planning a meaningful gift such as gifts through a will, endowed gifts, life insurance, and more.

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