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## 100% of its faculty, staff contribute to scholarship fund

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**CRESTVIEW HILLS** - Thomas More College has set a fundraising record. One hundred percent of its faculty and staff contributed to the Annual Scholarship Fund Campaign, raising \$27,731 in unrestricted funds.

"The funds raised in the Employee Scholarship Campaign are used to assist deserving students who would otherwise be unable to attend Thomas More College," said Thomas More spokeswoman Kelly Marsh.

The campaign took place throughout September.

**ADVERTISEMENT** "This is an amazing accomplishment for Thomas More College and it speaks volumes about the commitment our faculty and staff have toward our students and the quality education we provide," said Thomas More President Sister Margaret Stallmeyer.

Sherry Stanforth, associate professor of English, said giving to the fund was an extension of her professional commitment.

"Participating in the Annual Scholarship Fund Campaign is a way to tangibly share our individual commitment toward our students' education. Giving something back to our students also models our commitment to service and community outreach," Stanforth said.

Director of facilities Jeff Kordenbrock agrees.

"The education a student receives here is a quality education and it is important to all of us," Kordenbrock said.

"This also sends a message to the student body that the administration and faculty care enough to give. Costs continue to rise and we are trying our best to spend wisely, meet or beat budget, and to be fiscally responsible each year.

"This message was communicated to our faculty and staff and I think it was received well by the results of this year's campaign," he said.

Student Julie Schleper said that message has been received and she appreciates what it provides.



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"Without receiving scholarships, I would be struggling with my studies at home and worrying about how my last year at TMC would be paid for," Schleper said.

"Instead, thanks to scholarships I have received, I am living in the resident halls, which is great if I ever need any homework help or a study partner. I also don't have to worry as much about expenses."

Stanforth said the level of faculty and staff giving is just one component of where she thinks the college is heading.

"This place has become a vortex of creative activity and development," she said.

"The students are at the center of this energy, so it makes sense to support them."

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