

**TJC-NCMC Gala fills the Ketcham Community Center**

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North Central Missouri College President Neil Nuttall Saturday night challenged alumni "Raise The Bar" in terms of giving financially for more student scholarships.

At the conclusion of the annual gala, Doctor Nuttall said N-C-M-C students currently receive an estimated 32 thousand dollars worth of scholarships per semester. He called for efforts to raise that to 50 thousand dollars per semester.

Doctor Nuttall noted North Central has experienced a 27 percent increase in enrollment since 2006. With additional money donated to help students attend college, he believes the trend of increasing enrollment will continue.

Doctor Nuttall also spoke with pride on N-C-M-C now having 30 articulation agreements with other colleges in a variety of program offerings. The first such agreement, he said, was signed seven years ago. He also spoke of the college's primary goal (that being graduates of N-C-M-C get jobs).

One year from now, Doctor Nuttall told alumni he'll have details on plans to renovate the Geyer Hall building on the campus and will be looking for financial support for those projects.

Director of Development Teresa Cross announced lead gift contributors provided North Central more than 100 thousand dollars during the past year. They are the estates of Franklin and Frederick Bosley at Trenton and the estate of Doctor and Mrs. James Whitley of Columbia. Awards were accepted by their relatives.

North Central now has 43 distinguished alumni who've recognized during the past nine years. Honored were Cathy Bailey and Steve Maxey of Trenton, Patrica Mertens of Ironton, and Dennis Walker of Fulton.

Also speaking to alumni was North Central Student Senate President Cara Fordyce of Kidder.

She also is president of the agriculture club and spoke about the importance of the Barton campus. Our web site, [www.kttn.com](http://www.kttn.com), later this week will have a video of the T-H-S show choir's music performance and the awards presentations.

Persons who wish to have a keepsake D-V-D of the event will need to contact Teresa Cross at the Office of Development at North Central Missouri College.