

## Students, faculty benefitting from ‘State of Minds’

*A State of Minds: The Campaign for West Virginia’s University* is having a wide-ranging impact across the University through the many scholarship, faculty support, research and program funds established by donors.

Through June 30, 2015, donors have given \$898.1 million to the Campaign, or nearly 90 percent of the \$1 billion goal. This has created 632 new endowed

student scholarships, 24 endowed faculty chairs and 21 endowed professorships, and 199 new funds to assist research efforts.

The Campaign’s success was bolstered by \$125 million in new gifts in FY15 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015), the second highest fiscal year of giving ever in the Foundation’s history. The June 30 Campaign total represents an increase of more than \$50 million during the past quarter.

“As we move closer toward our unprecedented \$1 billion goal, I’m struck by the genuine and sincere desire of our alumni and friends to help the University,” said Cindi Roth, WVU Foundation President and CEO. “They have responded to our call with great enthusiasm, and their gifts are creating access to many new opportunities for our students, faculty, researchers and patients. This profound generosity demonstrates that once again, Mountaineers go first.”

76,227 donors have given 295,920 gifts to the Campaign which runs through December 2017. This includes donations from 32,745 alumni (included in the 76,227 above) and more than 5,500 corporations.

“From art to land to funds that boost student scholarships and faculty research, I am deeply touched by the generosity of our alumni and friends in support of projects and initiatives in which they are passionate,” said

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WVU President Gordon Gee. “As I travel the state and nation, it is clear that ‘Mountaineers Go First’ in such a way to keep West Virginia University progressing to new heights.”

Fundraising is focusing on six University-wide Campaign priority areas that align with the University’s 2020 Strategic Plan for the Future:

- Enhance the undergraduate student experience and global education
- Advance the research initiative of the University
- Enable WVU to improve West Virginia’s health, economy and quality of life
- Foster faculty excellence
- Enhance WVU through professional and graduate education
- Support healthcare through research, education and patient care

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### Maximizing Private Charitable Support for West Virginia University

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## From the President and CEO

On behalf of our entire Foundation team, I extend greetings of sunshine and warmth! I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer with family and friends wherever you may be.

The summer period is a time of transition at the Foundation. June 30th marks the close of our fiscal year. So while we are wrapping up the books on FY15 and celebrating many of its successes, we also are setting new goals and looking ahead to FY16 with a set of priorities grounded in a new strategic plan approved by the Foundation board at its June meeting. A guiding principal of this plan is embracing “One WVU” in everything we do with our partners across the entire University.

Because of your generosity, we had many accomplishments during the past fiscal year, as detailed in this newsletter. Giving to our capital campaign, *A State of Minds*, totaled nearly \$900 million with more than two years to go as we work toward our goal of raising \$1 billion for WVU. Our fiscal year results were the second highest in the history of the Foundation at \$125 million. Your gifts are making a positive impact across the University -- on students, faculty, researchers and patients! Your profound generosity demonstrates that once again, Mountaineers go first.

Throughout FY16, we plan to continue this momentum. Our efforts will focus on President Gee’s *Dream First* scholarship initiative, a concerted goal to raise \$50 million in support of undergraduate and graduate scholarships and fellowships. Partially driven to offset the increase in tuition for this year, *Dream First* is part of a larger Foundation and University initiative to strengthen the undergraduate experience and professional and graduate education. Our call to action for all Mountaineers is to join us to make *Dream First* a reality, whether with an annual gift of \$675 that approximates this annual tuition increase, or fully endowing an undergraduate scholarship including tuition/fees/room and board at more than \$400,000 for an in-state student.

Certainly, the past was bright. But the future looks even brighter. Thank you for partnering with us on this journey as we reach new heights in philanthropic support for WVU. While it may sound cliché, it couldn’t be truer. We simply couldn’t do it without you.



*Let's go.*

Cindi Roth

## Deb Miller retires



After more than 20 years as head of the Foundation’s planned giving program, Deb Miller has retired. Her work has literally raised hundreds of millions of dollars for WVU, its affiliates, and branch campuses.

*Miller*

Under Deb’s oversight, the Irvin Stewart Society has grown to the wonderful recognition organization that it is today. Irvin Stewart was launched in 1992 with 94 charter members. Today, ISS membership is approaching 900 members with gifts touching all parts of WVU.

Congratulations Deb and enjoy your well-deserved retirement.

## Davisson is new Senior VP for Development, CDO



*Davisson*

A senior executive with nearly 30 years of experience in both higher education and healthcare fundraising, including nearly a decade of work at the prestigious John Hopkins University, is the Foundation’s new senior vice president of development and chief development officer.

Bernard J. (“B.J.”) Davisson II comes from George Washington University where he served as senior associate vice president for development and alumni relations.

## 2015 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.



*The 2015 WVU Foundation Scholars are from left, Abby Gellner, Lindsey Keplinger, Noah LaGrand, Cristin Dolan and Kaitlyn Akers.*

This year, the WVU Foundation Scholarship valued at \$80,000, was awarded to Kaitlyn Akers, Mount Carbon, Valley High School; Cristin Dolan, Wheeling, Wheeling Park High School; Abigale Gellner, St. Marys, St. Marys High School; Lindsey Keplinger, Gassaway, Braxton County High School; and Noah LeGrand, Huntington, Huntington High School.

“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.”

## Reedsville Farm to be revitalized with \$6.7M gift

A \$6.7 million gift from the Hazel Ruby McQuain Charitable Trust will transform the equine educational facilities at the 995-acre Reedsville Experiment Farm in Preston County into a new, modern teaching, research and extension center.

The center will increase student and community opportunities for learning, provide applied research opportunities for faculty and provide an example of how a sustainable farm is managed, officials say.

In recognition of the gift, WVU will name the center the Hazel Ruby McQuain Equine Education and Resource Center and will name the farm the J.W. Ruby Research Farm.

Stephen B. Farmer, a member of the Hazel Ruby McQuain Charitable Trust Board of Trustees, said, "The Hazel Ruby McQuain Charitable Trust was impressed with the proposed renovations and additions to the University's farm in Reedsville. Knowing of the importance of the farm to the education and research mission of the University and the potential economic impact of the farm to the region, we welcomed the opportunity to help make these improvements possible."



*Equine assisted therapy student Katarina Candee dotes on a new foal born in June at the J.W. Ruby Research Farm.*

## Emergency fund established for international students

An anonymous gift has enabled WVU to create the Barbara Alvis International Student Emergency Fund to assist international students who encounter an unforeseen financial emergency or catastrophic event that could prevent them from continuing their education or otherwise affect their success.

The Fund will provide immediate financial assistance to currently enrolled WVU international students who are unable to meet immediate, essential expenses such as books, temporary housing, medical, travel and other unforeseen, non-tuition-related needs.

"One of the things I appreciate the most about our community is the way we care for each other," President Gordon Gee said. "This anonymous gift is an excellent demonstration of Mountaineers reaching out to help others, with no desire to receive credit or recognition."

The Fund is named for Barbara Alvis, who served as assistant dean of student life for international students from 1972-1988.

## Barrett family still giving back to WVU sports

No one loved or knew more about WVU sports than the late Eddie Barrett. Barrett, who served in a number of roles at the university and other athletic programs, was a sports icon.

His legacy now lives on at The Erickson Alumni Center. Mr. and Mrs. Barrett generously provided a gift to the center in 2006 to establish the Barrett Hall of Honor, which houses Morgantown memorabilia, the center's carillon and other artifacts. After Eddie passed away in 2012, his wife, Betty, wanted to do something to celebrate his legacy.

Mrs. Barrett recently provided an additional gift to the Alumni Association to enhance the room to include an interactive display featuring the WVU Sports Hall of Fame, memorable WVU sports moments and other athletic-related information.



*The Barrett Hall of Honor at The Erickson Alumni Center now features an interactive display.*

"Eddie was a Mountaineer through and through, giving his university the credit for his later success. He was very passionate about WVU and its sports programs. I wanted to honor that passion for sports by helping to create a living legacy for others who shared that same passion," Mrs. Barrett said.

# Helping students dream big and go first.

Are you interested in helping students by supporting the Dream First initiative? Contact the WVU Foundation at 800-847-3856 to learn more about how you can join the effort to raise \$50 million in student scholarships.

## Beckers create scholarships honoring former deans

A generous gift from alumnus Marty Becker and wife, Kathy, is establishing several student scholarships and fellowships at two schools.

The donation, honoring the work of former WVU Deans Joyce McConnell and Zito Sartarelli, will assist College of Law and Business and Economics students.

McConnell spent six years as the William J. Maier, Jr. Dean of the College of Law before being named provost. Sartarelli served five years as Milan Puskar Dean of the College of Business and Economics before leaving WVU to take a position at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington.



President Gordon Gee, Kathy & Marty Becker, Provost Joyce McConnell & Zito Sartarelli

## Wellsburg couple endows dentistry scholarship



David & Linda Edwards

David G. Edwards, D.D.S., a 1973 graduate of the School of Dentistry, and his wife, Linda S. Edwards, of Wellsburg, W.Va., have endowed the Dr. David G. Edwards Dental Scholarship Fund to benefit students in the School's Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) program.

"We are so grateful to David and Linda for their generous support of our dental students," said Anthony "Tom" Borgia, D.D.S., M.H.A., dean of the WVU School of Dentistry. "Graduating with hundreds of thousands of dollars of debt is an enormous burden for our students, who, more often than not, are entering into their first year of practice. These scholarships are vital to lessening that load for recent graduates."

## Alumni couple endows new scholarship at School of Pharmacy

Morgantown native Debra Kline McMann, a 1986 graduate of the School of Pharmacy, and her husband William F. McMann, a 1985 graduate of the Statler College, have created a scholarship to support student pharmacists at WVU.

The gift established the Kline McMann Family Pharmacy Scholarship, which will be awarded to students who demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given to residents of Morgantown, and students are eligible for the scholarship for multiple years if they continue to meet selection criteria.

The first recipient is Ryan Watson, a second-year student pharmacist in the Doctor of Pharmacy professional program.



Ryan Watson & Debra Kline McMann

## Scholarship supports College of Media students



Barbara & James Gilkerson

As native West Virginians and WVU alumni, James and Barbara Gilkerson have partnered with the Reed College of Media to establish a unique scholarship opportunity for students enrolled in the college.

The James and Barbara Gilkerson Journalism Scholarship is the College's first four-year endowed scholarship, providing financial support to multiple students, who are West Virginia high school graduates and current residents, throughout their undergraduate experience.

What's unique about this scholarship is that a student who receives it as a freshman will be able to rely on the same amount of funding each year through their senior year, assuming they meet the criteria.

## Outstanding philanthropists named

The WVU Foundation has announced the recipients of its 2015 Outstanding Philanthropy awards.

This year's recipients are George and Camilla "Mimi" Bennett, Milan Puskar Outstanding Philanthropists; Joan Corson Stamp, Outstanding Volunteer Philanthropist; The Cline Family Foundation, Hazel Ruby McQuain Outstanding Philanthropic Foundation; and CONSOL Energy, Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation.

The Bennett's generous gifts to WVU have primarily benefitted the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources and the College of Business & Economics.

Joan Stamp has been a member of the WVU Foundation Board of Directors since June 1998. Together with her husband, U.S. District Judge Frederick P. Stamp Jr., the Stamps have given generously to many causes at WVU, including the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center, College of Law and the WVU Alumni Association.

In 2011, The Cline Family Foundation made a significant investment in WVU through a generous gift benefitting



*The 2015 Outstanding Philanthropists are, from left, Mimi and George Bennett, Joan Stamp, Cameron Cochran representing The Cline Family Foundation, and Larry Cavallo representing CONSOL Energy.*

the WVU Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and the WVU School of Medicine. A portion of the contribution supported the new Basketball Practice Facility, which opened in 2012. The other portion of the gift, which qualified for matching funds from the state Research Trust Fund, established the Christopher Cline Chair in Orthopaedic Surgery.

CONSOL Energy's contributions to WVU have spanned more than three decades, and benefitted many areas including the College of Law, Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources and Athletics.

## Barbara B. Highland Charitable Trust makes \$5.2 million donation



*Vice President and Executive Dean for Health Sciences Dr. Clay Marsh talks about the major impact the Highland donation will have on stroke patients.*

A \$5.2 million gift from the Barbara B. Highland Charitable Trust will benefit the College of Law and the School of Medicine.

The donation will be divided evenly by the two schools, creating the Cecil B. Highland College of Law Conference Room and the Barbara B. Highland Stroke Chair.

"The late Cecil and Barbara Highland have been great friends and supporters of West Virginia

University and our region for many years. This latest gift to two of our outstanding colleges – law and medicine – is further evidence of their passion for this University and its mission of education, innovation and service to the citizens of our state," said WVU President Gordon Gee.

The gift to the College of Law will provide funding for the building expansion and renovation project. In recognition of the gift, the second floor conference room (Room 242) at the College of Law will be named the Cecil B. Highland Conference Room.

The WVU School of Medicine will benefit from the establishment of an endowed faculty position. The Barbara B. Highland Stroke Chair will provide funding for an individual to conduct neurologic research, teaching and service.



*Woodburn Circle Society is the WVU Foundation's most prestigious philanthropic society. Membership is available to those who make one-time gifts or pledges of at least \$100,000 to benefit WVU and its affiliated organizations.*

### Newest Members Include:

Bruce Allen, Inc.

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Trust

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## Honoring a mentor and friend

In 2000, School of Medicine graduate Tom Poole created an endowment in memory of Dr. Daniel Watts, his mentor, friend, and founder of the WVU pharmacology program.

Poole and Watts first met at WVU after Poole returned from serving at the Army Hospital in Fort Jackson, S.C. Poole wished to continue his pre-med studies at WVU with a plan to enter medical school. At the time, Watts had been hired to build a pharmacology program at WVU.

“He knew I was a poor country boy and that medical school would be an expensive proposition,” Poole said of Watts. So Watts offered Poole a paid research fellowship,

and the two would go on to publish several articles in scientific journals related to their findings.

Watts also was one of Poole’s professors when he was accepted to medical school the following year, and became a trusted mentor and close friend. Watts passed away in 1994 at the age of 77, having served as a WVU faculty member from 1953-1966.

Since initially giving \$100,000 to the Dan Watts Endowment for Pharmacological Research and Education, Poole and his wife, Kay, recently included an additional \$1 million in their estate plan for the endowment.

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*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.*

### Newest Members Include:

George A. Bicher '80, Greenwich, CT  
Kathryn Davis '70, '71, Alexandria, VA  
Michael F. Dooley '74, Houston, TX  
George R. “Fritz” Fryer '75, Tyler, TX  
Rita A. Fryer, Tyler, TX  
Deborah Smyth Green '70, '71, Sugar Grove, IL  
Garret W. Green '71, Sugar Grove, IL  
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Richard W. Steiner '84, Fairmont, WV  
Marcia Swoger, Roswell, GA  
Tim Swoger '83, '84, Roswell, GA  
Rita D. Tanner '66, Morgantown, WV

+ 2 Anonymous Members

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