

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Appalachian Express Chorus to perform at MECC Foundation Fundraising Event for Ambassador Scholarship**

MECC Foundation is planning a special event dinner and concert on **Thursday, October 15** at the Scott County Career and Technical Center at 6:30 p.m. to benefit the Ambassador Scholarship to assist Scott County students attending Mountain Empire Community College.

Ambassador Scholarships are service-learning scholarships created at Mountain Empire Community College to provide grant assistance to help students meet the direct costs of attending college, as well as compensation for the students' service in the community. Currently, Ambassador Scholars are serving as reading tutors in local elementary schools for children in grades K-3.

At the event, enjoy a delicious buffet dinner with coffee and dessert available throughout the evening as you enjoy a concert by Appalachian Express Chorus. Since 1968, the Appalachian Express Chorus has been entertaining audiences with the sounds of four-part barbershop harmony. The men who comprise the Appalachian Express come from all areas of the greater Tri-Cities, and their talents have allowed the chorus to become one of the most respected singing organizations in the region. The Appalachian Express is part of the Northeast Tennessee Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, and has been directed by Tony Bowman since 1982. The chorus entertains through annual shows, participation in FunFest, and performances for civic groups and churches.

Tickets for the event are \$30 and may be obtained by calling Jeri Bledsoe in the MECC Foundation office at (276) 523-2400, extension 287.

Gifts to the Ambassador Scholarship Fund for Scott County students are fully tax-deductible. Anyone wishing to contribute to the scholarship should make the check payable to MECC Foundation and earmark it Scott County Ambassador Scholarship. Mail the check to MECC Foundation, 3441 Mountain Empire Road, Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219.

