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The University of Wyoming and UW Foundation would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you—our donors, alumni, and friends whose generosity is a vote of confidence in all that we do.

Private giving to the University of Wyoming topped $46 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. This year’s total of 22,896 donors propelled UW’s five-year fundraising average to $47.1 million, and the university endowment now stands at $437.6 million.

The UW Foundation takes great pride in our partnership with all of the university’s private contributors as we continue to raise the bar of excellence for UW.

We embrace our role to proactively and prudently manage the university’s private assets. Our success is your success—it is due to generous alumni and friends, like you, who continue your valuable support of Wyoming’s university.

On behalf of the entire university community—thank you. You’ve made an important investment in the students, faculty, and programs of the University of Wyoming.
Wyoming is breaking through in ways big and small.

Led by Larry Nance, Jr. and Josh Adams, Wyoming Cowboy Basketball came back from injuries and illness to beat the San Diego State Aztecs 45-43, winning the Mountain West Tournament championship. The crowd showed up, too, to cheer for the brown and gold.

Hoops wasn’t the only sport going all the way. The UW Men’s Nordic Ski Team took the national title in Bend, Oregon, the Pokes’ fifth overall national title in the 15-year team history. The Cowgirls were unbeaten during the regular season but came in second at nationals.

The university itself is pulling in accolades from all quarters.

UW is No. 1 in the nation for out-of-state students—based on academic quality, affordability, and accessibility—according to the Best Colleges and Universities 2014 A-List released by CollegeAtlas.org, dubbed “the encyclopedia of higher education.”

UW has some of the nation’s top online master’s programs in education—based on tuition, academic and career counseling, job placement for graduates, and cost and quality—according to Teach Tomorrow, a teaching education site. Offered through Outreach, UW’s education master’s degrees include adult and postsecondary educational administration, educational administration in educational leadership, curriculum and instruction, and instructional technology.

UW was designated a Top School in Military Advanced Education’s Guide to Colleges and Universities. Military Advanced Education is a journal of higher learning for service members, and this ranking is based on military culture, financial aid, flexibility, on-campus support, and online support services.

From a total of 280, Laramie was near the top of a list of Best College Cities, as ranked by WalletHub.com. They were looking for the best combination of academic, social, and economic atmospheres, including the quality of higher education, crime rates, and cost of living.

UW is also holding steady in its U.S. News and World Report rankings, and a number of its graduate programs are ranked, including earth sciences, pharmacy, nursing, graduate engineering, and law.

UW’s programs are highly ranked in other places, too. Students in UW’s biology classes are at the forefront of national efforts to improve biology education, says Partnership for Undergraduate Life Sciences Education, a National Science Foundation group to promote undergraduate science education. UW’s Life Sciences program is one of the top programs chosen for an ambitious pilot certification project. This is also part of UW’s Science Initiative, which aims to transform science education and to improve student success at UW and across the state while creating world-class facilities to propel research on issues important to the state and nation.
Another program that is attracting and retaining top students is the Department of Anthropology. According to Business Insider, the largest business news site on the web, anthropology and archaeology is what Wyoming is known for and reflects UW’s long tradition of providing top-notch education in anthropology.

The Department of Economics and Finance is a world leader in the Top 10% Institutions and Economists in the Field of Environmental Economics, according to Research Papers in Economics, a prestigious worldwide organization that disseminates economics research. In addition, three of the department’s faculty—Ed Barbier, Jay Shogren, and Chuck Mason—were ranked in the top 100 economists worldwide.

UW was named on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll in the General Community Service category and was recognized by the Campus Compact of the Mountain West. The recognition highlights the role colleges and universities play in solving community problems and placing more students on a lifelong path of civic engagement by recognizing institutions that achieve meaningful, measureable outcomes in the communities they serve. UW’s Service, Leadership and Community Engagement plays a large part in this effort.

Last but not least, our beloved Wyoming Union was highly ranked on Best College Values’s 30 Most Amazing Student Unions. Celebrating its 75th anniversary last year, “UW’s Living Room” is the student-centered facility that offers programs, involvement opportunities, services, and spaces to meet a wide range of students’ needs.

State, private, and university resources are being placed behind programs and initiatives that are enhancing our strengths, as well as taking campus in new directions.

The Tier-1 Initiative aims to launch the College of Engineering and Applied Science into a nationally recognized institution of academic excellence and world-class research, which will provide a lasting legacy of value to the citizens of the state. This includes recruiting outstanding students, infusing curricular innovation, generating deep industry connections, and developing a research enterprise aimed at fueling the state’s economy.
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UW’s School of Energy Resources research focuses on unconventional reservoirs, advanced coal technologies, and energy conversion and delivery. Facilities for research—including the High Bay Research Facility—and productive economic development through partnerships are key components of this effort.

The College of Education will be the focus of a five-year strategic plan to boost it to nationally preeminent status in professional educator preparation, which will ultimately improve and enhance K–12 education in Wyoming.

So important to education, literacy will receive focus and funding. This will continue and expand the work of the Literacy Research Center and Clinic in Wyoming communities, increase training for teachers, provide opportunities to implement on-site technology, increase literacy-focused faculty, promote statewide literacy initiatives, allow for applied research, and formulate partnerships between the university and the state.

The Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources fills a critical niche in Wyoming to ensure future generations will be able to enjoy the many benefits from our robust natural resources. Priorities include water management, natural resource recreation and tourism, wildfires, and forest management.

The Curtis and Marian Rochelle Athletics Center will be transformed with the addition of the state-of-the-art High Altitude Performance Center, a space for academic success, nutrition, strength and conditioning, sports medicine and rehabilitation, and recovery facilities to serve more than 400 student-athletes from all UW Division I sports.

An endowment managed by the Wyoming Technology Business Center will support an initiative that will create an interdisciplinary culture of entrepreneurship across all of the colleges, departments, centers, and programs at the University of Wyoming.

Job growth in science, technology, engineering, and math fields is projected to boom, while interest wains, and so UW is doing its part to boost interest in these areas among K–12 and university students. Outreach programs and summer camps engage K–12 children, while active learning courses enrich the skill sets of UW’s freshmen and sophomores to improve performance and retention.

Wyoming’s university is made possible by the many people on and off campus who contribute to its success. It is also due to the solid support provided by Wyoming’s governor and the state legislature and to the private support of individuals, organizations, foundations, and corporations. Together, we ensure the future of our great state.
Hess Corporation is a leading global independent energy company engaged in the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas. In 2015, Hess became the single largest corporate partner in the University of Wyoming’s history. Their total giving to UW is $25 million.

In 2013, Hess committed $5 million to support research and state-of-the-art equipment for the Hess Digital Rock Physics Laboratory, specifically the lab’s Nano Resolution Imaging capabilities. The UW School of Energy Resources has established a program to investigate the flow of oil and gas through tight shale and sandstone at macro, micro, and nano scales, led by UW Professor Mohammad Piri, Wyoming Excellence Chair in Petroleum Engineering.

The macro- and micro-scale laboratories are in place, and Hess’s contribution supported the nano-scale laboratory by purchasing a nano CT scanner and electron microscope, among other equipment.
Hess’s second commitment of $5 million is supporting further research and the building of UW’s new High Bay Research Facility plus essential technology and equipment used in the facility for research into unconventional oil and gas reservoirs.

The High Bay Research Facility will expand experimental capacity and allow Piri’s group to conduct multiple areas of investigation simultaneously in the Hess Digital Rock Physics Lab, thereby satisfying the demands of both academic research and private sector partnerships. It also eliminates the need for compromise that might jeopardize Wyoming’s leading position in this research.

Hess’s recent $15 million commitment includes $5 million for the High Bay Research Facility, $5 million for sponsored research on unconventional oil and gas reservoirs, $4.5 million for equipment and technology within the High Bay Research Facility, and $500,000 for laboratory performance development.

The State of Wyoming matched $14.5 million of this gift through the state matching program.
State matching funds help UW pursue partnerships with industry leaders such as Hess, which allow UW’s energy programs to achieve distinction in areas of strategic importance to Wyoming’s—and our nation’s—economy.

The High Bay Research Facility will be located on North 19th Street near the UW Centennial Complex. It will contain approximately 90,000 square feet of high-bay and traditional laboratory space and affiliated office and meeting areas. The laboratories will enable research that will improve understanding of how to maximize recovery from unconventional oil and gas reservoirs, part of UW’s Tier-1 Engineering Initiative. Programs will be conducted in the Center of Innovation for Flow in Porous Media, the Improved Oil Recovery Laboratory, and the Geomechanical/Petrology Laboratory. A Structures Research Laboratory also will be part of the new building.

The private funds for the High Bay Research Facility originated from UW’s most significant corporate partnerships—not only with Hess Corporation but also with Halliburton, ExxonMobil, Ultra Petroleum, Marathon Oil Company, Shell, Baker Hughes, and Arch Coal, Inc.

The High Bay Research Facility is one of four energy- and engineering-related
facilities, two of which are planned to upgrade facilities for UW’s College of Engineering and Applied Science.

The Michael B. Enzi STEM Facility will be used for teaching laboratories for introductory courses such as general chemistry, general biology, organic chemistry, elementary physics, mathematics, computational sciences, computer science, and other large-enrollment lab courses. The High Bay Research Facility will enhance UW’s research capacity in strategic energy areas, while a new Engineering Complex on Lewis Street will provide a much-needed upgrade to existing facilities. The Energy Innovation Center, a 27,300-square-foot facility, serves as the home of the School of Energy Resources and its various centers of excellence. Opened in 2013, it also was funded through private donations and state matching funds.

The High Bay Research Facility, Enzi STEM Facility, and Engineering Complex projects are tied to the work of the Governor’s Energy, Engineering, STEM Integration Task Force, which released its strategy for creating a Tier-1 engineering program at UW. UW is now implementing the many programmatic recommendations and facility upgrades called for in the task force report.
A $3 million leadership gift from Marian H. Rochelle supports an athletics academic center in the Rochelle Athletics Center, which will be expanded with the new High Altitude Performance Center. The gift will be doubled to $6 million by the State of Wyoming. Marian and her late husband Curt were the lead contributors to the Rochelle Athletics Center in 1998.

One of the most widely used facilities in UW Athletics, the Curtis and Marian Rochelle Athletics Center opened its doors in 2001 and serves the academic and athletic needs of all 17 Wyoming sports.
The $9.4-million facility was entirely paid for by private donations from 167 different donors, including a historic $4.2-million gift from the Rochelles, which was the largest donation in school history at the time.

The Rochelles followed up in 2001 with a gift of $1.5 million for a university beautification fund, which has gone toward landscaping and art installations across campus. The Rochelles also established the Curtis and Marian Rochelle Chair in Animal Science in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources with a gift of $1.1 million, their first major gift to UW.

Then, in 2006, Marian Rochelle honored her late husband, attorney William Brimmer, with a $1-million gift to UW to create the William N. Brimmer Legal Education Center in the College of Law, a state-of-the-art multi-dimensional space that can be configured as a high-tech courtroom, a classroom, or a lecture hall to better prepare students for practice in modern courtrooms and also to host actual trial proceedings and other events. In 2012, Marian H. Rochelle donated more than $12 million for the Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center.

The High Altitude Performance Center will be funded by a $24 million private support campaign and a $20 million State of Wyoming matching program. The $44 million renovation and expansion of the Rochelle Athletics Center will triple the size of the facility.

Marian H. Rochelle’s lead gift opened the doors to other large gifts, including $1 million from Patrick and Nancy Higgins to support the football operations center and $1 million from Tony and Caryl Cercy to support the Olympic weight room.

Patrick and Nancy Higgins and Tony and Caryl Cercy have long been supporters of UW Athletics. Patrick and Nancy also support the College of Business. These latest gifts from both donors that support student-athletes have cemented their legacy and love for UW.
The gifts ensure the future of UW’s student-athletes and give them what they need to become successful in their lives and careers.

These remarkable public-private partnerships will expand the current 48,000-square-foot Rochelle Athletics Center into a premier collegiate athletics complex, solidifying Wyoming’s reputation as a state committed to excellence—producing student-athletes who succeed in the classroom, compete at the highest level on the field, and define a lasting legacy for this great state.

The expansion will create a stunning presence 50 feet from the north end of the War Memorial Stadium playing field. It will incorporate architecture inspired by UW’s historic sandstone buildings.

Enhancing the overall improvements, the Veteran’s Memorial will be relocated and incorporated into a new plaza. A new 80-foot-wide video board will be installed at the south end of the field, and ribbon messaging boards will be added to the stands. A new sound system will enhance the spectator experience for all UW football fans.

The facility will benefit all University of Wyoming student-athletes. When this initiative is complete, the facility will become the premier athletics center in the Mountain West Conference, featuring new or expanded spaces focused on academic success, nutrition, strength and conditioning, sports medicine and rehabilitation, and recovery facilities for all of Wyoming’s more than 400 student-athletes.

The new High Altitude Performance Center will ensure that UW capitalizes on its greatest competitive advantage—physical training for young men and women at 7,220 feet. The thin air of the Rocky Mountains provides an opportunity for Cowboys and Cowgirls to gain unique conditioning that cannot be achieved at lower elevations.

The first floor will maximize efficiency and create a welcoming environment with the Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center centrally located so it can be accessed by all student-athletes.

The first floor will also have the Football Strength and Performance Center, a tiered War Room for full team meetings and other campus uses, and an expanded
football locker room, as well as exhibits honoring the history and traditions of Cowboy Football.

The existing football coaches’ office suite and position meeting rooms on the second floor will be reconfigured and enlarged to increase efficiencies for the student-athletes and the coaches within their busy daily schedules.

The second floor will also focus on key programmatic elements for the success of all UW’s student-athletes. The Training Table will integrate technology for customizing each meal to meet the individual nutritional needs of every individual student-athlete. The arrangement of the space will allow for team meals, as well as more casual and intimate dining.

The Marian H. Rochelle Academic Center will also serve student-athletes in a state-of-the-art learning environment for all sports to take advantage of staff support and tutoring. The space will support greater accessibility for every student-athlete.

The expansion of the RAC to create a state-of-the-art high-altitude performance facility will enable the University of Wyoming to become a leader in the development of student-athletes both academically and athletically.

In FY 2016, Wyoming philanthropists Mick and Susie McMurry through the McMurry Foundation gifted $6 million to the project. As a result of this transformational generosity, the expansion project of the Rochelle Athletics Center will be named the Mick and Susie McMurry High Altitude Performance Center.
A $1 million gift to the University of Wyoming from alums Dick and Judy Agee opens fundraising efforts for the largest capital project in university history—the Engineering Complex.

Dick is the founder and chairman of Wapiti Energy, LLC, and Bayou Well Holdings Company, LLC, and has worked in the domestic and international oil and gas industry for 50 years. After his early career with Skelly and Gulf, he joined Huffco Indonesia, Inc., in 1976 and rose through the ranks to become acting president of Huffco’s liquefied natural gas efforts. He co-founded MetFuel, Inc., in 1988 and founded Antara Resources in 1991, among other business ventures.
Dick serves on the Wyoming Governor’s Energy, Engineering, STEM Integration Task Force and has served on the UW Foundation Board of Directors and the Engineering National Advisory Board. He is also a member of the North American Executive Board of the MIT Sloan School. He earned a bachelor’s and master’s in petroleum engineering from UW, as well as a master’s from MIT in management where he was named a Sloan Fellow. While at UW, Dick was a member of SAE fraternity and a member of the UW swim team.

A member of Delta Delta Delta, Judy earned her bachelor’s in English at UW also in the 1960s. She is the owner of Lerant, a Houston store for elegant tableware and home décor. She has served on the UW Art Museum Advisory Board and the Campus Advisory Board. The Agees have four children and 16 grandchildren.

Generous philanthropists, the Agees have supported other interests at UW, including scholarships for Native American future engineers, Engineers Without Borders, other engineering initiatives, athletics, the Art Museum and its Master Teacher Program, the Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center, and facilities across campus.

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The new $100 million Engineering Complex—to be constructed across East Lewis Street from the Engineering Building—takes the concepts of innovation and collaboration and translates them into physical spaces and work practices.

Innovation builds the world of the future, and technology is advancing at exponentially faster rates. Having a facility devoted to fostering student and faculty innovation gives Wyoming an extra edge. It is so important to create an environment that allows researchers the resources and flexibility to innovate, and this faculty innovation is disseminated not only into the products they create but also to the students they mentor. Students then are able to push the envelope even further in their careers.

Collaboration brings new ideas together. Innovation most often happens at the intersection of different disciplines and ways of thinking, and so this facility creates spaces for collaboration and creative collision. These spaces include the following:

- active learning classrooms that allow students to fully engage with material,
- an Atrium and Mixing Chamber where students from different disciplines interact,
- a Student Innovation Center to foster students’ creativity,
- a Student Manufacturing Center or product realization lab where students take their ideas and realize their design and commercial potential,
- a Student Entrepreneurship Center to assist students in getting their ideas to market,
- a simulation laboratory where all can try out new ideas before they become a reality, and
- research labs where faculty and graduate students collaborate on cutting-edge research.
These spaces allow Wyoming’s students to have the best of the learning-to-discovery continuum—experience in both education and research—to prepare for today’s and the future’s fast-paced technologically intense careers. A key aspect of these spaces is fostering active learning. The “Sage on the Stage,” where the professor stands at the front of the class and lectures, has long been the model for teaching in a university classroom. UW is shifting its focus to “the Guide on the Side,” which puts the student at the center of learning.

Studies show that active learning is much more effective. Attendance goes from 70 percent to 95 percent—and the No. 1 indicator of graduation is class attendance. Student performance is higher, and students rate classes higher in evaluations.

This collaborative innovative facility is part of Wyoming’s Tier-1 Initiative. A Tier-1 college is a nationally recognized institution of academic excellence and world-class research.

The goal of the Tier-1 Initiative is to elevate UW’s College of Engineering and Applied Science to national prominence in undergraduate and graduate education and selected areas of research focused on distinction and significantly enhancing economic development in Wyoming.
Ray Kennedy believed in the power of education—he gave it everything he had. He spent his career as a teacher, and he spent his life prudently saving his money for a rainy day—in savings and in IRAs and in life insurance. But when the time came and he had no heirs, he decided that students at the UW College of Education should receive the benefit of his careful savings.

His estate gift of more than $1.8 million supports scholarships for students enrolled in the University of Wyoming College of Education through the Raymond D. Kennedy College of Education Scholarship endowment.
This fund is one of the largest scholarship endowments the UW College of Education has available for its students. It benefits education students with financial need and covers tuition and fees.

“Ray Kennedy’s generous gift to the College of Education endowing a significant number of student scholarships will open doors of opportunity, making it possible for many students with financial need to pursue the education they need, which will pay Mr. Kennedy’s gift forward to the next generation of K–12 students,” says Ray Reutzel, dean of the College of Education.

With the alarming national student debt statistics, scholarships have never been more important. Teachers face many challenges as they enter the profession and establish themselves—high loan payments shouldn’t have to be one of them.

Fortunately, Wyoming is among the lowest in the nation for student debt—42nd, with students taking out an average of $6,032 in loans per year. Still, graduating with a total debt of $22,879 is a heavy load for new graduates.

“The nice thing about Mr. Kennedy’s donation is that it’s not too restrictive,” says John Stark, UW Foundation senior vice president for development. “It can be used for in-state students, out-of-state students, undergraduate students, and graduate students. The fact that the language of the agreement is flexible helps in terms of the ease in which this scholarship can be awarded, and that’s a very positive thing.”
This past year, the UW College of Education celebrated an important milestone—its 100th year anniversary.

Wyoming places a high value on education, backing this up with generous funding for K–12 schools, community colleges, and the university. UW’s integral role in the education of the state is acknowledged in the UW College of Education Initiative, which seeks to elevate UW’s College of Education to nationally preeminent status in the preparation of professional educators.

Nationally accredited for over 60 years, the College of Education was recently ranked top of the heap by GoGrad.org. Both adult and postsecondary specializations—the doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) and doctor of education (Ed.D.)—were ranked second on the national online doctorate in education rankings.

Raymond D. Kennedy was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1924. He served in World War II, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He earned his bachelor’s in education from Southwest Missouri State College and his master’s from the University of South Dakota. Afterwards, he also attended the University of Wyoming.

He was a life-long educator, teaching and serving as an administrator in Omaha secondary schools. He was a member of the National Social Science Honor Society, Pi Gamma Mu, and Kappa Delta Pi, an education honor society.

Ray’s passion was for education, and after his retirement to Laramie he embraced the mission of the UW Department of Education. In 2013, he planned his estate, through which he

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created the Raymond D. Kennedy College of Education Scholarship. He endowed this fund with his life savings. In the past, he also supported the UW Art Museum and alumni scholarships.

Stark described Kennedy as a warm person but quiet and somewhat private.

“I would call him very humble, a low-key sort of person, obviously very generous,” Stark says. “He had a vision for wanting to accomplish this, and fortunately I was able to help him, along with Connie Palmer, a Laramie banker, and a local attorney, to make sure everything was in place so that when he did pass away what he wanted to accomplish was achieved.”

Connie Palmer, a friend and advisor of Kennedy’s, says he felt a connection with UW during his life.

“He came out here and fell in love with Wyoming and with Laramie, and this was his home,” Palmer says. “He felt a connection with the University of Wyoming, and there was never any doubt that it would go anywhere but to the University of Wyoming.”

Although Ray never married and had no children, he considered his family to be the thousands of young minds he helped form during his life. He was just eight days short of turning 91 when he passed away on May 1.
Thanks to Dr. Walter Langlois and his Sheila Langlois Memorial Fellowship for Study Abroad in Art History and the Humanities, students in art history and the humanities have a new scholarship opportunity to support their intensive study around the globe. This fund is the largest at UW to support humanities study abroad.

One student has already benefitted. Jordyn Patrias is a senior from Laramie majoring in art history and minoring in museum studies. She was able to study abroad in Utrecht, Netherlands, for the spring 2015 semester, and while in Utrecht she studied at the University College Utrecht, a branch of the Universiteit Utrecht.
Jordyn took a class on seventeenth century Dutch masters, and she visited museums in Amsterdam—so that she could apply what she was learning in class to the art around her while also witnessing the inner workings of museums. Jordyn also traveled around Europe to museums such as the Prado and Reina Sofia in Madrid, Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen in Rotterdam, the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, and the Belvedere Museum in Vienna.

“I gained an appreciation for everything Dutch,” Jordyn says. “One of the best parts of this international experience was doing things I had never done before in my life.” She describes her spring 2015 semester as an incredible opportunity that she will treasure forever.

Her time in the Netherlands helped prepare her for a career as a museum curator and future graduate work in museum studies.

The Sheila Langlois Memorial Fellowship for Study Abroad in Art History and the Humanities was established in 2014 by Walter Langlois, professor emeritus in French. The fellowship honors Walter’s wife—the artist Sheila Langlois. This fellowship supports one or two humanities undergrads or graduate students per year with up to $10,000 for research and education expenses such as travel, housing, tuition, and other costs.

Recipients must come from within the humanities, which may include art, art history, history, literature, philosophy, religious studies, languages, international studies, or interdisciplinary fields. Projects are based on an area of intensive research in one of these disciplines, and awards are for one semester, though they may be

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extended. It is intended to support undergraduate students, but qualified graduate students are also considered.

In the mid-1960s, Walter and Sheila Langlois came to Wyoming with their two children on several extended summer vacation visits. These excursions proved to be wonderfully successful. Walter was particularly attracted to the traditional rural lifestyle and social values of a majority of the population. As he said later, “They have found the right way to live happy and productive lives.”

Sheila, an accomplished watercolorist, was equally impressed with the magnificent natural beauties of certain regions of the state, particularly within the Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks. A few years later, the couple was overjoyed when in 1974 Walter received a permanent appointment to teach French literature and Asian studies at the University of Wyoming.

The family established their primary residence in Laramie, but they spent most of their vacations in a summer house they built in Teton Village, a ski resort near Jackson. In Jackson itself, Sheila opened Rawson Galleries, a modest shop named after her father and grandfather that featured watercolor landscapes of the magnificent vistas in the nearby parks. This enterprise thrived until her death in 2013, nearly 30 seasons later.

During these years, Sheila and Walter often talked about how much they enjoyed living in Wyoming and appreciated their friendly and helpful neighbors. They also began to think about projects that might reflect their gratitude by expanding educational opportunities for students who would be taking jobs in a fast-moving
and complex world after their graduation. Both Walter and Sheila had spent their junior years living and studying in France. They found the experience of being in a foreign culture to be very rewarding—even life-changing. Before Sheila’s death, the couple had begun to explore how the University of Wyoming could help organize and administer such a program for UW students. The result was the Sheila Langlois Memorial Fellowship for Study Abroad in Art History and the Humanities.

“This exceptional gift has established the most generous study abroad fellowship offered at the University of Wyoming,” says Jean Garrison, director of the Center for Global Studies. “It honors Sheila’s life and work as it provides an opportunity for students to experience how much study abroad can open their eyes to new opportunities. We appreciate what this can do for students in art history and across the humanities.”

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In fall 2015 the university plans to award two Langlois fellowships.
While Kevin Rochlitz studied for his bachelor’s in business marketing at UW, he served as an intern in the Athletics department’s promotions and administration. Kevin is now the president of corporate sales and development for the Baltimore Ravens NFL Football team, and he and his wife Melissa established the Rochlitz College of Business Athletic Intern Support Fund at UW to pass along his good fortune.

“This gift takes me full circle.”

– KEVIN ROCHLITZ

Farm Credit Services of America (FCSAmerica) is proud to finance the growth of rural America, including the special needs of young and beginning producers in Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa. At UW, FCSAmerica established the Agricultural Leadership Program designed to further enhance student-focused leadership curriculum and to help graduate students research institutional leadership models, develop and implement a leadership speaker series, and teach leadership curriculum and programming.

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– FARM CREDIT SERVICES OF AMERICA

Born in 1928, Aggie Rainwater has five degrees—two bachelor’s, one master’s, and two Ph.Ds. She earned her UW degree in physical education in 1949. She was a professor of health and recreation in Montana and Michigan. Dedicated to service, Aggie has consistently supported UW’s Annual Giving program since 1990.

“To accomplish a meaningful life, you must set and achieve goals.”

– DR. AGNES B. RAINWATER
W MBA and Distinguished Business Alumnus Chris Tice is CEO of Pharmacy Solutions, a provider of intravenous medications throughout the Rocky Mountains. He and his wife Carmel, also a UW alum and a pharmacist at St. John’s Medical Center, have supported UW since 1986, and in 2015 they established the Chris and Carmel Tice Family Scholarship Fund supporting students in the College of Business and the School of Pharmacy.

“Patient Comes First.”

- Christopher & Carmel Tice

For 30 years, UW College of Education’s Professor Joe Stepans made extraordinary international contributions to science and mathematics education through the Conceptual Change Model. To honor his legacy, donors established and continue to support the Joseph I. Stepans Excellence in Education fund that provides scholarships to researchers and in-service teachers interested in identifying and correcting student misconceptions using the model.

“Leadership, innovation, and professionalism epitomize Stepans’s career.”

- Dr. Joseph Stepans

After earning his bachelor’s and master’s from UW in the 1960s, Friend of Education and Distinguished Alumnus Bill Pettus became a teacher, counselor, school psychologist, special education director, principal, and superintendent in California. He and his wife Nancy, also an educator, have been supporting UW’s literacy efforts, among many other things, since 1987.

“We are very lucky to have such outstanding people living in our community.”

- Dr. William & Nancy Pettus
PRIVATE SUPPORT TOTALS (IN MILLIONS)

NUMBER OF ENDOWMENTS

PORTFOLIO GROWTH (IN MILLIONS)

UWF DISBURSEMENTS TO UW (IN MILLIONS)

SOURCE OF DOLLARS RECEIVED (FY15)

TOTAL: $46.1 MILLION

ASSET ALLOCATION (IN MILLIONS)

TOTAL: $437.6 Million

FINANCIAL REPORT
Over the years, UW alumni and friends and the Wyoming State Legislature have consistently and enthusiastically supported Wyoming’s university. They have established unprecedented numbers of endowments—from scholarships to professorships, from program support to facilities construction. It is through private support that the University of Wyoming rises above the ordinary to become one of the nation’s finest public land-grant universities, and the University of Wyoming Foundation exemplifies the university’s private-public partnership.

ENDOWMENTS

Endowments are conduits that allow yesterday’s students to impact the lives of the students of today and tomorrow. They provide a firm foundation of assets that are held in perpetuity, the interest of which creates a steady stream of funding for those purposes chosen by the donor. This reliable income allows the university to plan and budget effectively, but most importantly it helps students achieve their educational goals, sending them down the path to success.

When a donor creates an endowed fund, the gift buys shares—much like mutual funds—in the endowment pool. Adding these funds to the endowment pool broadens investment possibilities much more than if each endowment were invested individually. Accounting, however, is done separately for each fund, and based upon the number of shares owned in the pool, income is distributed after an initial one-year waiting period.

Every year, in accordance with its payout policy, the UW Foundation distributes millions of dollars from its endowment to the university for expenditures such as student assistance, faculty support, library acquisitions, academic program support, and building and equipment purchases and maintenance.

The UW Foundation uses a weighted formula for calculating payout amounts. The payout policy is the result of a careful review of models used by Yale, Stanford, and other major higher education institutions and is designed to smooth year-to-year variations in market performance so that the colleges and units within the university are able to budget more accurately with a predictable and reliable source of funding. Endowment distributions may be made from current income, accumulated income, realized appreciation, and principal to the extent
necessary to meet the distribution requirements of the payout policy. Earnings above the amount of distributions are added to the corpus, enabling the principal to continue to grow and providing a hedge against inflation.

As of June 30, 2015, the pooled fund had grown to $437.6 million. For FY 2015, the number of endowments reached 1,342 funds, and disbursements to UW, including expendable gifts, totaled $42.4 million.

INVESTMENTS

A primary mission of the University of Wyoming Foundation is to exercise superior stewardship of the gifts committed to the university, and assets managed by the foundation have grown significantly over the years and have allowed donors to support an expanding number of students, faculty, and academic programs during times when many universities have had to cut back. Funds invested by the foundation include cash, reserve balances, charitable remainder unitrusts and gift annuities, outright gifts, and endowments.

Now more than ever, well-balanced asset allocations have been shown to consistently perform better over time under varying market conditions, rather than being heavily invested in one or two asset classes or trying to time the market. The UW Foundation portfolio is broadly diversified, and the board continues to proactively manage the assets to balance stability with rate of return. The use of a sophisticated asset allocation typical of much larger institutions has resulted in more secure foundation holdings that are not unduly influenced by the highs and lows of the equity and bond markets or changes in the political climate.

The UW Foundation Board of Directors—in consultation with their professional investment advisors Monticello Associates of Denver, Colorado—worked diligently during fiscal year 2015 to proactively manage the foundation’s portfolio. The UW Foundation staff and Board of Directors Investment Committee is responsible for determining the investment policy and selecting investment managers for the endowment pool. They combine diverse areas of expertise to bring a wealth of financial experience to the management of the foundation’s investments.

The Foundation Board recently changed to the investment consulting firm of Meketa Investment Group from Boston, Massachusetts. Having professional investment managers helps ensure investment management remains consistent, despite periodic changes in foundation personnel and UW Foundation Board of Directors composition.

As of June 30, 2015, the pool of endowed funds totaled $437.6 million.

But, at the end of the year, the bottom line is not the whole story. This number does not include the many services the UW Foundation provides—such as serving as a charitable planning resource and reconnecting the alumni and friends of Wyoming with their university—nor the ways that the foundation actively stewards donors’ contributions before they become endowments, including pledges, short-term investments, and real estate.

The commitment of UW’s alumni and friends has made UW the envy of many other institutions. Over the years, the UW Foundation’s assets, which support the dreams of tomorrow’s citizens and leaders, have grown significantly, and this fundraising success stands as a testament to the dedication and generosity of UW’s avid supporters.

STATE MATCH

Many of UW’s key gifts were doubled through the state’s matching program. This program, unique to the State of Wyoming, began in March 2001 with the mission of providing additional support to the University of Wyoming by encouraging private donations. Under this program, endowment gifts of at least $50,000 and facilities gifts of at least $25,000 were matched dollar for dollar.
EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS

Barry D. Gasdek UW Football Leadership Fund
Established by Barry D. Gasdek to support a student-athlete on the football team

Lyman and Margie McDonald Family Women’s Basketball Excellence Fund
Established by Lyman and Margie McDonald to support the women’s basketball program

EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS

Leland Landers Agriculture and Natural Resources Dean’s Excellence Fund
Established by the Leland R. Landers Revocable Trust to support College of Agriculture and Natural Resources programming

Levin Agricultural and Applied Economics Excellence Fund
Established by Rob and Jody Levin to foster excellence and provide financial support to the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics

STUDENT SUPPORT

Four Mile Fund for Communication and Journalism
Established by Michael R. Brown and Dollie Iberlin to support graduate students in the Department of Communication and Journalism

Dan A. Nichols Memorial Scholarship for Geology Summer Field Camp
Established by Monica Bruton, Eric Bruton, and Matthew Nichols to support students enrolled in the Geology Summer Field Camp

The Richard and Joyce Thorvaldson Clark Scholarship
Established by Richard and Joyce Clark to support students in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics

The Lillian N. Couch Scholarship Fund
Established by Lillian N. Couch to support students in the College of Business

John P. Ellbogen Foundation UWAA Scholarship Endowment
Established by the John P. Ellbogen Foundation to support Wyoming residents enrolled at the University of Wyoming

Todd Eustace Memorial Scholarship
Established by Joe Eustace to honor his son, Todd Eustace, to support students majoring in animal science with an interest in the sheep and wool industry

Linda R. Smith Bartlett Endowed Scholarship
Established by Carol Figurelli on behalf of her parents, F. Keith and Ruth Smith, to support students pursuing a major in the Zoology and Physiology or Mathematics departments
NEW ENDOWMENTS

EA Fornstrom Scholarship in Accounting
Established by Elizabeth A. Fornstrom to support students in the Accounting department in the College of Business

Fornstrom Engineering Scholarship in Water Resources
Established by Dr. K. James Fornstrom to support students in the College of Engineering and Applied Science

Frank C. and Eleanor M. Gasdek Agriculture and Natural Resources Scholarship
Established by Barry D. Gasdek to support students in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Frank C. and Eleanor M. Gasdek Engineering Scholarship
Established by Barry D. Gasdek to support students in the College of Engineering and Applied Science

Gillette Rotary Club Foundation Endowed Scholarship
Established by the Gillette Rotary Club Foundation to support students who graduated from a high school located within Campbell County, Wyoming

Colonel Gerald Adams Air Force ROTC Scholarship
Established by Dr. Kenyon N. Griffin to support students enrolled in the Air Force ROTC program

Deputy Bryan Gross Memorial Scholarship
Established by Amy Gross on behalf of the Bryan Gross Memorial Fund to support students in the Department of Criminal Justice

Gordon B. and Virginia L. Hughes Scholarship in the College of Engineering
Established by Gordon B. and Virginia L. Hughes to support students in the College of Engineering and Applied Science

Ray D. Kennedy College of Education Scholarship
Established by Ray D. Kennedy to support students in the College of Education

Sheila Langlois Memorial Fellowship for Study Abroad in Art History and the Humanities
Established by Walter G. Langlois to support studying abroad while enrolled at the University of Wyoming

Rosalie Fields Nursing Scholarship
Established by Charles and Emma Jean Mader to support students in the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing

The McKinley Family Scholarship for Graduate Students
Established by John C. and Kathleen F. McKinley and Carol L. and Karl Atkins to support graduate students in a master’s or doctoral program in the Department of Geology and Geophysics or within the College of Business

John J. Metzke Law Scholarship
Established by John Metzke and Dana Bates Metzke to support students in the College of Law
Donald W. Boyd Endowment for Graduate Studies in Geology and Geophysics

Established by David E. Nice, Beverly A. Blakeney DeJarnett, and Jeffrey G. DeJarnett to support graduate students in the Department of Geology and Geophysics

Beth Miller Schieck Scholarship for Disability Studies

Established by Beth Miller Schieck to support students in disability studies

Joyce A. Scott Arts and Sciences Scholarship Fund at UW-Casper

Established by Joyce A. Scott to support students in the College of Arts and Sciences at UW-Casper

Warren and Gary Siebold College of Engineering and Applied Science Scholarship

Established by Gary L. Siebold to support students in the College of Engineering and Applied Science

Explorer Fund for Geology and Geophysics

Established by Orion L. and A. Lauren Skinner to support students in the Department of Geology and Geophysics

Mario Temperini Scholarship Fund

Established by the Mario Temperini Living Trust to support full-time students at the University of Wyoming

Hilda E. Thomas Honors Excellence Fund

Established by Hilda E. Thomas to enrich the Honors Program and its students

Michael and Linda Tiernan Scholarship and Research Fund

Established by the Michael W. Tiernan Estate to support students in the Department of Zoology and Physiology

Harold E. and LaRue B. Williams Petroleum Engineering Scholarship

Established by J. Richard Williams to support seniors and graduate students majoring in petroleum engineering

SERVICE TO WYOMING

John P. Ellbogen Foundation AHC Civics Education Excellence Fund

Established by the John P. Ellbogen Foundation to foster excellence and provide financial support to the American Heritage Center and its many civic education initiatives

Mark A. Greene Excellence Fund

Established by American Heritage Center Board of Advisors and Friends of the American Heritage Center to foster excellence and provide support to the American Heritage Center in honor of M. A. Greene, retired director of the American Heritage Center

Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center Historical Conservation Fund

Established by Marian H. Rochelle to support the historical story of the University of Wyoming within the Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center

Morris Hutchins Ruger and Barbara Fulton Ruger Endowment Fund

Established by Barbara F. Ruger to support the American Heritage Center
The University of Wyoming Foundation will focus resources on the priorities that have the highest potential to generate private support.

The criteria for fundraising success are reflected in the following:

- a focused, specific, and achievable vision,
- institutional commitment and advocacy,
- proven record of success in identified or related areas,
- recognized prospects and/or donors,
- state legislative support and/or state match potential, and
- identified deliverables.

**TIER-1 ENGINEERING INITIATIVE, COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE**

This priority includes the engineering capital project and a carbon engineering chair. The chair—to be housed in either the Chemical or Petroleum Engineering departments—will be used to recruit and retain an internationally recognized leader in carbon engineering, a field critical to the growth and diversification of Wyoming’s economy.

**THE SCHOOL OF ENERGY RESOURCES**

This priority includes a Petroleum Engineering chair, unconventional reservoirs and improved recovery research and equipment, and carbon engineering and equipment. Petroleum engineering and carbon engineering are partnership priorities for the College of Engineering and Applied Science and the School of Energy Resources.

**TRUSTEES EDUCATION INITIATIVE**

The University of Wyoming through a Trustees College of Education Initiative will develop a five-year strategic plan to elevate the College of Education to nationally preeminent status in professional educator preparation—ultimately to reform, improve, and enhance K–12 education in Wyoming.

**LITERACY PROGRAMS**

While current funding has allowed for a true launch of a focused literacy agenda for the state, there is still a significant opportunity to impact the state through additional initiatives and resources. This increased focus and funding would allow for a long-term presence of the new Literacy Research Center and Clinic in Wyoming communities, increased training for teachers, opportunities to implement on-site technology, increased literacy-focused faculty, statewide literacy initiatives, applied research, and partnerships between the university and the state.

**HAUB SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

The Haub School fills a critical niche at UW and in the state of Wyoming by preparing students, citizens, and decision makers to make wise informed decisions to ensure future generations will enjoy the many benefits from our robust natural resources that we enjoy today. Priorities include a water management for the future professorship, a natural resource recreation and tourism program, and wildfire and western communities and forest management professorships.
THE HIGH ALTITUDE
PERFORMANCE CENTER
The Curtis and Marian Rochelle Athletics Center will be expanded with the state-of-the-art High Altitude Performance Center, which will enable the University of Wyoming to become a leader in the academic and athletic development of student-athletes. Moreover, it will provide an opportunity to attract international caliber Olympic athletes to train in UW facilities, further adding to UW’s stature on the national sports scene.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP
This priority creates an interdisciplinary culture of entrepreneurship that is accessible across all of the colleges, departments, centers, and programs at the University of Wyoming. This priority is supported by an endowment managed by the Wyoming Technology Business Center. It would include curriculum enhancement, action learning programs, student business accelerators, venture funds, student competitions, internships, and partnerships with the current UW Business Resource Network, as well as the creation of additional outreach programs related to entrepreneurship.

STEM PROGRAMS (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS)
Preparation for a STEM-focused degree starts early through the process of building and maintaining students’ interest in STEM programs from an early age. WySTEM is a collaborative office at UW that serves as an interface between K–14 students and teachers, higher education, and industry to expand and enhance STEM education in Wyoming. Giving opportunities for STEM at UW includes scholarships, research, summer programs, and specific outreach opportunities.
ABOUT THE UW FOUNDATION

The UW Foundation, established in 1962, is appointed by the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees to raise, receive, and manage private gifts to maximize support for the University of Wyoming.

It is an independent, nonprofit corporation governed by a Board of Directors consisting of up to 30 elected voting members, six non-voting ex-officio members, and as many voting emeritus members as may be elected by the board. Board members bring a wealth of experience from a broad spectrum of careers and professional and personal backgrounds.

Through the generosity of our many alumni and friends, the UW Foundation has raised an average (five-year) of $47.1 million a year in private funding—money that goes to students and the faculty, staff, and programs that support them.

Our fundraising efforts are responsibly and effectively implemented by the following departments.

CORPORATE GIVING
Some of the most significant impacts across the University of Wyoming campus have come from the remarkable support of corporations. Gifts campus-wide have built buildings, created new programs, and underwritten research that changes the world.

Brett Befus, Director of Corporate Development
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FOUNDATION GIVING
Foundations have made such a lasting impact on Wyoming’s students and the colleges, programs, and facilities that support them. Student by student, foundation-supported scholarships have built a wealth of human capital.

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MAJOR GIVING
The development team works closely with individual donors and with the university to focus on the priorities of each, helping to guide the significant and thoughtful commitments that have a major impact on the future of Wyoming’s university.

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ANNUAL GIVING
UW Annual Giving focuses on acquiring regular yearly contributions, thus creating a vital and dependable source of private support to help the University of Wyoming fulfill its mission of being one of the nation’s finest public land-grant research universities.

Candy Paradis, Director of Annual Giving
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PLANNED GIVING
The UW Foundation’s gift planning staff assists donors in integrating charitable gifts into their financial, tax, and estate planning objectives, maximizing benefits to both donors and the University of Wyoming. Planned gifts provide donors with an immediate tax deduction and other benefits such as life income, continued use of gift property, or elimination of capital gains tax.

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MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS
The Marketing and Communications team helps coordinate the strategic vision of the foundation and communicates that vision in a variety of media to university and foundation constituencies. Information Services is included under Marketing and Communications.

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FINANCIAL SERVICES
Providing a reliable, growing source of income to the University of Wyoming is one of the foundation’s main objectives, and its Financial Services team, through the board’s investment policies, proactively and prudently manages the university’s private assets in order to preserve and increase the real principal value of its endowment. This in turn provides permanent capital and a dependable stream of income for the university and its programs, despite trends in the economy or administrative changes.

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ADMINISTRATION AND DONOR RELATIONS
The Administration and Donor Relations team provides invaluable support for the activities of all departments of the foundation, including advancement operations, donor relations, gift processing, event planning, stewardship support, human resources, and management of the Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center, among many other things.

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In practicing our guiding principles, the UW Foundation will strive to earn the trust and mutual respect of our peers and constituent partners while inspiring exceptional pride in the University of Wyoming.
VISION
The UW Foundation aspires to be a premier strategic partner with the University of Wyoming in achieving its desire to become the nation’s finest land-grant university.

MISSION
The UW Foundation enhances excellence and distinction at the University of Wyoming by securing private resources, delivering superior stewardship, and creating enduring relationships with all who share our pride in Wyoming’s university.

CORE VALUES
The UW Foundation seeks to set the highest performance standards in the following areas, which we consider essential to the successful achievement of our mission and attainment of our vision.

• Accountability: Faithfully steward the resources entrusted to us while maintaining transparency in all aspects of our management of these resources.

• Integrity: Demand the highest standards of professional conduct, acting at all times with truthfulness and integrity and adherence to the Donor Bill of Rights.

• Quality: Exceed expectations with exceptional service based on timeliness, accuracy, and responsiveness.

• Trust: Nurture high-trust relationships by listening carefully and communicating clearly.
Philanthropy is based on voluntary action for the common good. It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the quality of life. To assure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the not-for-profit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

- To be informed of the organization’s mission, of the way the organization intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.

- To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization’s governing board and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.

- To have access to the organization’s most recent financial statements.

- To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.

- To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.

- To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.

- To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.

- To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers or employees of the organization or hired solicitors.

- To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.

- To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers.

“A Donor Bill of Rights,” CASE, 1994
There are many ways to impact the success of the University of Wyoming. Rest assured that your gift—no matter the size—will do just that. Making a gift is as simple as contributing online at www.uwyo.edu/giveonline, emailing foundation@uwyo.edu, or contacting the UW Foundation toll-free (888) 831-7795 or (307) 766-6300 for advice or assistance with the many channels of giving.

MAKING A GIFT
The easiest way to give to UW is online via uwyo.edu/giveonline or via personal check, credit or debit card, or money order. Donations are deductible when filing an itemized tax return. Gifts are made payable to the University of Wyoming Foundation and can be mailed to: UW Foundation, 222 South 22nd Street, Laramie, WY 82070. You can also make a pledge.

ESTABLISHING AN ENDOWMENT
When people give a gift to UW, they often establish an endowment, as opposed to the funds going directly toward immediate needs. This is because an endowment is a way to extend the life of the gift and to allow colleges and units within the university to budget more accurately with a predictable and reliable source of funding.

CHARITABLE BEQUESTS
A will or revocable living trust—a bequest—is easy and far and away the most popular method of deferred giving. Bequest options include giving a specific dollar amount, specific property, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder of your estate after making specific provisions for loved ones.

GIFTS IN HONOR OR MEMORY
Making a gift to UW can be a great way to recognize a loved one or mentor. When you make a gift in honor or memory of someone special, the foundation takes great care to administer the gift according to your wishes.

REAL ESTATE, STOCK, AND OTHER SECURITIES
Gifts of real estate, stocks, bonds, treasuries, and mutual funds can be an excellent way to make a gift to the university because donors can deduct the full value of the asset as a charitable contribution, avoid capital gains tax, and remove the asset from their taxable estates.

RETIREMENT PLANS AND LIFE INSURANCE
Generous gifts can be made to UW by naming the UW Foundation as the beneficiary of a new or existing life insurance policy, IRA, 401(k), 403(b), or other retirement plan.
GIFTS THAT PROVIDE INCOME
A charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust allows our supporters to make a gift to UW while receiving a lifetime income. Payments are guaranteed and backed by all of the assets of the UW Foundation. Both allow you to make a significant future gift commitment to UW today.

ANNUAL GIVING
Annual Giving is the only university fundraising program that reaches all alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends on a yearly basis to offer giving opportunities for direct support of UW’s colleges, departments, and programs. This regular support creates a vital and dependable source of non-legislative support that allows them that extra edge to achieve excellence.

MATCHING OPPORTUNITIES
Some corporations or organizations match the charitable gifts of their employees. Check with your human resources department.

PAYROLL DEDUCTION
If you are a UW employee, you can make your gift through payroll deduction by filling out UW Payroll Deduction Authorization.

QUESTIONS?
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The passing of Mick McMurry is a deep loss for the UW family. The state of Wyoming and the University of Wyoming have been forever transformed by Mick’s generosity. A UW alum, Wyoming entrepreneur, and visionary philanthropist, Mick was instrumental in igniting a remarkable era of energy development through the reopening of Wyoming’s Jonah Field that has resulted in an unprecedented ongoing revenue stream for the state. This development greatly impacted Wyoming’s economy and institutions. Along with his wife Susie, Mick believed in building a better Wyoming, and their remarkable philanthropy has forever changed our great university. The UW family expresses our profound gratitude to Mick and Susie. We will always celebrate Mick’s amazing life.