



# Foundation Update

## Glen Oaks Community College Foundation

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### Classes Begin and Scholarships Have Been Awarded

The start of the 2011-12 school year began on August 29th with enrollment at approximately 1,200 students registered and 12,200 credits being taken. This year the Glen Oaks Community College Foundation awarded \$57,000 in named scholarship dollars to students attending for the current school year. 53 student planning to complete degrees or certificates in the areas of Art, Business, Technology, Health Sciences, Human Services and General Transfer programs are receiving financial assistance from charitable individuals and businesses. The generosity of donors make it possible for many students to attend college and reach their career goals. Student athletes are also awarded talent based scholarship through funds set aside from the GOCC Foundation. For a complete list of all the scholarship funds and to learn more about opportunities for gifting to the GOCC Foundation, visit [www.glenoaks.edu/foundation](http://www.glenoaks.edu/foundation). Information is available on potential state and federal tax implications to giving to a 501[C](3) charitable organization

### Shaheen Award for Teaching Excellence



The announcement of the 2011 faculty award recipient was made at the 43rd graduation commencement. Dr. Lester Keith, professor of business administration was nominated to be recognized for his outstanding teaching in innovation and quality instruction by students, alumni, fellow faculty, staff and community members. Professor Keith became a full-time instructor at Glen Oaks in 1993. He attended the University of Texas at San Antonio where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Management and a Master's degree in Management and Marketing. He earned his Doctorate in Marketing in 2006 at Argosy University, Sarasota, Florida. "This award is not just about ME! It is a reflection of everyone at Glen Oaks. I feel like my receiving the Shaheen Award for Teaching Excellence is the result of all of us as a team. That includes the librarians, counselors, all staff and our college leadership... everyone!" said Dr. Keith. The award is funded by an endowment created by the late Eli J. Shaheen, one of the founding leaders of Glen Oaks Community College.

### **Health Care Careers = Job Stability**

Careers in the health care field often suggest above average financial reward, and the opportunity to join one of the most exciting and fastest growing fields in the United States.

The U.S. Department of Labor states in its Occupational Outlook Handbook: "The employment of health professionals is projected to grow 42%. Faster than average growth in most health occupations is consistent with the rapidly rising demand for health care." According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the nation's health services employment is projected to increase to 13,600,000 or over 2,800,000 new jobs. The increased demand for health care services is expected to continue for the next fifty years. The Department of Labor predicts that 12 of the 20 fastest growing careers are medically-related, from Medical Assistant to Medical Secretary.

Learn more about the Associate of Applied Science in Allied Health and the specialized Occupational Certificates at [www.glenoaks.edu](http://www.glenoaks.edu) or 269-294-4267.

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## Dr. Wheeler Proposal To County Board For Economic Development

Dr. Gary Wheeler, President of Glen Oaks Community College, has outlined “two specific ideas” for assistance the college could render from the county’s Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund. The suggestions were included in a letter addressed to Rick Shaffer, Chairman of the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners. Wheeler says, “The goal of these two options would be to ensure that St. Joseph County has the ability to demonstrate its willingness to invest in itself and its resident institutions. If the county is interested in either of these options, the college would be happy to begin the process of a more detailed proposal and include deliverables on what the costs and benefits to the county would be from each.”

“(1) Provide the college with sufficient resources to enlarge and expand the Dresser Business Development Center such that it can operate as a standalone facility with office, classroom and laboratory space, and clerical support. The total capital construction cost would be approximately \$2.5M with annual

operating costs of approximately \$150,000. This capital expansion would enable the college to hire a Business Development Center coordinator/grant-writer who would work closely with the college’s Business Services/Continuing Education area, the county’s EDC personnel, and area businesses to sponsor programming and activities that they believe useful for their needs. We would use a program of work design model that proceeds from the broad input of county businesses and our EDC personnel.

“(2) Provide the college with the entirety of the \$6.9M proposed for Trine University. For that the college would be able to construct an additional academic building on campus, create and implement two new technical degree programs (such as pharmacy tech or veterinary tech) or to expand our Allied Health and Nursing area, hire additional staffing for a net increase of 8-10 new full-time jobs in the county, and operate the facility in a sustainable way over time. Again, the design of the program of work for this new facility would incorporate public comments and

requests along with the results of a needs assessment for various technical program options.”

The \$6.9 million was proposed as a “one time investment” as an ‘Economic Growth and Innovation Proposal’ from Trine University for a partnership with St. Joseph County. However, as of August 8th Trine University pulled back their offer of partnership. Surrounding the activity of the Trine proposal, John Dunn, President of Western Michigan University, has also written to Shaffer and said, “I want to assure you and your fellow commissioners that Western Michigan University is very willing and capable of responding to the needs of St. Joseph County.”

In his letter, Wheeler writes, “I may have doubts about the worthiness of the Trine University proposal, and doubts about whether Western Michigan University can find the time to focus on our county, but I have no doubts that Glen Oaks can and will be available for assisting in whatever role we can do to continue benefiting the citizens of this county”.

**CHECK OUT THE ALUMNI INFORMATION UPDATE FORM AT  
[WWW.GLENOAKS.EDU/ALUMNIFRIENDS](http://WWW.GLENOAKS.EDU/ALUMNIFRIENDS)**

## Honoring Friends of Glen Oaks Comm. College

At the 43rd GOCC Graduation Hope Bailey was named the 2011 Distinguished Alumni and Glen Oaks Fellow. Ms. Bailey, RN, currently the Chief Clinical Officer at Three Rivers Health earned her Associates of Applied Science in Nursing at Glen Oaks, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Western Michigan University, and Master of Science in Nursing Administration from Bethel College. She has worked at Three Rivers Health since her graduation at Glen Oaks and as the Chief Clinical Officer where she ensures that safe and effective patient care is provided. As well as, assisting with development, implementation, and evaluation of policies, standards and programs consistent with the mission and goals of the hospital. Ms. Bailey is a member of the Michigan Organization of Nurse Executives, Michigan Nurse Association, and Michigan Hospital Association. In 2004, she was honored with a Governor’s Award of Excellence for Improving Care.

## 2011 President’s Award



Glen Oaks Community College President Dr. Gary Wheeler announced the **President’s Award** recipient at the May 13 graduation ceremonies. Leanna Tokarski, of Three Rivers, received the award based on her outstanding academic and student achievement while at GOCC. Leanna graduated Summa Cum Laude (3.75-4.00 grade point average) with an Associate of Applied Science in Allied Health Degree and a Medical Assistant Certificate. While attending Glen Oaks, Leanna worked part-time, became a trained student tutor and an active member and leader of several campus organizations including Phi Theta Kappa, Student Government, Music Club and Medical Assistant Club. She was selected as the 2010-11 Howard and Betty Lambertson Medical Studies Scholarship recipient and named to Who’s Who Among America’s Junior College Students. As she accepted her award, Leanna said, “Once I got involved I found myself joining more organizations at Glen Oaks and enjoying the new friends I was making...”

## Athletic Department Honors

Head Baseball Coach, Keith Schreiber, was named MCCAACoach of the Year. He led the 2011 Glen Oaks Baseball Team into the history books by achieving the State Championship title.

Additional NJCAA Baseball honors go to student athletes:

**Josh Vandemark**, named First Team All American and Region Player of the Year

**Conner Hudnall**, named First Team All State and All Region

**Matt Lepird & Tyler Glass**, named Second Team All State