



St. Andrews PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

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Laurinburg Area Campaign for St. Andrews holds kickoff luncheon

St. Andrews Presbyterian College held a luncheon Friday to mark the official start of the 2007-2008 Laurinburg Area Campaign for St. Andrews.

“I want to welcome you all here,” said Linda McQueen, campaign co-chair. “I feel a sense of excitement in the air that you don’t often feel when a campaign kicks off. There is usually a question of whether you can meet the goal, but here there is the excitement. This place means so much to all of us in Laurinburg and Scotland County.”

Co-Chair Dr. Jim McQueen reported that the pre-campaign solicitation yielded \$155,276 toward the \$500,000 goal.

“I am very pleased to see new faces,” he said to the more than 80 people in attendance. “One of our goals is to get a broader base of support because of the impact this place has on the community.”

St. Andrews is one of the top five employers in Scotland County with an annual budget of \$16 million. The college attracts more than 15,000 visitors annually to the county for various events such as open houses for potential students, Scottish Heritage Symposium, equestrian shows and athletic events.

“This year we have 66 volunteers, which (Campaign Director) Meredith (Bounds) tells me is more than they’ve ever had,” Jim said. “It just shows the community involvement in this project.”

The strong bond between St. Andrews and the community provides for a unique topic of conversation during meetings of college administrators, according to College President Paul Baldasare Jr.

“I was recently at a conference for presidents of North Carolina Independent Colleges,” he said. “I listened as the others talked about town and gown relations. They were amazed by the support we receive from our community. Per capita, no other community supports their college as well as Laurinburg and Scotland County support St. Andrews.”

The support of the community has proved especially significant as the college seeks to resolve the disagreement with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools regarding accreditation.

“St. Andrews’ future depends on the support of the community,” Baldasare said. “Your presence here today tells me that you’ve got our back. I am confident in our long future together.”

The campaign runs through May 31, 2008. For more information or to make a donation, contact Meredith Bounds at 910-277-5662.

About St. Andrews Presbyterian College

St. Andrews Presbyterian College is a four-year liberal arts and sciences college situated on 600 acres around a 70-acre lake in the Sandhills region of North Carolina. Long known for its innovation and academic excellence, the college boasts an unparalleled interdisciplinary curriculum, a study abroad program on three continents, a multidisciplinary science lab the size of an indoor arena, the first undergraduate college press in the country, the first four-year degree in therapeutic horsemanship and equine business management, and an award-winning bagpipe band. Students enrolled at St. Andrews come from 42 states and eleven countries.

Further information may be obtained by visiting the College's website www.sapc.edu or calling admissions at 800-763-0198 sending an e-mail to admissions@sapc.edu.



Laurinburg Area Campaign for St. Andrews Co-Chair Linda McQueen shares her thoughts with volunteers, faculty and staff during the kickoff luncheon Friday. The annual fundraising campaign has a goal of \$500,000.