

More than 650 scholarships created as 'State of Minds' tops \$938 million

Alumni and friends are stepping up to help make attending the University more affordable for students. Donors have created 661 endowed scholarships as part of "A State of Minds: The Campaign for West Virginia's University."

Through Dec. 31, 2015, new gifts and pledges to the Campaign

totaled \$938 million, or nearly 94 percent of the \$1 billion goal with two years remaining. The number of donors to the Campaign totaled 81,114, making 306,661 gifts. This includes donations from 34,256 alumni and more than 6,100 corporations.

"We extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to alumni and friends who have partnered with us in this Campaign to enhance the experience for not only students, but our faculty, researchers and patients as well," said Cindi Roth, WVU Foundation president and CEO. "We are very enthusiastic about what lies ahead in 2016, and invite those who have not yet given to the Campaign to do so as we near our historic \$1 billion goal."

Along with 661 endowed student scholarships, donors to the Campaign have created 26 endowed faculty chairs and 26 endowed professorships, and 202 new funds to assist research efforts at WVU.

The University's "Dream First" initiative, an increased effort started last year to raise \$50 million for undergraduate scholarships and fellowships as part of the State of Minds Campaign, has raised \$26.9 million, or almost 54 percent of its goal.

DONORS CREATED

661 Scholarships

26 Faculty Chairs

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"The response to this campaign is just one of the many indicators of the momentum that is building at West Virginia University. From classrooms to research labs to libraries to playing fields, this University is improving and advancing at an impressive speed," WVU President Gordon Gee said. "I am especially pleased with the success of our 'Dream First' initiative. It continues to serve as a catalyst for those who desire to support the University. It is with sincere gratitude that we thank our donors and pledge to continue moving this institution forward in the most meaningful ways."

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From the President and CEO

Happy New Year from all of us at the WVU Foundation! I trust your holidays were filled with the warmth and joy that comes from time spent with family and friends.

The start of a new year is always a good time to reflect back on the previous year and look forward to new opportunities in the months ahead.

For the Foundation, 2015 was filled with many new milestones. Thanks to your continued generosity, fiscal year 2015 ended on June 30 with the second highest fiscal year of giving in the Foundation's history at \$125 million. Giving to our capital campaign, "A State of Minds", has been outstanding as well as we topped 90 percent of our \$1 billion goal in 2015 with two years remaining. With the adoption of our strategic plan in 2015, the Foundation Board and staff have developed interdisciplinary teams to implement the exciting roadmap ahead. Teams are focusing on areas such as revenue growth, operational efficiency and achieving "One WVU", to name a few.

Your gifts are making a positive impact across the University – on students, faculty, researchers and patients. In this newsletter, you'll read about Ellen Aguilera, a WVU chemistry student whose dreams are coming true, in part, because of a scholarship. You'll learn how private

support is aiding research at the School of Dentistry and how a gift is helping young WVU entrepreneurs. We are grateful for every gift made during this past year. Our Campaign goal is very much in sight for 2016, and yet, the University's needs continue to grow. It's extremely important for us to begin looking beyond the goal to make sure we are responding to new initiatives and programs set forth as priorities by WVU and our collective leadership. Working with President Gee and his team, we hope to build on the enthusiasm and excitement that's already evident. New ideas and new opportunities will abound in 2016 at WVU, and we want you to be part of it.

It's an honor and privilege to serve you as president and CEO of the WVU Foundation. Thank you again for your tremendous support this past year. Continuing to work together, I know we will take WVU to even greater heights in 2016.

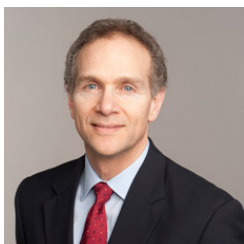


Let's go.

Cindi Roth

Two alums join Foundation board

Two alumni with successful careers in their chosen professions took their seats on the WVU Foundation Board of Directors in November.



Chini

Marc Chini of New Canaan, Conn., earned two degrees from WVU, receiving his bachelor's in business administration in 1980 and a master's in industrial relations in 1981. He is currently executive vice president and human resource leader for Synchrony Financial, majority owned by GE.



Pugh

Alexis Pugh of Winter Park, Fla., graduated from WVU in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. She is currently retired as owner of Lakeshore Advertising Consultants.

Beverly Hornbeck retires



Hornbeck & Roth

After 35 years of dedicated service to the WVU Foundation, Beverly Hornbeck has retired.

Hornbeck served as executive assistant to the senior vice president for development during most of her time at the Foundation.

Congratulations Bev and enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

2014-2015 WVUF Annual Report



Private support had a huge impact on WVU during the 2015 fiscal year. Check out the WVU Foundation's latest Annual Report at:

wvuf.org/2015annualreport

Gift from professor emeritus creates Honors College awards, extends lecture series

A generous gift to WVU from professor emeritus Joginder Nath will establish an annual awards program for Honors College students and continue the Nath Lecture Series.

The donation will enable two cash awards to be given each year to outstanding seniors in the Honors College in honor of Dr. Nath and his wife, Charlotte. Students selected also will receive a recognition plaque.

Nath retired in 2009 after serving as a professor of genetics at WVU for 43 years. He helped to start the genetics and developmental biology program at WVU, and served many years as chair of the department. Nath also served on the WVU Honors Council.

"I felt that students who work hard for four years deserve to be recognized and honored," Nath

said. "The award is for academic excellence, but extracurricular activities will also be taken into account."



Nath

Recipients will be chosen in accordance with the criteria established by the University Honors Council and the dean of the University Honors Program. Nath noted that student representatives will be involved with the selection process, allowing candidates to be evaluated from a peer perspective, as well.

Part of the gift will be used to support the continuation of the Nath Lecture Series sponsored by the University Honors program.

National dental research grant awarded to WVU

A \$50,000 research innovation award in endodontics has been awarded to the School of Dentistry. Endodontics is the study of the tooth root, dental pulp and surrounding tissue.

The American Association of Endodontists (AAE) Foundation /DENTSPLY Innovation in Research Grant will equip a dedicated endodontics research laboratory that will be used by faculty and students to prepare experimental samples and specimens. The 4,000-square-foot lab was developed in collaboration with the West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute.

David Funderburk, D.D.S., M.S., an AAE Foundation Trustee and School of Dentistry alumnus, says WVU has a tremendous track record of advancing the endodontic specialty.



WVU's endodontics program will benefit from a \$50,000 grant.

"The AAE Foundation and DENTSPLY Tulsa Dental Specialties are honored to present this award in recognition of WVU's new initiatives to promote excellence in research," Dr. Funderburk said.

LaunchLab receives donation from Huntington Bank

Student entrepreneurs learning in WVU's LaunchLab will receive actual startup money for their ventures thanks to a generous commitment from Huntington Bank.

Huntington is donating \$150,000 to create a seed funding program within the LaunchLab, a comprehensive one-stop commercialization and proof-of-concept center that was opened on the WVU campus in August of last year to provide support for innovative entrepreneurs.

"Huntington has a deep commitment to small businesses; it makes sense for our bank to contribute to the unique success of the University's LaunchLab," said Chad Prather, Morgantown Community President and Commercial Region Manager for Huntington Bank.

"Huntington Bank is proud to be a part of the region served so well by West Virginia University. The next generation of entrepreneurs will benefit from the University's specialized resources, gaining significant skills and real life business experience. The students



Student entrepreneurs meet in WVU's LaunchLab.

are receiving the opportunity to create new jobs. The startup companies will be a catalyst for economic development throughout our state," Prather said.

Under the new seed funding program, students will work with LaunchLab advisors and mentors to learn successful business strategies for their startup companies. An investment/advisory board will be created to evaluate the student businesses and determine startup funding amounts.

Couple's generosity includes gift to Art Museum



Jack & Alice Frost

Jack and Alice Frost of Morgantown have long been generous with their time in support of culture, health and the arts at WVU, as well as in the local community and around the world.

Another example of the Morgantown couple's generosity is their recent gift to the Art

Museum of WVU toward the construction costs of the new museum building, which officially opened in late August.

"Alice and Jack Frost are extremely generous and lovely people. We are grateful that they have chosen to support the Art Museum with their time and expertise, as well as with this gift for the building fund," said Joyce Ice, director of the Art Museum of WVU. "To honor them for their many gifts, an office in the Museum Education Center will be named for them."

Dr. James Frost, a pathologist, was formerly the deputy chief medical examiner for northern West Virginia and Alice Frost taught classics (Latin) at WVU for many years. Both are now retired.

Lions' gift advances research at Eye Institute

The West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation and the Lions Club International Foundation recently provided a \$289,502 grant to the WVU Eye Institute's Vision Research Center.

The grant will be used to purchase equipment to advance basic science research that focuses on the three areas the World Health Organization has identified as "priority eye disease" – diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and macular degeneration.

"West Virginia has some of the highest rates of vision loss due to diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and adult macular degeneration in the country," said Ronald L. Gross, MD, director of the WVU Eye Institute. "This grant will advance our research program to find better ways of understanding and treating the causes of blindness, and these vision-saving discoveries will benefit West Virginians and people throughout the world."

A focus on philanthropic impact – Ellen Aguilera

The generosity of donors is having a major impact on the lives of many WVU students.

Senior Ellen Aguilera wants to break barriers by encouraging women and minorities to pursue education in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

Aguilera, born in Bolivia but raised in Shirley, N.Y., transferred to WVU as a sophomore wanting to become more involved in her field of study.

“My old school didn’t have a lot of opportunity for research, which is what I really wanted to do,” Aguilera said.

Thanks to the opportunities at WVU and the generosity of donors, the senior chemistry major has been excelling in academics and leadership since she arrived in Morgantown.

Upon transferring to WVU, Aguilera was named a McNair Scholar, which she said was a great start to pursuing her ultimate academic goal of earning a doctorate degree.

“They introduced me to everything I needed to know about getting my Ph.D. and, more importantly, they introduced me to research,” Aguilera said.

Her research in the McNair Scholars Program has focused on transition metal catalysis. Aguilera says the experience has inspired her and motivated her to continue research in that area; she is now doing research related to copper catalysis.



Aguilera

Her hard work and drive have been recognized and rewarded, as she receives two scholarships for WVU students pursuing degrees in the science field.

She is a recipient of the Dr. Jack and Mary Elizabeth Bates Science Scholarship, which provides scholarships to students enrolled in a science-based degree program who maintain a “B” average.

Aguilera also receives the Morrissey-Ropp Chemistry Scholarship from the Department of Chemistry, which is an annual scholarship awarded to students who demonstrate strength in math, science, and in particular, chemistry.

“As a transfer student, figuring out how to pay for school was a challenge,” Aguilera said. “I’m really thankful to be receiving scholarships to help pay for my education here at WVU.”

Women of WVU prepares for third year

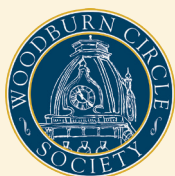
Women of WVU (WoW), created through the WVU Foundation, provides women who love our University another way to become involved using educational activities, networking opportunities and philanthropy.

In spring 2013, the Leadership Council of Women of WVU was formed and created a full program with funding initiatives. The Council is currently recruiting new members. Membership for Women of WVU is \$100 annually. Dues are 100 percent tax deductible and support two WoW funds: the Women Students’ Emergency Fund and the WoW Fund. In addition to those funds, the

Leadership Council has established the Women of WVU Enrichment Fund, which provides funding for female students and programs affecting women at WVU.



Women of WVU is currently planning for its upcoming membership drive and 2016 celebration event in June. Membership is open to all women who love WVU. Visit www.wvuf.org/womenofwvu to join or learn more.



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:

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Congress extends IRA Charitable Rollover

Congress passed budget legislation in December that includes a permanent extension of the IRA charitable rollover. While the President must sign the bill into law as a final step, The White House has indicated President Obama supports the bill.

If approved in its current form, the legislation does not have an expiration date. It is retroactive to January 1, 2015.

If the legislation is signed by the president, individuals aged 70 ½ or older may transfer up to \$100,000 from their IRAs directly to a qualified charity, such as the WVU Foundation, and will not have to pay income tax on this rollover.

Contact the Foundation’s Office of Planned Giving at 800-847-3856 for additional information on making an IRA Charitable Rollover to benefit WVU.



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:

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- Edward E. White, Jr., DDS ‘76, ‘81, Elizabethtown, PA
- Raymond B. White ‘65, Sewickley, PA
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+ 1 Anonymous Member

A listing of all members can be found at www.wvuf.org, select Donor Recognition and Irvin Stewart Society.