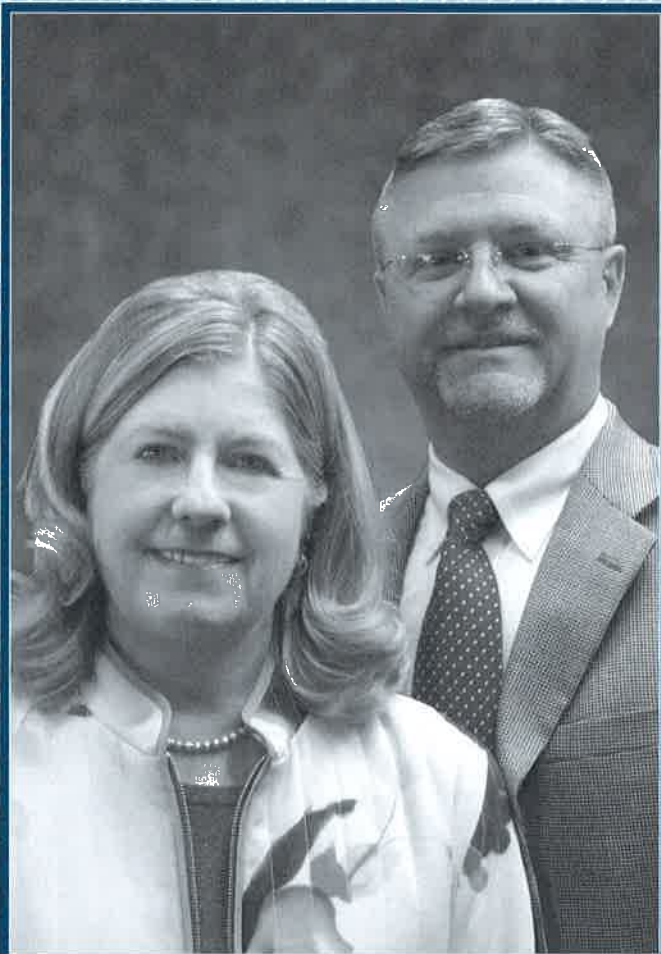




*Rochester College Partnership Dinner XXXVI
"An Evening with Tommy Franks"*

May 12, 2007 • Royal Park Hotel, Rochester



WELCOME

from the President

Welcome to Partnership Dinner! Through the history of Partnership Dinner, many traditions have been established. From the first dinner, held in the gym on the campus, to the Silverdome, and to Cobo Hall, the Partnership Dinner continues today as the flagship event of Rochester College.

Tonight, we begin a new tradition, bringing the Partnership Dinner to the Royal Park Hotel. The quality of this hotel mirrors the quality of our Partnership Dinner and provides the perfect venue. Enjoy the evening; greet old friends and make new friends as we all join together to celebrate Rochester College.

Michael and Sharon Westerfield

EVENING PROGRAM

Welcome

Mike Bishop, Michigan State Senator

Choral Performances

*Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus
Rochester College A Cappella Chorus*

Master of Ceremonies

Klint Pleasant, Vice President of Development

Invocation

Bryan Barnett, Mayor of Rochester Hills

Dinner

Silent Auction Open

Presidential Address

Dr. Michael Westerfield, President of Rochester College

Student Testimonials

Rachel Marquardt & Ty Warczinsky

Introduction of Speaker

Joe Knollenberg, United States Congressman

General Tommy Franks

Benediction

Dr. Brian Stogner, Vice President of Academic Affairs

MENU

Royal House Salad with dijon herb vinaigrette

Fresh rolls and butter

Parmesan Chicken

Asparagus with basil cream sauce

Fresh vegetables with a potato garnish

*Fruit tart filled with Bavarian cream and
sliced fruit with apricot glaze*

Brewed coffee, tea, and iced tea

Vegetarian option available



GENERAL TOMMY FRANKS

Born in Oklahoma and raised in Midland, Texas, where he graduated high school one year ahead of First Lady Laura Bush, Tommy Franks was commissioned in the U.S. Army after spending two years at the University of Texas. He was immediately sent to Vietnam, which became the start of a long and distinguished career that would take him from one world hot spot to another—from West Germany at the height of the Cold War, to the Demilitarized Zone in Korea, to the deserts of Arabia. Here he gained the knowledge and experience that prepared him for the leadership role which marks his place in the annals of American History.

In June 2000, he was promoted to four-star General and assigned as Commander-in-Chief, United States Central Command. It's in this position that the world knows Tommy Franks best—the culmination of an almost four-decade military career that saw him lead troops in two strategically unprecedented campaigns in two years—Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq.

The General's awards include five Distinguished Service Medals, four Legions of Merit, four Bronze Stars and three Purple Hearts. President George W. Bush awarded him the nation's highest civilian award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom on December 14, 2004. Since his retirement from the military in 2003, General Franks has traveled the world speaking on leadership, character and the value of democracy. His autobiography, [American Soldier](#), reached Number #1 on The New York Times bestseller list in August 2004. Franks serves on the board of directors and in other advisory capacities of several worthy organizations and foundations.

General Franks and his wife, Cathryn Carley Franks, have one daughter and three grandchildren. They divide their time between their home in Tampa, Florida and their ranch in Roosevelt, Oklahoma. President George W. Bush calls Franks “a down to earth, no-nonsense guy.” His troops call him “a soldier's General,” and his associates call him “an astute businessman.” His grandkids call him “Pooh.”

SPECIAL THANKS

Frank Pitts, Assistant Professor of Music at Rochester College

Tim Meixner, Director of the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus

Dr. Joe Bentley, Director of the A Cappella Chorus and Professor of Music at Rochester College

STUDENT SPEAKERS AND ESCORTS

These students have been selected for their exemplary display of academia, involvement, and rapport among their peers and teachers:

Student Speakers

Rachel Marquardt, Senior Accounting Major and Ty Warczynsky, Senior Interdisciplinary Studies Major

Student Escorts

Brenden Boyd, Karina Brazle, Clayton Hargrave, Calvin Moore, Emily Polet, Jennifer Read, Sheri Ringle, Amanda Robinson, Curtis Storm, Erin Viers, David Watts, and Brandon Young

SILENT AUCTION

One special element of this year's Partnership Dinner is the Silent Auction. We have more than 50 items available, including sporting event tickets, vacation deals, memorabilia, and jewelry. The proceeds from the Silent Auction will help fund student scholarships at Rochester College. Please visit the auction area from 4:45pm-5:30pm (during guest arrival) and from 6:30pm-7:30pm (during dinner). It will be closed during the evening program. At the conclusion of the program, winners will be indicated at the auction tables, and items must be paid for and picked up at that time. A complete list of rules and procedures can be found at the auction area.

Special thanks to those who provided items for the Silent Auction:

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1954 *Board of Trustees formed*

1957 *Maxon estate purchased for future campus*

1959 *Campus Center completed; Classes begin at North Central Christian College*

1960 *Science addition & Palmer Hall completed*

1961 *Name changed to Michigan Christian Junior College; Cafetorium & Barbier Hall completed*

1963 *Gymnasium completed*

1964 *Gierok Farm purchased including house, farm buildings, and 54 acres*

1965 *Muirhead Center completed*

1966 *North Central Association (NCA) correspondent status achieved*

1969 *NCA candidate status achieved*

1970 *Gatewood Hall completed*

1972 *Partnership Dinner instituted as annual fundraiser*

1974 *NCA accreditation received*

1978 *Westside Chapel & Utley Center completed; Name changed to Michigan Christian College*

1980 *First bachelor's degree program (Bachelor of Religious Education) approved by NCA*

1989 *Men's basketball wins first of four national titles*

1993 *Bachelor of Business Administration degree approved by NCA*

1996 *Bachelor of Science degree approved by NCA allowing new majors leading to education degree*

1997 *Center for Extended Learning program established; Ferndale-Hoggatt Hall completed*

2001 *Isom Atrium & Associates Brick Plaza completed*

2002 *Bachelor of Arts degree approved by the Higher Learning Commission; Ham Library completed*

2004 *Richardson Center completed*

2005 *Graduate degree program approved by the Higher Learning Commission*

