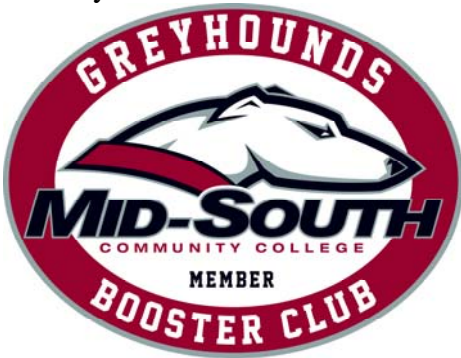




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Greyhound Booster Club Working to Support MSCC Teams

Mid-South Community College is set to begin its second intercollegiate basketball season, and the fledgling sports program is looking for a boost from fans in Crittenden County.



The MSCC Athletic Booster Club is encouraging area residents and businesses to purchase family and individual ticket packages as well as corporate sponsorships in support of the Greyhounds.

“Strong, successful sports programs do not happen by accident or luck but are carefully constructed and passionately supported by the community and alumni,” said Dr. Glen Fenter, MSCC president. “Athletic programs help bring people together and have a positive effect on all of us.”

Funds generated by the booster club will go directly to support area student-athletes who want, need, and deserve a chance for success.

“While membership includes many benefits, none is greater than the knowledge that you have played a vital role in bettering the lives of our local student-athletes and, in turn, brightening our collective futures,” Dr. Fenter said.

Participation in the Greyhounds’ second season can cost as little as \$35 for an individual membership or as much as \$1,000 for a platinum corporate membership. Numerous levels of support give everyone a chance to participate.

The Individual membership includes a limited edition 2011-2012 long-sleeve Greyhounds T-shirt and one season pass to all MSCC home games (14 men’s and women’s contests, including five doubleheaders).

The Family package (\$75) includes four season passes, a limited-edition T-shirt, and a Greyhound golf shirt.

Corporate sponsorships include silver, gold and platinum levels. For a \$250 investment (silver), a sponsor will receive a T-shirt, golf shirt, website recognition, and six season passes.

Gold sponsors (\$500) will receive everything in the silver list plus two additional season passes (eight total). Platinum supporters will receive everything in the gold package plus sponsorship recognition in the local print media and 12 season passes.

MSCC will play nine of its home games at Patriot Arena in Marion and five at Lehr Arena in West Memphis. “We sincerely appreciate the administrations at both districts for allowing MSCC the use of their magnificent facilities,” Dr. Fenter said.

For more information about opportunities to participate in the MSCC Athletic Booster Club, please contact Patti Coleman, MSCC Director of Advancement, at (870) 733-6764 or pdcoleman@midsouthcc.edu; Kathy Wicker, Advancement Officer, at (870) 733-6866 or kwicker@midsouthcc.edu, or Greyhound Athletic Director Jason Carmichael at (870) 733-6776 or jdcarmichael@midsouthcc.edu.

With the help of a 10-year, \$250,000 donation from Southland Park Gaming and Racing, MSCC is fielding men’s and women’s basketball teams that compete as members of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

The Greyhounds are scheduled to open the season on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at Southwest Tennessee Community College. Both teams are slated to open their home seasons on Saturday, Nov. 19, in Marion. The women will take on Connors State College of Warner, Okla., and the men will square off against Blessed Hope Baptist College of Benton, Ark.

Unlike some collegiate sports programs, MSCC’s athletic endeavors are focused on helping young men and women improve their lives.

“We have many students with impressive athletic backgrounds and significant academic potential who deserve the opportunity to grow and develop their talents and character in Crittenden County,” Dr. Fenter said. “We see the basketball program as another way to help young men and women of our region improve their lives as well as our communities and our region.”

The program is unusual in other ways as well. MSCC offers no athletic scholarships or on-campus housing.

“This is not an attempt to win trophies and garner championships,” Dr. Fenter said. “It is a sincere effort to prove that you can still do these things in the right way with the right motives and produce great results in the lives of our students.”

Both Greyhound teams will be playing under new leadership in 2011-12. Chris Parker, a former assistant for Coach Andy Stoglin at Jackson State University, takes over for his mentor. Parker has also coached at Houston Baptist University and Texas Southern University, two historically black institutions, as well as Arkansas Tech University and Lubbock Christian University.

After a year as the women’s assistant, Kimberly Turner will take over as head coach of the Lady Greyhounds. A standout performer for the West Memphis High School Lady Blue Devils, she played major college and professional basketball in Europe and recently tried out for a WNBA team.

For information about intercollegiate sports opportunities at MSCC, contact Jason Carmichael at (870) 733-6776.