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# A STATE OF MINDS

## The Campaign for West Virginia's University

### DONORS CONTRIBUTE OVER \$680 MILLION TO CAMPAIGN THROUGH SEPT. 30

**A** State of Minds: The Campaign for West Virginia's University is at 91 percent of its goal with more than two years remaining in the fundraising effort.

Alumni and friends of the University have given \$683.4 million through Sept. 30. The goal of the comprehensive campaign is to raise \$750 million by Dec. 31, 2015.

"We continue to be extremely pleased with the response we've had from University supporters," said Wayne King, WVU Foundation president and CEO. "People are excited about all the positive news coming out of the University and this has translated to success in fundraising. We remain on track to exceed our goal early."

"A State of Minds" is the largest private fundraising campaign in WVU's history. The \$750 million goal is three times larger than the previous "Building Greatness" campaign from 1998-2003.

"West Virginia University is a world-class university with incredible alumni, friends, faculty and staff who are stepping up in countless ways through this capital campaign," said WVU President Jim Clements. "It's impossible to imagine this University without the help we receive from private contributions. Our strength comes from the people who believe in and love this place, and we are extremely grateful for their amazing support."

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

Chairman of Putnam Investments and 1974 alumnus Robert Reynolds and Cadrillion Capital President Verl Purdy, a 1964 WVU graduate, are the national campaign co-chairmen while James "Buck" Harless is the national campaign honorary chairman.

A key component of this comprehensive campaign for WVU is the utilization of hundreds of volunteers. Along with a 23-member national volunteer committee, the campaign also has West Virginia and regional volunteer chairs. Each college and school has its own campaign committee with its chair also serving on the national committee.

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# WEHRLE FAMILY AND FOUNDATION PROVIDE \$1.5 MILLION FOR BUSINESS PROGRAM, LAW SCHOOL EXPANSION



A \$1.25 million gift by a Charleston, W.Va., area couple will create a supply chain management program and provide funds for the law school building expansion.

H. Bernard "Bernie" Wehrle, III, and his wife, Cecilia, have made a gift of \$750,000 to the College of Business and Economics for the creation of a Supply Chain Non-endowed Professorship to initiate a supply chain management program, as well as a \$500,000 gift to the WVU College of Law building expansion and redesign.

Additionally, a gift of \$250,000 has been donated from the H.B. Wehrle Foundation to support the Supply Chain Non-endowed Professorship at B&E. The foundation principals include Henry B. Wehrle Jr. and his sons and daughters — Bernie Wehrle, Steve Wehrle, Beth Wehrle and Lynne Zande.

WVU President Jim Clements thanked the Wehrle family for the generosity.

"Mr. Wehrle and his family have been extremely generous to WVU and higher education over the years," Clements said, "and this latest gift continues that tradition with support to our College of Business and Economics for a new academic program, as well as to our College of Law for state-of-the-art legal classrooms. Literally thousands of our students will benefit from the opportunities these initiatives will provide. Mr. Wehrle helped to build a successful West Virginia business — and now he is helping to build a stronger future for the students at WVU and the state we serve."

## WVU BUSINESS SCHOOL DEAN SARTARELLI DONATES \$100,000 TO CAMPAIGN



Jose "Zito" Sartarelli

Since his arrival in West Virginia in July 2010, Jose "Zito" Sartarelli has said that an increased focus on fundraising at WVU's business college could create new opportunities and attract the best business students. And if you did not believe that he meant it before, you do now.

Sartarelli, the Milan Puskar dean at the College of Business and Economics, and his wife, Kathy, have announced a gift of \$100,000 to the business school. The Sartarelli Scholarship will be used to help recruit high level students to the business college.

"I strongly believe that a great school is made of great students, great faculty and staff, great programs, great facilities and a great name," Sartarelli said. "This gift represents our contribution toward bringing great students to our beloved B&E."

## ALUMNA HONORS LATE FATHER WITH SCHOLARSHIP

Students within both the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education and Human Services are benefitting from a \$12,500 gift made by distinguished geology alumna Heather Ramsey of Parsons, W.Va.

Matched by Ramsey's employer, Shell Oil Company, the gift totaling \$25,000 will fund the new Bradley J. Ramsey Memorial Scholarship to honor the memory of Ramsey's late father. This fund will provide scholarships for residents of Tucker County who graduated from Tucker County High School. First preference is given to students in the College of Education and Human Services and second preference is given to the Eberly College's Department of Geology and Geography.

## ESTATE PLAN GIFTS COUNT

Thinking of including gift support for your favorite part of WVU in your estate plan?

For those who will be age 70 or older by December 31, 2015 (the end of the campaign), the bonus is your future support through gift provisions in your will or revocable trust counts toward reaching the goal. The same is true if you make the WVU Foundation the beneficiary of a retirement account, annuity or life insurance policy.

If you already made any of these arrangements, please let us know at 304-284-4000 or [info@wvuf.org](mailto:info@wvuf.org) so that we can have the opportunity to say thank you for your special campaign support.



## DR. JUDITH BUFF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND CREATED FOR COAL MINERS' DAUGHTERS

A half million dollar endowment providing scholarships for female students enrolled at the School of Medicine has been made possible by the late Ruth St. John in memory of her daughter.

The Dr. Judith Buff Memorial Scholarship Fund will benefit female students who are West Virginia residents and are either the first in their families to attend an institution of higher education, descendants of West Virginia coal miners or interested in coal miners' health.

St. John, a native of Charleston, never set foot herself on the WVU campus, but the recent resurgence of coal workers' pneumoconiosis – black lung disease – as well as her late daughter's perseverance in the medical field inspired her generosity. St. John passed away in 2011.



*The late Ruth Ostrow was a pianist who had a passion for the instrument for more than 80 years and who devoted her career to teaching hundreds of students in the New York City area. Now, her beautiful 1923 Steinway grand piano has been presented to the College of Creative Arts so that her passion for playing the piano will continue to be passed along to future generations. The gift of Ruth and Philip Ostrow of Morgantown, the piano is also helping the WVU School of Music in its efforts to become an All-Steinway school.*

## WVU JOURNALISM ALUMNA ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF PARENTS

More students at the P.I. Reed School of Journalism will have the opportunity to realize their academic potential thanks to 1975 alumna and Clarksburg native Jane McNeer.

McNeer has established The Hilda G. and James E. McNeer Journalism Scholarship in honor of her parents. McNeer, who has more than 30 years of experience in higher education, is now a semi-retired fundraising consultant. She says her parents were the highest example of the benefits of education and the importance of life-long learning.

"They generously funded 34 years of higher education for my five sisters and me," said McNeer. "The School of Journalism was my foundation – a ticket to a world of opportunity. Through an endowed scholarship named in honor of my parents, I hope to pass on the same opportunity that the School and my parents provided to me."

## HUGGINS FAMILY DONATES \$100,000 TO THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND SPORT SCIENCES

Bob and June Huggins have donated \$100,000 to the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences. These funds will be used to create an endowment for undergraduate athletic coaching education students and to provide support for CPASS' new building, which is currently under construction.

The Bob and June Huggins Academic Endowment for Athletic Coaching Education will provide scholarships for qualified undergraduate students in the College's department of coaching and teaching studies. The funds will be used to support scholarship awards for two undergraduate students each academic year majoring in athletic coaching education.

Huggins, a native of Morgantown, is a two-time Academic All-American and graduated from the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences, magna cum laude, in 1977. He received his master's in health administration from WVU in 1978. Huggins was a three-year letterman for the Mountaineers from 1975-77 and was named MVP, helping the basketball team to an 18-11 record, the team's highest win total in nine seasons.

"West Virginia University is a special place to me, because of the opportunities it has provided me. I've always wanted to be at WVU since I was a little kid. Morgantown, the entire state and this University have always meant so much to me and my family, and June and I are happy to give back," Huggins said. "I'm grateful for what the program gave me, and I want to assist current and future students in their learning and encourage them to take full advantage of the exceptional educational opportunity that is available to them."

Huggins was introduced as WVU's 21st men's basketball coach in April of 2007.



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## REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM RECEIVES \$508,000 GRANT

The West Virginia Water Research Institute, a program of the National Research Center for Coal and Energy at WVU, has been awarded a \$508,000 grant from the Colcom Foundation to continue a regional water quality monitoring and reporting program called 3 Rivers QUEST – or Quality Useful Environmental Study Teams.

The Colcom Foundation, a Pittsburgh-based private foundation dedicated to fostering a sustainable environment, first funded the WVVRI-initiated program in 2011 and has contributed more than \$1.2 million dollars towards the overall effort.

The continuation of the 3 Rivers QUEST program, now in its second year, will allow researchers to identify long term trends in water quality in the river basins for which the program is named after – Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio.

## ALUMNUS PAYS IT FORWARD WITH ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The idea of paying it forward is at the heart of a recent gift made by alumnus Chet Allen and his wife, Kay, to WVU. The \$30,000 gift will endow scholarships for students from West Virginia to study engineering in the Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources.

Allen is the first to admit he would not have been able to attend WVU if it had not been for the help of scholarship money.

"I grew up in a family of four children with only a loving mother since our father had passed away when we children were very young," Allen said. "We had very little money, received food assistance from the state and worked hard in the summers to buy our own school clothes. We managed to save some money that would help pay for part of our college education but I could not have gone to WVU without the help of scholarship money. I now want to give that same opportunity to other West Virginia residents."



WVU First Lady Beth Clements, left, visits with alumna Michele Hoffman and her husband, Darren Samuels, at the Greater Baltimore Area Campaign Reception held on September 20.