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Moore Named Van Meter Award Recipient

Parsons, KS- The Labette Community College Alumni Association announces the 15th Annual William & Allene Guthrie Van Meter Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award. The 2014 recipient of this prestigious award is Kevin A. Moore of Parsons, KS. Moore was born in Lawrence, Kansas and grew up in Parsons. After graduating from Parsons High School he attended the University of Kansas. While working full time, he attended Labette Community College graduating with an Associate's Degree in Business and Industrial Supervision. He went on to study at Pittsburg State University receiving a Bachelor's in Business Administration Degree in Management in 2006. Earning these degrees as a non-traditional student, working full time and raising a family, gave him a real world perspective to his studies which he credits for a deeper understanding of the courses he completed.



Moore's work career is highlighted by over thirty-years with McCarty Office Machines in Parsons, Kansas. He began his career with McCarty's as an outside sales representative selling office supplies, office furniture and office equipment. In 1990 he was assigned the task of computerizing the company's manual processes and was promoted to Key Operator to oversee the computer operations as well as training employees and continuing the sales duties. In 1997 Moore was promoted to Sales Manager and became responsible for all sales and marketing management duties while maintaining the IT management duties. He currently serves as Sales Manager and is an integral part of McCarty's management team.

Moore is also a Licensed Private Investigator.

Moore has always felt it was necessary to give back to the community which supported him. He has been involved in many civic and church duties. He assisted coaching Babe Ruth Baseball and was an adult leader in a local Boy Scout troop #2 sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church in Parsons. In that capacity he served as Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, and Troop Committee Member. He also served the Boy Scout Osage Nation District by assisting with Adult Leader training for the District. He was the coordinator for the adult leader training in 2001, and was awarded the Adult Leader Training award at their annual banquet. Kevin is also a Brotherhood member of the Kanza Lodge of the Order of the Arrow.

He helped with Katy Days for several years as co-chairman of the Beer Garden activities. Kevin is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Parsons and has been very involved in religious education. He taught PSR religion classes for high school Freshmen and Juniors, as well as helping resurrect the high school Catholic Youth Ministry program. As a sponsor, he attended weekly meetings and chaperoned out of town events. Kevin also is a Catchiest in the Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults team preparing adults who wish to learn more about the Catholic Church. He leads a Men's Bible study class. Moore is a member of Council #643 of the Knights of Columbus in Parsons. He has held many offices for his local council including Grand Knight in 2005 through 2007. During his tenure with the St. Patrick's council he led the effort to assist a Peace Corp worker from Parsons to build a Catholic Church in Texuzan Churizo El Salvador. This project took many months and many man hours by the local council raising money for the project. The Church project won the State Church Project of the year award in 2007 as the best church project in the state of Kansas. It was also selected as the International Church project of the year and Kevin accepted the award for the best church project of the year internationally in Nashville, Tennessee from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. The council was also awarded Star Council by the Supreme Council for 2007. Kevin was asked and accepted a position as District Deputy for the State Council of the Knights of Columbus in 2010 and served as the State representative to South East Kansas Councils for four years. During his time as District Deputy he won the award for highest per

capita pennies from heaven fundraising two years in a row. Moore is also a member of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly #2496 and currently serves as the Faithful Navigator, its highest office.

Moore is married to his wife Marie and last year celebrated 30 years of marriage. They have two children Matthew Moore who passed away in 2002, and Lisa Moore, 28, who is a Licensed Social Worker in Albuquerque New Mexico. His hobbies include reading, watching Kansas Jayhawks and KC Royals sporting events.

The Van Meter award will be presented at the 17th Annual Donor Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, November 14th. The award was named in memory of the Van Meters for their generous estate gift that funded renovation of Thiebaud Theatre at LCC. William was a 1929 graduate of the college and Allene taught romance languages at the college from 1929 to 1935. Previous Alumni who have received this award include; Dr. Douglas A. Gardenhire in 2013, Gary Bandy in 2012, Dr. CJ Huff in 2011, Dr. Jerry Bouman in 2010, Dr. Sandra K. Willsie in 2009, and William "Pat" Haley in 2008. For a complete list of recipients or for more information on the William and Allene Guthrie Van Meter Outstanding Alumni Award, please contact Lindi Forbes, LCC Foundation and Alumni Director, at (620) 820-1212 or by e-mail at lindif@labette.edu.