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## MAXIMIZING PRIVATE CHARITABLE SUPPORT FOR WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

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# A STATE OF MINDS

The Campaign for West Virginia University

## BY THE NUMBERS

# \$1,218,886,505

gift achievement

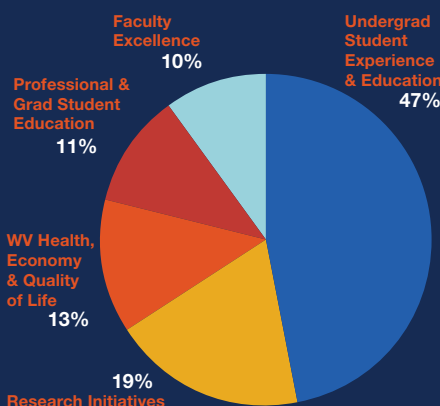
**397,127** total gifts | **90,076** total donors | **37,085** alumni donors

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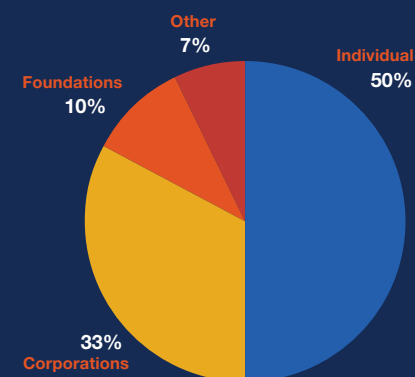
The illustration to the right depicts the number of funds that existed before the Campaign and the number of funds created since the Campaign's inception (July 1, 2007).

	Before the Campaign	New since July 1, 2007	Total
Scholarships	1241	844	2085
Endowed Professorships	49	26	75
Endowed Chairs	38	31	69
Research Funds	216	227	443

### Gift Commitments by Priority



### Gift Commitments by Source



### Campaign Achievement by Fiscal Year





# CELEBRATING A BILLION AND BEYOND

The largest and most successful private fundraising campaign in the history of West Virginia University was celebrated June 1-3 in Morgantown. Alumni and friends gathered for events and activities to mark the end of *A State of Minds: The Campaign for West Virginia's University*. Donors gave more than \$1.2 billion during the Campaign surpassing the \$1 billion goal. Many donors who contributed to the success of the Campaign were featured during the weekend along with those people and programs benefitting.







Seven current and former WVU Medicine Children's patients grabbed a shovel and a hard hat to turn some dirt at a ceremonial groundbreaking for a \$150-million hospital that will revolutionize the care of women and children in West Virginia and the region.

## Breaking Ground

# Moving care for children and families in West Virginia forward

In West Virginia, WVU Medicine is at the forefront of research, education and patient care. Focused on providing the highest quality care to the state, WVU Medicine works to ensure West Virginians have access to the care—and health—they deserve, with WVU Medicine Children's leading the effort in providing exceptional care to children and families.

On June 4, WVU Medicine Children's broke ground for a new eight-story, 155-bed facility that will include areas for registration, administration, laboratories, connections to the WVU Heart and Vascular Institute, operating rooms, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and much more.

Helping to lead the efforts in the \$60 million capital campaign are honorary co-chairmen WVU Football Coach Dana Holgorsen, former WVU and NFL quarterback Jeff Hostetler, and West Virginia native Steve Antoline, all advocates for quality care for the children and families of the state.

The facility, described as "a necessity" by WVU President E. Gordon Gee, is scheduled to be completed in 2020.

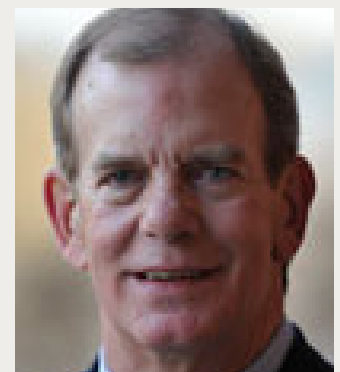
## Business school alumnus makes major gift

As the College of Business and Economics embarks on a new chapter with plans of a new building complex and other innovative and entrepreneurial initiatives, B&E alumni like Bryan Katchur are helping to lead the way.

Residents of Parkersburg, Katchur and his wife, Karen, are giving back to the College in the form of a \$100,000 gift to help support the new B&E building complex project on Morgantown's waterfront, as well as other

projects and programs at the business school.

"Our donation is a way of saying thank you to WVU and the College of Business and Economics for the role it played in my life, and I hope each can play a similar role in the lives of others. I am really excited about the idea of a new business school, and I look forward to seeing it built and occupied with future business students," said Katchur, a 1978 B&E business administration graduate and Morgantown native.



**Bryan Katchur**

# Fund created to support cancer care enhancement, honor Betty Puskar

A fund has been created to support the enhancement of the WVU Cancer Institute and other cancer clinics in the WVU Hospital System.

Recognized as the Betty Puskar Cancer Care and Support Fund, the fund not only supports clinic and patient experience enhancement, but honors Betty Puskar, a two-time cancer survivor and someone who is described as a “voice for breast cancer.”

Introduced at the 33rd Annual Spring Cancer Gala earlier this year, more than \$100,000 was raised for the fund.

Funds will be used for clinic enhancement, purchasing of equipment, clinical therapeutic

activities and patient needs relating to travel, housing and meals.

“Betty Puskar’s unwavering support of WVU and the WVU Cancer Institute has spanned decades,” said Richard Goldberg, MD, director of the WVU Cancer Institute. “This fund gives her many friends and admirers an opportunity to both further her work and honor her dedication. Unless you prefer to be an anonymous donor we will inform her of your support. This is an opportunity to show that, like Betty, you value and support the work that we do at the WVU Cancer Institute.”



**Betty Puskar**

Puskar was also honored at the Gala with the inaugural Betty Puskar Winged Victory Award. The award represents those who have dedicated their lives and committed themselves to the betterment of cancer-related care, research and education for West Virginians.

## Gift will support colorectal cancer screenings

A \$175,000 donation will support colorectal cancer screenings of patients being treated at the WVU Cancer Institute.

The Barbara Northeimer Fish Memorial Cancer Fund, established by her family, will create a pilot program utilizing stool-DNA testing to focus on early detection of colorectal cancer and precancerous polyps.

West Virginia currently has an uninsured rate of six percent, creating disparity for residents in obtaining preventative care services.

The gift will provide screening opportunities to uninsured individuals aged 50 to 75 years who are

eligible based on income guidelines and requirements.

“Even though colon cancer is treatable if found early, it remains the second leading cause of cancer deaths in West Virginia,” said donor Robert Fish. “It is our hope this program will lead to a significant and sustainable increase in early detection and successful treatment among uninsured West Virginians.”

“Barbara and Bob Fish’s years together ended when she passed away from metastatic colorectal cancer,” said Richard Goldberg, MD, WVU Cancer Institute Director. “One way that Bob has dedicated himself to Barbara’s memory is his support of WVUCI’s research. What a great legacy to celebrate Barbara’s life as an educator and prevent others from having to endure living with and ultimately dying from a disease we can cure through early detection. Many thanks to both Barbara and Bob and their family for this support.”



# Donation from alumni Dan and Betsy Brown to benefit Formula SAE team



**Dan and Betsy Brown**

The latest gift from longtime WVU supporters Dan and Betsy Brown will help fund activities related to the WVU Formula SAE racing team in the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources.

The significant donation will be used by the WVU Formula SAE team in preparation for 2019 competition.

Currently, the team is partnered with Rooster Hall Racing (RHR) of Louisa, Virginia, owned by the Brown's son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Michelle Brown. RHR is providing two internships to WVU students this year as it competes in the Pirelli World Challenge Series.

The RHR team and driver Johan Schwartz, who recently set the Guinness World Record for the longest continuous car drift in a BMW, rely on student interns to acquire performance data during each race from their WVU-branded BMW M235i touring car. Between races, the students will analyze and compare the collected data with driver feedback to make adjustments to increase the vehicle's performance throughout the season.

"We are thankful for the support of Dan and Betsy Brown and excited about our partnership with Rooster Hall Racing," said Justin Kachel, Mountaineer Racing Formula SAE project manager. "The internship for students Mark Ziegler and Justin



**Todd and Michelle Brown with their WVU-branded BMW M235i touring car**

Moser and the technical expertise that team owners Todd and Michelle Brown, driver Johan Schwartz, team manager Kevin Tuuri and crew chief Eric Meyer will share with the WVU students during the coming year is a tremendous learning opportunity for our team.

We look forward to meeting Dan and Betsy Brown and keeping them posted about our team's activities and progress throughout the year."

Upcoming races for the Pirelli World Challenge include: Aug. 10-12 (Grantsville, Utah) and Aug. 31-Sept. 2 (Watkins Glen, New York).

Scott Wayne, WVU associate professor of mechanical & aerospace engineering and WVU Formula SAE advisor, said the students also plan to devote some of the donated funds toward building an engine dynamometer testing facility that will allow the team to test and tune their race engines. Funds will also allow students to attend the Optimum G Advanced Vehicle Dynamics and Data Driven Performance Engineering seminars where they will learn how to design and analyze their race car's suspension.

Dan Brown graduated from WVU in 1959 with a degree in business administration. He is retired from The Capital Group Companies, Inc. Betsy Brown also is a 1959 graduate of the University, earning her degree in agriculture and forestry. The Browns have been longtime philanthropic supporters of WVU, providing gifts over the years to numerous areas of the University. In 2009, the Browns were recognized as Outstanding Philanthropists by the WVU Foundation.

Todd and Michelle Brown have owned Rooster Hall Racing since 2014. Their daughter, Erin, played soccer at WVU and graduated in 2016.

# First Rural Practice Scholarships awarded at WVU College of Law

Nathan Bennett and Sarah Petitto are recipients of the first scholarship at the College of Law meant to increase the number of lawyers practicing in the state's rural communities.

Established by the West Virginia State Bar, the Rural Practice Scholarship pays tuition and fees for three years of law school in exchange for the student's commitment to three years of post-graduate legal practice in a rural county.

Bennett, of Denver, Colorado, and Petitto, who is from West Milford, W.Va., were chosen for their academic performance and strong commitment to practicing law in the state's under-served areas after they graduate in 2020. The inaugural Rural Practice Scholarship was offered only to members of the WVU College of Law's Class of 2020.

## 2018 Foundation Scholars named

Your continued support enables the Foundation to provide full-ride scholarships each year to five of the top high school seniors in West Virginia.

This year, the WVU Foundation Scholarship valued at \$90,000, was awarded to: Heath Cottrill, Ashley Eby, Morgan Glass, Shamil Patel and Meg Sorrells.

"Each scholar has excelled in academics, leadership and community service, and we are excited that they will be attending WVU," said Foundation President and CEO Cindi Roth. "The Foundation stands committed to continuing scholarship opportunities for students through the generosity and support of our donors."



Left to right are Meg Sorrells, Morgan Glass, Heath Cottrill, Ashley Eby and Shamil Patel.

## Irvin Stewart Society New Members

The Irvin Stewart Society honors those who have included gift provisions in their wills, created income-producing gifts, provided for testamentary donations of retirement assets, donated life insurance, and transferred their real estate remainder interest to benefit WVU and its affiliated organizations.



Frank Bailey, DDS '75, '76, Landrum, SC  
Susan Ewing Dorsch, MD '68, Penny Farms, FL  
Alex Duenkel, Leesburg, VA  
Dan Duenkel, Leesburg, VA  
Rene A. Henry, Seattle, WA  
Susan Isard '81, Alexandria, VA  
Candace K. Johnson '79, Woodbridge, VA  
Scott D. Johnson, Woodbridge, VA  
Michael B. Keller, JD '66, '73, Morgantown, WV  
Royce H. Keller '67, Morgantown, WV

Ryan Kennedy, JD '99, '05, Clarksburg, WV  
Robert A. McIntosh '02, '03, Charlotte, NC  
Suzanne L. McIntosh '03, Charlotte, NC  
Catherine H. Medovic '80, Wheeling, WV  
Michael D. Medovic, DDS '76, '80, Wheeling, WV  
Ann B. Myers, Evans, GA  
David R. Myers, DDS '65, Evans, GA  
William A. Neal, MD '66, Morgantown, WV  
Gary Nicholas '68, Morgantown, WV  
W. Merton Prunty, JD '59, Huntington, WV

David E. Sheinkopf, DDS '72, Durham, NC  
Larry D. Taylor '81, Morgantown, WV  
Lydotta M. Taylor, EdD '81, '84, '11, Morgantown, WV  
Jack S. Yorty, DDS '72, '76, Morgantown, WV  
Robin L. Yorty '06, Morgantown, WV

+ 1 Anonymous Member

A listing of all members can be found at [www.wvuf.org](http://www.wvuf.org), select Donor Recognition and Irvin Stewart Society.



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## SECOND ANNUAL DAY OF GIVING SET FOR NOV. 14

Hoping to build on the success of the inaugural Day of Giving last fall, WVU Foundation officials have announced plans to conduct a second WVU Day of Giving on Nov. 14.

“In one 24-hour period last November, our generous alumni and friends stepped up to give nearly \$3 million to WVU,” said B.J. Davisson, Foundation senior vice president of development and chief development officer. “Given this tremendous response and the private funding needs that remain, we plan to do it again later this year and make it an annual event. Mountaineers always step up, and we are confident we’ll have another successful online fundraising event in 2018.”

Last Nov. 8, more than 2,500 gifts were made totaling more than \$2.9 million during the Foundation’s first-ever Day of Giving



**In celebration of the Mountain State’s 155th birthday on June 20, the Blenko family donated the newest addition of the West Virginia Birthday Blenko Glass Collection to WVU’s art collection. The latest collectible is now part of a complete collection most of which was given to the University in 2007 by alumnus and former Foundation Scholar Dr. Hillary Homburg, DDS.**