

*Expanding the Impact of Private Philanthropy*

## WVU names engineering and mineral resources college for alumnus Ben Statler

WVU's engineering and mineral resources school will be named the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources in honor of businessman, philanthropist and alumnus Ben Statler

Statler and his wife, Jo, have pledged \$34 million to the College – the largest single gift commitment ever to the University and to a college. Eleven million of the donation will qualify for a match from the state Research Trust Fund, making the total value of the naming gift \$45 million. A portion of the pledge comes from a previously announced commitment.

With this historic gift, CEMR becomes only the third college at WVU to be named for a benefactor.

Over the years, the Statlers have supported many WVU initiatives including the comprehensive breast cancer program at WVU's Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center; the new Erickson Alumni Center building; the Basketball Practice Facility; and other athletics capital improvements, including the Coliseum scoreboards. The direct impact of their lifetime of support to WVU, including this gift announcement, is nearly \$60 million.

WVU President Jim Clements said the naming recognizes the generosity and support of two extraordinary individuals committed to academic excellence and WVU's land-grant mission.

"This is an extraordinary gift from extraordinary people," Dr. Clements said. "Ben and Jo Statler's ties to WVU go back to their childhoods when they met in 4-H and through their many gifts those ties will go on forever. From health care, to athletics, to academics, the Statlers have been extremely generous in helping WVU help others. The College of Engineering and Mineral Resources is already outstanding on many fronts and this gift will truly take the College to the next level and benefit the students, faculty, and staff in countless ways. On behalf of a very grateful University community, I extend our heartfelt thanks to Ben and Jo Statler for their incredible support of excellence in our academic mission."

The gift includes funds for the new advanced engineering research facility to be built on the Evansdale campus beginning in 2012, and the establishment of the Statler Research Scholars program.

This endowment, when matched with state RTF dollars, will provide scholarships and research support for 20 or more



WVU President Jim Clements (left), WVU Foundation President Wayne King, Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources Dean Gene Cilento, Ben Statler and Jo Statler stand next to an artist's rendering of the renamed college.

undergraduate students majoring in engineering. This College-wide initiative will provide an opportunity to reach a large number of meritorious undergraduates by easing their financial burden

to attend WVU and enriching their education through a research experience.

The gift also creates and supports three endowed faculty chairs in energy research, and funds a graduate research fellows program to support research. The RTF matching dollars will be used initially for research focused on energy.

"While Jo and I are pleased to be in a position to make this commitment, our goal with this gift is not merely to provide financial support to the University and the state, but rather to identify areas that could have a meaningful and long-lasting impact on WVU and on the lives of West Virginians," said Ben Statler. "West Virginia is blessed with a wealth of natural and human resources and we believe that our University should lead the nation in areas such as energy research and engineering. We're confident that the faculty, staff, and students, whose efforts these funds will help support, are the ones who will turn the vision behind our gift into reality."

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## From the President and CEO



Wayne King

On July 2, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Act, also known as the Land Grant College Act, into law. It was a major boost to higher education in America, creating the opportunity for millions of young Americans in all social classes to obtain a college education with a concentration in the fields of agriculture, home economics, and mechanical arts. The Morrill Act literally changed the face of higher education in America.

WVU is engaged in a year-long celebration of the Morrill Act's 150th Anniversary. A schedule of events can be found on the WVU website at <http://landgrant150.wvu.edu/>

While celebrating this important milestone, we at the WVU Foundation also celebrate the generosity of tens of thousands of alumni, friends, corporations and

foundations who continue to invest in the educational opportunities available here at West Virginia University. It is particularly important to note that while we enjoy great support from alumni of WVU, more than half of our donors are friends, corporations, foundations, trusts and estates who believe in and support the land grant mission which is alive and well at WVU.

To all who continue to give to the WVU Foundation, I say "thank you." President Lincoln would be very proud of what is being accomplished here in fulfillment of his vision that began with his signature given some 150 years ago.

With sincere appreciation,

R. Wayne King

## WVU taps out state Research Trust Fund, hitting \$35 million in eligible private gifts

In the four years since the West Virginia Research Trust Fund was established by the state Legislature, private donors have contributed \$35 million to WVU, bringing in a total of \$70 million to specific programs – and exhausting the current available dollar-for-dollar match from the state.

"I want to thank our donors for their incredible support over the past few years," President Jim Clements said. "Through their generosity, in tough economic times, WVU has built a strong foundation of support for projects that directly help the State, as well as provide opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to participate in world-class research with the highest caliber faculty and research staff at WVU.

"I also want to thank all of the State and University leaders who made the program possible," he said. "Our University, and West Virginia, is a better, stronger place because of their efforts. We have more donors ready to participate, so we are hopeful of continued support from the legislature for this economic development and research initiative."

The state Legislature created the Research Trust Fund in 2008 with an initial appropriation of \$50 million –



\$35 million for WVU, \$15 million for Marshall – and a focus on economic development, job growth and health care. The universities are able to tap into this fund to double private gifts. At WVU, the funds are used for biomedical sciences, energy, biometrics and nanotechnology. All gifts must be received by March 2015 to qualify.

"Raising private dollars to match the state appropriation has remained the top priority of our development team ever since the legislation was passed," said Wayne King, WVU Foundation President and CEO. "The unstable economy presented a challenge initially, but over the past year, donors have really stepped up. Raising \$35 million that will be equally matched is a testament that supporters understand the importance of research at WVU."

WVU intends to ask the Legislature to consider adding additional funds to the West Virginia Research Trust Fund for both WVU and Marshall to have available in securing additional private research dollars.

# Private Support Benefits West Virginia University

## Law school receives gifts

Two law firms have each given \$500,000 to help fund a \$24 million renovation project at the College of Law. The gifts come from Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love, LLP and Steptoe & Johnson PLLC.

Bowles Rice is a full service regional law firm with more than 125 lawyers. The firm has offices in Charleston, Morgantown, Martinsburg and Parkersburg, as well as Lexington, Ky., and Winchester, Va., and will open new offices in Moundsville and Canonsburg, Pa., within the next 90 days.

More than 100 of Steptoe & Johnson's 230 lawyers are WVU Law alumni. The firm, a leader in the energy industry, is headquartered in Bridgeport, W.Va., and has 11 offices – six in West Virginia, two in Pennsylvania and one each in Kentucky, Ohio and Texas.

"West Virginia University College of Law is at a critical moment in its growth," WVU College of Law Dean Joyce McConnell said. "These generous gifts will make it possible to support its upward trajectory with a new and sophisticated facility. We are proud of our role in creating lawyers and leaders who contribute so much to the state and beyond. We are grateful to our alumni and friends for enhancing the College of Law for the future."



A rendering of the new entrance planned for the College of Law

## WVU Foundation receives \$100K grant from Walmart Foundation

The WVU Foundation was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation Associate Choice Program. The money will be split evenly among five University organizations/programs that positively impact the community and state as a whole.

Through the Associate Choice Program, the Walmart Foundation allows employees of both Walmart and Sam's Club to vote for a local, nonprofit organization of their choosing from anywhere within their state. The program, designed to give back to the local communities, allows for the employees throughout the state to specifically decide where they would like to see an impact made.

The five WVU organizations receiving funds from the Walmart Associate Choice Program are WVU Children's Hospital, WVU Extension's Energy Express, "The Rack", Health Sciences and Technology Academy, and WVU School of Dentistry Oral Health Lessons To-Go.



Walmart associates selected WVU to receive a \$100K grant.

## School of Journalism establishes four new scholarships

P.I. Reed School of Journalism alumnus Ray Gillette and his wife Susan were the first in their family to go to college. The experience changed their lives and motivated them to help future generations.

"We realize that our parents worked hard to help put us through school," said Gillette. "Today it is even harder to send a child to college. This is especially true for minority students. My wife and I have been successful in life, and we feel fortunate to be able to give this scholarship."

The Raymond and Susan Gillette Minority Scholarship is one of four endowed scholarships established for journalism students during the past year. Others include The Arnold Agency Scholarship, the Col. Thomas J. Boyd Scholarship, and the William and Jean Reed Scholarship.

## Dentistry alum gives \$100K for research

To welcome Dr. David Felton, the new dean of the WVU School of Dentistry to the University and the state, Dr. Thomas Jarrett, a 1975 graduate of the School, and his wife, Sally, have donated \$100,000 to create the Jarrett Family Research Endowment for Dentistry. The contribution will be matched by the West Virginia Research Trust Fund, generating a combined gift of \$200,000.



WVU alumnus Dr. Tom Jarrett and School of Dentistry Dean Dr. David Felton

"I want Dr. Felton to feel welcome and know the alumni are supportive of him and

care greatly about the School of Dentistry and the oral healthcare of the people in the state,” Dr. Jarrett said. “I also thank the Good Lord for Bill Jarrett (my father) and former Dean Dr. W. Robert Biddington, for getting a wayward kid into dental school.”

Dr. Jarrett is a third generation West Virginia dentist. His gift also honors his father, Dr. William M. Jarrett, the state’s first board-certified orthodontist, and his grandfather, Dr. Warren Victor Jarrett, a general dentist in Richwood, W.Va. Each has been very involved in organized dentistry for many years.

## WVU alumni create scholarship for medical school

More scholarship money will now be available to students at the School of Medicine thanks to contributions from WVU alumni David and Dr. Jo Ann Goldbaugh Shaw.

The Shaws, from Wheeling, have created a scholarship focused on helping students from each of the four years of medical school.

“We wanted to give financial aid to those students who have severe financial needs and help them focus more on their academic studies. There are bright people, who want to go to medical school, but can’t afford it. These are the future students you want to capture and bring to WVU,” Dr. Shaw said.

“We are incredibly grateful to alumni like the Shaws for their generous and thoughtful contributions to the School of Medicine. These funds will significantly impact both the academic lives and personal well-being of our students through the enhancement of our curriculum and ability for us to offer more in the way of scholarships,” said Dr. Arthur J. Ross, dean of the WVU School of Medicine.

## Two join Foundation Board

Two WVU alumni took their place on the WVU Foundation Board of Directors in November.



Marty Becker

W. Marston (Marty) Becker is president and CEO of Alterra Capital Holdings Limited (Nasdaq-ALTE), a global specialty insurer/reinsurer headquartered in Bermuda. In addition, Becker currently serves as chairman of West Virginia Media Holdings, a statewide media company that he co-founded in 2001. He earned his juris doctor and

bachelor of science in business administration degrees from WVU. He resides in Bermuda; Charleston, W.Va.; and Jupiter, Fla.

Robert O. (Bob) Orders, Jr. of Charleston, W.Va., is president of Orders Construction Company, Inc., a highway, utility and industrial construction company with operations in West Virginia and Virginia. Orders is a 1972 graduate of WVU with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering.

Each will serve a three-year term.



Bob Orders, Jr.

## 2011 Pride Travel Fund campaign nets over \$92K

The Foundation’s 2011 Pride Travel Fund received a record \$92,320 from 780 donors surpassing the previous record of \$86,000 raised in 2010.

The annual campaign was established to help minimize the financial burden of travel for the WVU Marching Band, known as the “Pride of West Virginia.”

With the financial assistance of the University, the athletic department, and generous donors, the “Pride” was able to travel to two away football games. This year’s destinations included Piscataway, N.J., and Cincinnati, Ohio, for the Rutgers and University of Cincinnati games. Along with the football games, the Pride participated in several exhibition performances across the state this season.

“The generous support of the many donors who have helped us to travel again this season is humbling to all of



Members of the Mountaineer Marching Band thank donors for supporting the 2011 Pride Travel Fund.

and the great state of West Virginia when we travel, and with the continued help from friends of the band, we are able to carry the banner for ‘Mountaineer Nation’ far and wide!”

us,” said Jay Drury, WVU Marching Band director. “The members of the band are proud to represent both the University

# Davis College receives first named professorship



Sue and Tom Tatterson

Just about any WVU graduate can quickly name their favorite professors, the ones who aided in their education and guided them through their careers. One alumnus and his wife have decided to honor his WVU mentors with a named professorship.

Tom and Sue Tatterson of Martinsburg, W.Va., have pledged \$350,000 to the creation of the Ray Marsh and Arthur Pingree Dye Professorship, the first gift

dedicated to the creation of a named professorship for WVU's Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Design. The professorship will advance teaching, research and service by providing a broad range of support to an outstanding faculty member in the Davis College's Division of Plant and Soil Sciences.

The late Professors Marsh and Dye taught in WVU's horticulture program when Tom Tatterson was pursuing his bachelor's and master's degrees in that discipline. Raised on a dairy farm near Fairmont, Tom Tatterson came to WVU following in the footsteps of his two older brothers, both of whom had earned degrees in agriculture here.

An introductory horticulture course quickly convinced him to diverge from the family tradition of studying animal husbandry. He spent much of his time as an undergraduate as a student worker in the university greenhouse under Professor Dye. He credits his time in the greenhouse with developing his work ethic and ability to cooperate with others.

As he completed his horticultural studies, he also followed WVU's ROTC course. After graduation, he served in the military in Alaska. Once he completed his active military service, he turned to Professor Marsh for career guidance. Professor Marsh put him in touch with J.O. Knapp, then the director of the WVU Extension Service, who hired Tom Tatterson as a horticultural specialist. Tom Tatterson served in Extension while completing his master's degree in horticulture.

Tom Tatterson credits his experiences at WVU, both educational and professional, with his subsequent career success. He left WVU to work for Bayer for over eight years, then moved to Abbott Laboratories where he spent 24 years in increasingly responsible positions. Upon his retirement, he was Abbott's global director of vector and forestry products.

The Tattersons hope their gift will increase the Davis College's ability to attract and retain outstanding scholars and students, particularly in horticulture. They also hope it may inspire other alumni to offer their support to WVU.

"Faculty support, such as will be provided by the gift from Tom and Sue Tatterson, is precisely what is needed to advance the teaching and research of the Davis College," said Rudolph Almsy, interim dean. "The Tattersons are helping to guarantee a bright future for our students."



WVU Foundation President & CEO Wayne King and wife Mary serve guests at the Foundation's tailgate tent prior to the WVU-LSU football game. Over one-thousand alumni and friends enjoyed the pre-game festivities.



## Calling Schedule

### February

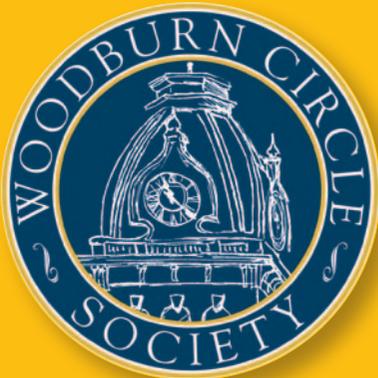
School of Pharmacy  
College of Law  
School of Medicine

### March

Stattler College of Engineering  
& Mineral Resources  
School of Nursing  
School of Dentistry

### April

Potomac State College of WVU



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:

American Chemical Society  
John D. Brisbane Estate  
David A. Casto  
W. Gary Christopher  
Gregory R. and Darlene L. Darby  
Sylvester J. Dearbeck Trust  
Allen W. Ferrell, Jr.  
Philip T. Flach III and Michal E. Flach  
Charitable Remainder Trust  
Fola Coal Company, LLC  
Sidney E. and Bonnie T. Grisell  
John F. Hall and Nancy Lan

Donnie R. and Linda E. Holcomb  
Jeffrey and Patricia Hoops  
Thomas W. and Sally K. Jarrett  
Leslie Equipment Company  
MedExpress Urgent Care  
Lucie A. Mellert  
Morgan Family Trust  
Martha R. Rolf Charitable Trust  
Barbara D. Stewart Trust  
F. Anthony and Jodi Taylor  
Paul C. Wheeler Revocable Living Trust  
Alan J. and Lisa Zuccari

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## Irvin Stewart Society celebrates 20 years

Twenty years have passed since the founding of the Irvin Stewart Society with 94 charter members. Included in that group were President Irvin Stewart's secretary and students who had lived in Purinton House, the president's home, because of the shortage of student housing in the post-war days.

Current membership has grown to almost 750, ranging from alumni in the Class of 1934 through the Class of 2004, faculty, and many others who appreciate this important way to leave a legacy for WVU.

Stewart Society membership is open to anyone who has included any type of support for West Virginia University, Potomac State College of WVU, the Mountaineer Athletic Club, West Virginia 4-H or WVU Institute of Technology in their estate plans, such as a gift provision in their will or revocable trust. Also, life income gifts, life insurance,

annuity policies, retirement account and real estate remainder gifts qualify for membership.

Members are invited to an annual luncheon to celebrate the value of this type of support and are listed (with their permission) on the [www.wvuf.org](http://www.wvuf.org) site under Donor Recognition. We are truly proud that so many have planned for WVU's future.

Of the original charter members, 57 are able to celebrate this noteworthy anniversary and reflect on how WVU has changed during those decades, as well as think about how it will evolve in the coming years. They know that private support will make a difference in those future endeavors.



*Irvin Stewart*



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. New members from June 1-December 31, 2011 include:

Ellen Archibald, JD '89, Charleston, WV  
Annabelle M. Cruise '58, Huntington, WV  
D. J. Cruise, Huntington, WV  
Carol Duranti, Morgantown, WV  
R. P. Duranti, JD '70, '73, Morgantown, WV  
Jamie Hart French '92, '94, Arlington, VA  
Richard V. French '88, '89, Arlington, VA  
Gregory L. Herrick '70, Parkersburg, WV  
Sheila G. Herrick '74, Parkersburg, WV  
Margaux Kaynard, Atlanta, GA  
Matthew Kaynard, Atlanta, GA

Donna Quinn Light, Wheeling, WV  
Harry P. Light, Wheeling, WV  
Patricia Fewell McGill '78, Charleston, WV  
Miriam W. Miller '65, Morgantown, WV  
Robert W. Miller, Morgantown, WV  
Becky Newhard, Montgomery, PA  
D. Steven Ostendorf, MD '66, Morgantown, WV  
Nelly T. Pangilinan, Wheeling, WV  
Clay C. Pytlik, Morgantown, WV  
Edward C. Pytlik, EdD, Morgantown, WV  
Amy-Ann Schuster Richardson '92, Fairmont, WV

Elizabeth L. "Betsy" Ross '63, '68, New York, NY  
Cathy Russell, Morgantown, WV  
Catherine Samuel '68, '70, Morgantown, WV  
David Samuel, PhD '79, Morgantown, WV  
Debrah B. Shaver '85, Chevy Chase, MD  
Robert G. Shaver '84, Chevy Chase, MD  
Douglas R. Van Scoy '66, '68, Sullivan's Island, SC  
Beverly A. Walker, Seneca, SC  
William D. Walker '71, Seneca, SC

For a current list of all members, go to [www.wvuf.org](http://www.wvuf.org), click on Donor Recognition, select Irvin Stewart Society, and then the "current list" link in the second paragraph.