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A BIG VOICE FOR “A LITTLE NIGHT”



Martina McBride

The stars were shining on PENCIL March 6 as powerhouse country vocalist Martina McBride entertained a sold-out crowd at the 4th annual A LITTLE NIGHT of MUSIC. Presented by Creative Artists Agency, the event took place at the Country Music Hall of Fame® & Museum. McBride sang several past and present hits including her signature song “Independence Day,” and newest hit “Do it Anyway.” Opening for McBride were breakout artists Little Big Town, whose album *Road to Here* recently reached platinum success. The harmony-driven group sang several songs off the album including their smash hit “Boondocks.”

Co-chaired by Jeff Gregg and Kathy Nevill, the event featured a silent auction with 48 packages and a live auction with 3 items. Guests enjoyed a cocktail reception and acoustical performances by the featured artists. Honorary Chairmen were Ed Benson and Pam Garrett. This year brought in a record \$115,000 to help support PENCIL’s mission of linking community resources with Nashville public schools. 🍷



Pictured (L-R) are: Jimi Westbrook and Karen Fairchild, Little Big Town, Nashville Mayor Bill Purcell; Kimberly Roads and Phillip Sweet, Little Big Town pose backstage at the Country Music Hall of Fame® & Museum.

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Thank you for helping to make the 2006-2007 school year such a success for LP PENCIL Box! A total of 1,127 teachers took an estimated \$169,727 worth of school supplies back to their classrooms. This means over 21,000 students who cannot afford to purchase needed school supplies have benefited from this program. PENCIL also thanks the volunteers that helped us exceed our goal of 800 volunteer hours. You have helped sort, stock, inventory, paint and more. We appreciate all your hard work and hope to see you again next year!

LP PENCIL BOX

Nashville's School Supply Partnership

WE'RE MOVING!

LP PENCIL Box is moving from the Hickman Itinerant Center to the McCann Alternative

Center at 1300 56th Ave N. This move allows us more square footage to house school supplies and a more centralized location for teachers. Thank you, Metro Schools for allowing PENCIL this space. Stay tuned for further announcements regarding school supply drives and a grand re-opening.

If you would like to make a donation of school supplies over the summer months, please contact the program manager Sarah Killpack, at 974-0438. Donations requested, include:

- ◆ New school supplies, including pencils, erasers, notebooks, paper, etc.
- ◆ Used office supplies, including binders
- ◆ Arts & crafts materials
- ◆ Gently used educational magazines
- ◆ Carpet squares, fabric, maps, globes



SCORE & WIN!

PENCIL's Todd Adams receives a check totaling \$4,400 from Mark Blaze, General Manager of DEX Imaging, as part of the DEX Score and Win Program. Predators players were paired up with area charitable/community service organizations and for every goal scored by a forward or a win by a goaltender, DEX made a donation.



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 We appreciate your support for the 2008 United Way campaign.

STUDENTS HONORED AT WRITERS SHOWCASE

Two hundred and five Metro students were honored at Belmont University May 10, for their creativity and excellence in writing. Cat Financial Student Writers



Showcase invites Metro teachers to submit original student work among 12 literary categories each year. A total of 1029 entries were submitted this year from 61 schools. Cash prizes were awarded to the 1st-, 2nd, 3rd-place and honorable mention winners, selected from a group of forty-one local writers, educators and public relations professionals who volunteered as judges.

“The annual Caterpillar Financial Writer’s Showcase competition consistently provides teachers and students a wonderful opportunity to showcase students’ excellence in writing, said Thomas Occhipinti, long-time supporter of the program, and teacher at Head Middle Magnet. “This program encourages, recognizes, and rewards students’ writing efforts, as students are learning necessary writing skills that transform good writers into great writers.” 🐛

Thank you, CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL for your continued support of the program and to Belmont University for hosting this year’s Awards Ceremony!

A LIE ABOUT MY TEACHER

By Cathy Zhang

My teacher is a dinasaur,
She eats kids for lunch.
And if you knew many,
You would surely say a bunch.

She locks us in our lockers,
And rarely lets us out.
And if you want to free me,
Come when you hear a shout.

Be careful with my teacher,
It’s like skating on thin ice.
First she’ll trick you once,
Then she’ll trick you twice.

I will not go to school,
my teacher’s much too mean.
She’s an evil-hearted demon,
She’s the worst I’ve ever seen.

The only time she’s nice,
Is every single day.
Oops! I shouldn’t have said that,
Now you can’t trust what I say.

Cathy Zhang delights the BRAVO! Luncheon audience with her poem entitled “A Lie About My Teacher,” the third-place winning entry in this year’s Cat Financial Student Writers Showcase. Zhang is a fourth-grader at Eakin Elementary.



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JOBS FOR TENNESSEE GRADUATES AWARDS

Jobs for Tennessee Graduates (JTG) students attended the annual awards ceremony at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel in April. Students enrolled in the program from the Middle Tennessee area competed for placements in public speaking, employment interview, decision-making, parliamentary procedure and JAG Bowl. Below are the students who placed in the statewide conference. 🇺🇸



CONGRATULATIONS! ...to the regional winners of this year's statewide Jobs for Tennessee Graduates Career Development Conference:

Kendra McHaney, McGavock High
1st Place, Program Cover Design

Omari Byrd, Antioch High
1st Place, Telephone Techniques

Joshua Hailey, Glencliff High
2nd Place, Decision Making

Leslie Watrous, Giles County
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3rd Place, Poster Design

Ashley Evans, McGavock High
Honorable Mention, Public Speaking

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

CARING COUPLE A TRUE ASSET TO SYLVAN PARK PAIDEIA

"Michael and Nancy Nolan came to us two years ago, and they haven't stopped moving since they arrived." This is Principal Evalina Cheadle's description of the couple, whose efforts at Sylvan Park Elementary during the 2006-2007 school year, earned them the Volunteer of the Year Award at PENCII's BRAVO! Luncheon.

Along with tutoring children in reading and providing additional meaningful learning experiences for less fortunate students after school, the Nolans provided school tours to new parents, aided teachers with reading assessments for children and provided refreshments for teacher in-service days. The pair also took on the task of coordinating 50 Reading Partners volunteers. They even made sure that college students that wanted to volunteer had a ride to and from the school.



Sue Spickard (center), PENCII founder, stands with Nancy (L) and Michael (R) Nolan, PENCII's Volunteer of the Year recipients

"They are truly an asset to Sylvan Park," said Cheadle. "Nancy and Mike have a heart for children that goes far beyond the norm." 🇺🇸

JSTEP CLIENT'S "TIRELESS" EFFORTS PAY OFF

Carol Ziegler is miles from where she was nine months ago. Thanks to lots of hard work and determination and the caring staff in PENCIL's Job Skills Training & Employment Program (JSTEP), Ziegler is on her way to self-sufficiency.

A single mother of two teenagers, Ziegler was laid off in August and eventually began receiving public assistance so that she could support her children while continuing the job search. In March, she began working with JSTEP Job Specialist Venson Cawthon, who immediately saw in her a strong determination. "She was tireless in her efforts to seek employment," he said. Ziegler enrolled in job-readiness training, re-created her resume and hit the ground running.

Her efforts paid off. In May, Ziegler took a position with The O'Charley's Operation at the Nashville Airport as an Assistant Manager level III, making \$41,500 annually. It was the scream heard around the world – or at least throughout the PENCIL office – the day Ziegler got the news.

"She is sharp, positive and realized her goals," said Cawthon. "I would say this is one of JSTEP's top employee success stories." 🙌

MAYOR HONORED WITH INGRAM AWARD



He is known as the "education mayor." Maybe it's because he has visited every school in the district – more than 500 visits since he took office. Maybe it's because school funding has increased 42 percent during his term. Or maybe it's because he saw a need for increased parental involvement and initiated the Mayor's First Day Festival – an annual event that draws more than 21,000 people downtown to celebrate the start of school.

At BRAVO! all of these things made Purcell the choice for this year's E. Bronson Ingram Award, given annually to an individual who

is a fearless advocate for public education, just as Ingram was.

"Bronson Ingram set the standard for Servant Leadership," Purcell said, accepting the award in front of a crowd of nearly 700. "I am humbled to receive this award from the PENCIL Foundation." 🙌

Recently, the mayor visited Cora Howe Elementary. Here are some thoughts from students about the big event:

I think it would be cool to be mayor. But I thought you would ride in a limo.

Thanks for visiting my school. It taught me how much work it takes to make someone vote for you.

And finally...

I got to shake your hand. I am never going to wash the hand that you shook.

MAYOR'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOOL PARTNER

WINNER

Dollar General for its 20-year partnership with Hattie Cotton Elementary

HONORABLE MENTION

Lipscomb University, for its partnership with Croft Middle Design Center
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Creative Artists Agency, for its partnership with Whitsitt Elementary

MAYOR'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SYSTEM-WIDE PARTNERSHIP

WINNER

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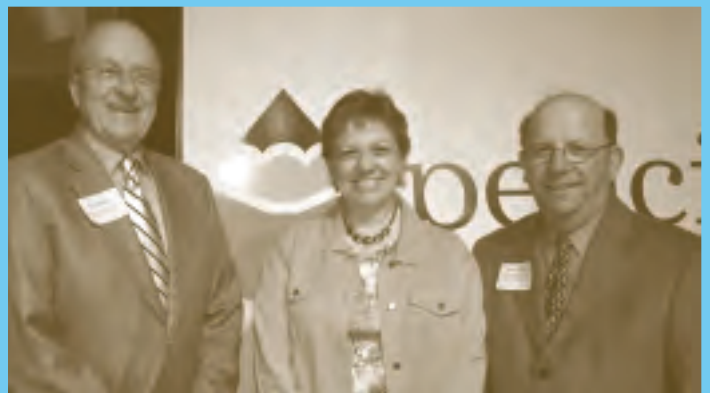
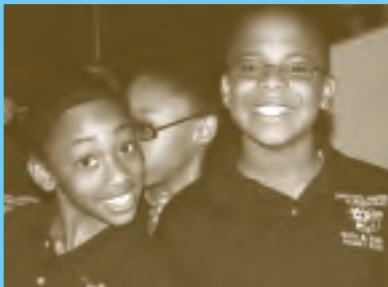
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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF PENCIL PARTNERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Bravo, PENCIL Partners and volunteers! For 25 years, the link between the private sector and Nashville public schools has been growing because of a deep commitment and passion this city's business community has for public education. PENCIL celebrated its 25th anniversary and honored community-school partnerships and volunteerism at its annual BRAVO! Luncheon, held at Belmont University's Curb Event Center. Guests took a journey through time – where PENCIL began and how far it has come – thanks to a video production compiled by Vanderbilt University students and a series of displays featuring partnerships past and present.

In honor of this special anniversary, guests included several past board members and the two executive directors that served prior to current director Connie Williams. PENCIL also honored the 17 of the original 37 PENCIL Partners that are still active with the program today. Here's to 25 more years of linking community resources with Nashville public schools!



Connie Williams, executive director of PENCIL (center) stands with PENCIL's two past executive directors, Bob Johnston (left) and Brent Poulton (right).



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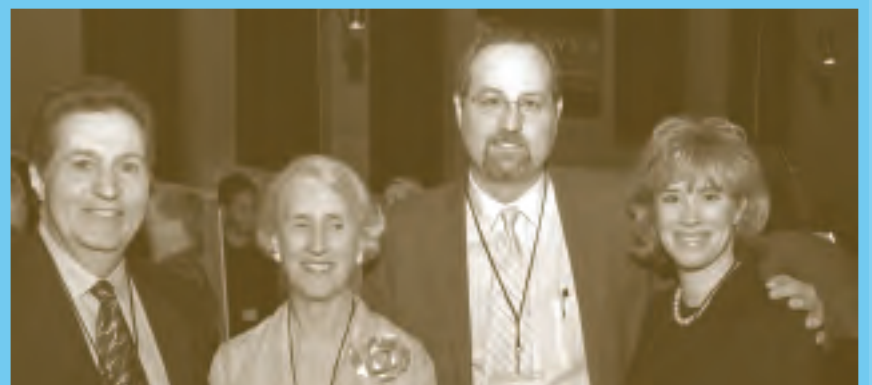
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