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WAYMAN Wing

UW Alum Gives Back

Wayman C. Wing was a UW engineering alum, World War II veteran, a scholar, and an athlete who, along with his wife Beah, established a scholarship at the University of Wyoming to support engineering students and honor the memory of their beloved son Roger.

A UW civil engineering graduate from the class of 1947, Wayman was a pioneer in seismic design. He was a first-generation Chinese American born in Evanston, Wyoming. His grounded upbringing in a small town and appreciation of family, friends, teachers, and mentors served as the foundation for his work ethic and future successes. His early successes began in high school as a star on the Evanston baseball, basketball, and football teams. As a scholar, he earned a full scholarship at the University of Wyoming.

World War II interrupted his college education. He enlisted in the Air Force (formerly the Army Air Corps) and rose to the level of Captain. After the war, Wayman returned to UW to complete his degree in civil engineering. In 1948, he received a master's degree from Stanford University in California. He met the love of his life Beah, at a New Year's Eve party in 1949. They were married nine months later.

In 1960, he formed the New York firm of Wayman C. Wing Consulting Engineers. Wayman received prestigious national awards and led many international construction projects. He received the New York Engineer of the Year Award and was also chosen to

be archived in the UW American Heritage Center. He was inducted into the UW College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Hall of Fame, as well as nominated to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor for his service in World War II.

Wayman and Beah remembered the University of Wyoming in their will. Specifically, they directed their gifts to support the Roger G. Wing Memorial Scholarship and the Susan McCormack Scholarship. These gifts provide support for UW engineering students and memorialize their son, Roger, and honor Susan McCormack who served as the UW College of Engineering as staff.

Have you ever considered including the University of Wyoming in your will? Your gift can be tailored to honor or memorialize the people or programs that are most important to you. For more information, please contact Brett Befus at 307-766-4259 or bbefus@uwyo.edu.

What's your Wyoming Legacy?



Wayman Wing with daughter Sandy and family friends Ursula and Gala.

Their gifts will support the Roger G. Wing Memorial Scholarship and the Susan McCormack Scholarship.

THE IMPACT OF GIFTS MADE IN Honor or Memory



DONALD BLACKSTONE

UW Professor and State Geologist Donald Blackstone was a giant of Rocky Mountain structural geology. He began his career working for Carter Oil Company, and he imparted this practical experience to hundreds of students over his years as an educator. Created by his former students, the Donald L. Blackstone Geology and Geophysics Faculty Support Fund helps UW faculty teach future generations of geologists.

“Professor Blackstone’s influence extended across five decades at UW—as a distinguished scholar, engaging teacher, and beloved mentor,” says Dario Grana, interim head of the Department of Geology and Geophysics. “His impact on hundreds of students is indelible and memorable. Many of these students led successful careers because of the lessons Professor Blackstone taught them. We’re very honored to have the Donald L. Blackstone Geology and Geophysics Faculty Support Fund and very grateful for the impact it’s had on the department.”



KEVIN MCKINNEY

Journalist and sportscaster Kevin McKinney is a devoted fan of and lifelong advocate for UW Athletics. His voice has informed, cheered, and comforted Wyoming fans for generations. In 2001, he was named Wyoming’s Sportscaster of the Year, and he was inducted in the Wyoming Athletics Hall of Fame for special achievement in 2013. His son Sean spearheaded an effort to establish an endowed scholarship in Kevin’s name to support a student working in UW Athletics media relations and communications.

“I can’t even explain how deeply appreciative I am,” Kevin says. “It’s such a wonderful gesture. You go through your career, you do your job, and to have something like that and people actually donate to it, I’m humbled for sure and deeply appreciative. That’s how I got started—with a scholarship like that in sports information at the time. It really helped me, and I’m just so blown away to help young people. What a legacy that is.”



BOBBY MODEL

Alum Bobby Model of Cody traveled the world as a photojournalist for *National Geographic*. His work is nothing short of gripping—images of vast landscapes at dusk, climbers scaling seemingly impossible boulders, intimate portraits illustrating culture, labor, and joy. He was a storyteller, highly skilled in capturing whole narratives within a single shot. Bobby passed away in 2009 after a tragic accident in South Africa, and his father Bob Model established the Bobby Model Professorship in Photojournalism and the Bobby Model Excellence Fund in Photojournalism at the University of Wyoming to honor his memory.

“In the spirit of Bobby Model’s legacy of combining photojournalism with social justice initiatives, we have enabled students to travel to remote areas of Perú and Rwanda, allowed students to hear virtually from documentary photographers who are the absolute best at their specialty, more than doubled our existing equipment, completely revamped the studio, continually showcased student work in photo exhibits at Coe Library, and will be hosting the 38th Visual Communication Conference in Saratoga next June. We are so grateful that the legacy of Bobby Model is launching the successful careers of generations of future visual storytellers.”



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CALL: (307) 766-4259 to speak directly to a UW representative.
ONLINE: Or you can fill out the form online at: <http://uw.uwyo.edu/legacy>.

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REMEMBERING Those We Love

Gifts in memory of a loved one or to honor someone who made an impact on your life are deeply significant—to donors, honorees, and the University of Wyoming and its students.

Gifts in memory of someone often memorialize a loved one or a family member who has passed. Gifts in honor of someone often are dedicated to a teacher, mentor, or friend who made a difference in the donor’s life. In addition to the moving tribute, here are a few other reasons you might want to remember your loved one with a gift:

- to directly impact the lives of others,
- to create a scholarship,
- to establish a program, sponsor research, or name a chair,
- to encourage others to give,
- to strengthen our shared community,
- to simplify your life as you retire,
- to pass along your good fortune,
- to make a positive change in the world,
- to say thank you, or
- to leave a legacy.

It’s easy to create a gift in honor or memory of someone. Please contact Brett Befus at (307) 766-4259 or bbefus@uwyo.edu to talk about the person or persons you would like to honor, and we can help you with the process.

SAMPLE BEQUEST LANGUAGE

“I give to the University of Wyoming Foundation a nonprofit corporation located at 222 South 22nd Street, Laramie, Wyoming, or its successor, [a sum \$ amount, % of the estate, or description of the property] to benefit the University of Wyoming generally [or as specifically described].”

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