

EXPANDING THE IMPACT OF PRIVATE PHILANTHROPY...

▪ **ACADEMIC STUDY CENTER EXPANSION AND ACADEMIC PROGRAM SUPPORT**

Expanding the Academic Study Center for Athletics in the Coliseum and providing additional support to the academic program for student-athletes is vital for the future successes of Mountaineer athletic teams. The Study Center will be expanded to 10,000 square feet and provide individual and group study areas as well as a state-of-the art computer equipment for WVU student-athletes.

▪ **SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS**

Increasing the athletic scholarship endowment for student-athletes at West Virginia University will allow Mountaineer coaches to continue to recruit the highest caliber athletes while also keeping up with the rising costs of tuition. Endowing a scholarship creates a sense of pride; a knowing that you have helped fund not only a student-athlete's education, but also his or her athletic dream.

▪ **CAPERTON INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY TURF REPLACEMENT**

Ensuring that practices at WVU are not halted due to inclement weather, the Caperton Indoor Practice Facility is often used by Mountaineer football, soccer and baseball teams for in and out-of-season training. Replacing the artificial turf to one that will match the surface in the football stadium will provide a more versatile practice surface, giving WVU an advantage in game preparation and recruiting.

▪ **FOOTBALL HALL OF TRADITIONS AND THOMAS ROOM RENOVATION**

A rich history and strong tradition are two primary components of West Virginia football and a gift to the Football Hall of Traditions initiative will help to ensure that those proud memories have a place to be displayed and remembered. The Thomas Room renovation project will provide current Mountaineers and fans with a first-class banquet room in which to gather to celebrate successes.

▪ **COLISEUM HALL OF TRADITIONS AND CONCOURSE IMPROVEMENTS**

A landmark on the WVU campus, the Coliseum is one of the finest basketball complexes in the nation. The Sports Hall of Traditions in the Coliseum will allow fans to celebrate the accomplishments of all Mountaineer sports teams. Other Coliseum improvements will include modernizing the concourse areas with additional concession areas and fan conveniences.

▪ **COLISEUM VIDEO/SCOREBOARD REPLACEMENTS**

A new videoboard and scoreboard will enhance the fan experience at athletic events within the WVU Coliseum by providing video replays and entertainment during home basketball games and special events.

▪ **BASEBALL LOCKER ROOM, HAWLEY FIELD RENOVATION AND PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS**

Baseball is not only America's favorite pastime; it is also West Virginia's oldest sport. A gift to the Hawley Field renovation and locker room project will help provide needed improvements to the playing field and provide on-site locker rooms for the Mountaineer baseball team.

A MESSAGE FROM THE AD

Dear Fans and Friends,


Athletic competition and athletic success are important to West Virginia University fans and alumni. The triumphs of fall Saturdays, a well-turned double play, pinning an opponent or scoring the game-winning basket or goal are cornerstones of the Mountaineer Spirit.

Over the years, our success has been a direct reflection of the support we have received from you, the Mountaineer Family. We encourage you to help us build on our tradition by supporting the programs briefly highlighted in the following pages.

Although you will not make a tackle, hit a home run or score a goal for the Mountaineers next season, your investment in any of the seven specific areas of interest we have identified will do the next best thing—it will provide the foundation for our student-athletes' success in the classroom as well as on the playing field for generations to come.

For that, we are sincerely grateful.

Let's Go Mountaineers!



Ed Pastilong
Director of Athletics

ABOUT US...

Competitiveness. Hard work. Success. In the 113 years that have passed since the first WVU football game, Intercollegiate Athletics at West Virginia University have become nationally synonymous with the best and most positive aspects of collegiate athletics.

Our mission at West Virginia University is for our student-athletes to subscribe to the highest quality of academics while striving for national excellence and prominence in athletic competition. We consider the physical, mental, social and academic well-being of the student-athlete paramount.

We provide our student-athletes with the opportunity to compete in some of the most cutting-edge facilities in the nation. From Mountaineer Field at Milan Puskar Stadium to the WVU Coliseum and Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium, Mountaineer student-athletes practice and compete on spectacular stages.

Likewise, off the field we strive to provide our student athletes with limitless opportunities for academic and career advancement. From the NCAA sponsored Champs Life Skills program to the staffed study centers in the Puskar Center and Coliseum, services are in place to assist our athletes in meeting the demands of the classroom, the sporting arena and the personal-social challenges they face as developing young adults. As a result, for the past five years, the graduation rate of WVU's student-athletes has been higher than that of the general student population.

Our athletes excel in 17 sponsored sports: baseball, men's and women's basketball, cross country and track, football, gymnastics, rifle, rowing, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's swimming and diving, tennis, wrestling and volleyball.

The WVU Sports Hall of Fame, instituted in 1991, recognizes former athletes who helped pioneer WVU athletics into one of the most respected programs nationwide. Inductees represent outstanding former athletes, coaches and administrators from six different time periods.

Competitiveness, hard work and success have been and continue to be traits equated with the WVU Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. Our athletes' self-confidence and staunch dedication have driven them to national prominence, an attitude and work ethic our outstanding coaches and staff members will continue to foster in years to come.