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To the Editor

In this season's spirit of giving, I'd like to publicly thank all those who have made contributions to the Parkland College Foundation's Major Gifts Campaign. The Foundation started the campaign in 2001 with the help of a consultant who predicted that \$5 to \$7 million dollars could be raised to support Parkland. Thanks to the campaign leadership - Co-Chairs Donald C. Dodds, Jr. and George Shapland, as well as Lead Gifts Co-Chairs Gregory Lykins and Richard Noel - the campaign wraps up this December with \$14 million raised. Carl Meyer, executive director of the Foundation, and his staff were instrumental, not only in doubling the original goal, but also in creating important long-lasting relationships throughout our many communities. Parkland College is working hard to make a difference in the lives of thousands of people across our district and is a tremendous asset to all of east central Illinois.

Let's continue to support the Foundation in its work to improve the quality of life across District 505. We truly have much to be thankful for.

Sincerely,

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