The close of fiscal year 2003 marks the midway point of the University of Wyoming’s unprecedented $125 million fundraising campaign. This year’s *Annual Report on Giving: Bridging the Distance* reflects how donors’ extraordinary gifts are moving the University toward a future of distinction.
On behalf of the Foundation and the University, we extend our heartfelt thanks and our congratulations for the role you have played in a record year for “private support” at Wyoming’s University – $30.1 million!

It’s exhilarating to reach new heights. All of you who are recognized in this report should take great personal pride in celebrating the historic elevation of UW’s private giving programs.

Not only did you break the alumni/friends philanthropic record in support for UW, your remarkable generosity also secured the total $30 million UW endowment “challenge match” from the state of Wyoming – in less than half the time allowed by the state. As we enter the final two years of the five-year, $125 million DISTINCTION campaign, your gifts are more important than ever. You are truly building bridges to our University’s future.

Thank you for investing in UW’s students and faculty.
The public launch of Wyoming’s largest-ever fundraising campaign was a defining moment. It marked an opportunity for individuals, companies, and foundations to influence the course of the University for generations to come.

You’re already doing that. In fact, DISTINCTION: The Campaign for Wyoming’s University has spurred alumni and friends to give $94 million to the campaign by the close of fiscal 2003 – that’s 75 percent of the $125 million goal.

“I am very thrilled by this year’s spirited response from almost 25,000 donors – it shows again just how special the University is to so many folks,” says DISTINCTION chairman and retired U.S. Senator Alan K. Simpson. “The campaign gives all of us a renewed chance to rally ‘round our beloved UW. I’d love to see more and more of our fine alumni participate. They’re out there! The continued enthusiasm of our wonderful volunteers and generous donors will help us wind this baby up in a way that will truly excite us all. What a cause it is!”

The spirit of volunteerism began with the leadership of the UW Foundation Board of Directors, which has given a collective $13 million to the campaign. Last fall the University celebrated $78 million raised during the initial phase of DISTINCTION, and UW took the campaign on the road last winter with a series of regional events starting in Denver and Scottsdale, Arizona.

Signs that DISTINCTION is already transforming the University include:

> 182 new endowments since 2000
> Nine new faculty chairs and professorships
> $23 million in new support for UW’s students
> Groundbreaking for the College of Health Sciences Center
> A fully endowed Leadership Wyoming program

Retired U.S. Senator Alan K. Simpson, Chairman, DISTINCTION Campaign

Status by Priority as of June 30, 2003

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Campaign resources continue to be focused on enhancing UW’s reputation in natural resources and the environment; life sciences; history, culture, and the arts; and on funding programs that support Wyoming’s economic development. It’s a process that means building a stronger endowment and enhancing facilities, financial aid packages, academic programs, and salaries to attract and retain the people who are critical to UW’s quest for excellence.

Raising the level of annual giving to UW is a priority of the campaign and a long-term goal of the University. Annual Fund dollars are vital to deans and department heads who need to make immediate program enhancements.

Another overarching campaign objective is increasing the total endowment to generate annual income for specific purposes at the University. In particular, the quality of a UW education is only as strong as its top faculty members. With one-third of the University’s professors close to retirement, private support will be needed to attract outstanding scholars and teachers.

The final two years of DISTINCTION will provide several opportunities to provide funding for such things as state-of-the-art equipment for Engineering or a new performing arts studio for Arts and Sciences.

This campaign is about people. It’s about the record 24,571 donors who stepped forward to make a difference in fiscal 2003. Thank you for investing in Wyoming’s University! Please continue to join UW on its important journey.

For more information about the DISTINCTION campaign, please call the UW Foundation at (307) 766-6300 or (888) 831-7795.
She's still making history in Wyoming, 65 years after she became the state's first female certified public accountant. The late Clara Raab Toppan this year provided the largest financial gift ever received by the University in her Lodge Pole Ranch near Wilson, Wyoming. Proceeds from the sale of the property will more than double the previous largest gift to UW of $4.2 million in 1999.

Toppan, who received her UW accounting degree in 1931, divided her gift to fund an endowment supporting the American Heritage Center’s Toppan Room (a rare-book library Toppan created more than 20 years ago), two permanent scholarship funds, an endowment fund for the College of Business, and other needs to be determined by the University.

Prior to her death in 2001, Toppan had contributed more than $700,000 to UW and played a part in UW’s Centennial Campaign, which raised $25 million for the Art Museum, Centennial Complex, scholarships, and endowed chairs. Named the College of Business Distinguished Alumna in 1995, Toppan also was honored by the American Institute of CPAs for 50 years of dedication to her profession.

Leading the Way

The loyal UW supporters featured here have made a tremendous statement about their interest in the future of the University. Their extraordinary gifts, many of which were doubled by a Wyoming state fund created to match endowment gifts, will forever be major cornerstones in UW’s Distinction campaign.
Much like his ancestors who helped tame the Old West, Wyoming native Carl Williams blazed a trail in the cable television industry around the region. A $1 million commitment from Carl and his wife, Lisa, is not yet designated for a specific UW program. Together with the Williams’ $1 million planned estate gift, the couple has committed $2 million to UW, plus additional matching dollars from the Wyoming legislature’s fund.

“It’s a general obligation to my native state,” says Carl Williams, a 1956 College of Law alumnus who grew up in Douglas, Wyoming. “It’s that simple.”

A recipient of the University’s Distinguished Alumnus award, Williams founded a regional cable television company and built several systems around Wyoming. He also was instrumental in the 1993 expansion of UW’s George W. Hopper Law Library and has served on the UW Foundation Board of Directors.

“My roots run back a long way,” he says. “My family has seen three centuries in Wyoming. I still have an awful lot of friends there.”

Lisa and Carl Williams

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

“A great education begins at an early age, and The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation recognized that concept with a $1.15 million grant to fund a center for “recruiting, retaining, and educating the best in the West.”

The Center for Excellence in Engineering Education will feature development of hands-on engineering and technology models for teaching science and math to K-12 students and enhancing the first two years of curricula at UW to provide a foundation of current topics and technology in engineering.

“This grant provides us with so many opportunities to enhance the quality of our undergraduate engineering programs,” says Jerry Hamann, associate professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. “From contact with middle school students to reformulating coursework, our efforts are backed by the Hewlett Foundation.”
**Caryl and Roy Cline**

*High school sweethearts* and Greybull, Wyoming, natives Roy Cline and his wife Caryl of Omaha, Nebraska, committed more than $1.2 million to create a chair that will help the University attract a nationally recognized scholar in environmental engineering.

“My wife and I wanted to make a significant contribution to UW in appreciation for what it had done for my career,” says Roy, who is a member of the UW Foundation Board of Directors. “UW gave me a good start in life with my education. From my perspective, it’s time to repay the University.”

Roy earned his engineering degree from UW in 1960 and his master’s degree from Stanford University. He had a long career with Morrison Knudsen Construction Group before retiring last year as executive vice president for Peter Kiewit Sons Inc. Caryl, a former teacher, received her degree in education from Colorado State College (now the University of Northern Colorado) in 1960.

The chair in engineering, environment, and natural resources is shared by the College of Engineering and the Ruckelshaus Institute and the School of Environment and Natural Resources.

“Having a senior faculty member will really put us on the map in environmental engineering,” says Gus Plumb, dean of the College of Engineering at UW.

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**Wolf Creek Charitable Foundation**

*Birds of prey have long been a part of Bob Berry’s life.* A $1 million gift from his Wolf Creek Charitable Foundation, doubled by the state matching fund, establishes the Robert B. Berry Chair in Ecology. Income generated by the gift will give UW ecology students the opportunity to study under a nationally recognized scholar with expertise in ornithology (the study of birds).

Berry, 66, is trustee of the foundation dedicated to the conservation and preservation of wildlife habitats. A Pennsylvania native, Berry hopes the new distinguished chair in ecology will attract the best students to UW and more research funds to its life science programs.

“My goals are to help the University establish a national and international prominence in ecology and to bring under one umbrella the University’s life science programs of biology, zoology, and botany,” says Berry, former president, chairman, and CEO of United States Liability Group of Insurance Companies.

He and his wife, Carol, an accomplished portrait painter, live near Sheridan, Wyoming.
Bonnie and Gene Zuech

“**I wouldn’t be here without scholarship funds.**”

**UW senior**
**Víctor Simental, Cheyenne, Wyoming**

The late Bonnie and Gene Zuech wanted to help students from their Wyoming hometowns of Rock Springs and Hulett, respectively. Through Gene’s decades of hard work as a bricklayer, and Bonnie’s penchant for buying stocks, the Zuechs were able to provide $1 million in student scholarship support.

Gene never attended college, but had an accounting background before embarking on his bricklaying career. Bonnie Simpson Zuech earned an education degree from UW in 1933 and taught in Wyoming before the couple moved to the Phoenix area in 1965.

UW senior Víctor Simental says privately funded scholarships make it possible for him to get more involved with college life instead of working to pay rent and tuition. He’s a business major with two minors who also helps produce a bilingual radio show in Cheyenne, and looks forward to graduate school and eventually earning a Ph.D.

“I try to tell people about scholarships,” he says. “So many people go to community colleges and think they can’t afford to go on to the University, so they never continue their education.”

ASUW
Associated Students of the University of Wyoming

“**Even UW’s spirited student body pulled together and gave $1 million this spring,**” marveled UW alumnus and DISTINCTION campaign chairman Alan K. Simpson earlier this year. “Think about that one!”

The Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) used excess money in a student loan account to provide $1 million in endowed funds for students. The gifts will support scholarships for student leaders and will help improve student services and facilities such as Half Acre Gym.

“These new endowments demonstrate the long-term vision ASUW has for helping students,” says ASUW Financial Executive Tyler Cooley, who developed the trust agreement. “It’s fantastic to know that the work ASUW has done this year will benefit students for decades to come.”

Tyler Cooley, 2002-03 ASUW Financial Executive

Lori Reed (left) and Keith Sapp, 2002-03 ASUW Vice President and President
“We were very excited about the action the state legislature took — the opportunity to double our money. Both of us have a real attachment to UW and the state of Wyoming.”

UW Alumni
Kay and Joe Drew

Private gifts to the University of Wyoming in 2002-03 reached a record $30,177,110 — that’s an increase of 48 percent from last year. In addition to that sum, $10.8 million in matching funds were committed by the state of Wyoming.

In the past five years, annual private support of UW has more than tripled from an average of $6.3 million in 1992-97 to $20.8 million annually. Not only that, the number of contributors to UW has risen each year since topping 20,000 in 1998. This year, an all-time high 24,571 donors stepped up to make a difference, to help, to give back.

Despite a challenging market, earnings from endowments and outright gifts provided $9.5 million for UW in the 2003 fiscal year (see bar graph: Total Distribution).

Endowments: Gifts that Give Forever

Endowments are critical to UW because ideally they are a consistent source of revenue year after year. The principal of an endowed fund is invested to

Did you know?
Dinosaur exhibits at UW’s Geological Museum are being featured in conjunction with a traveling theme park that opened in Japan last summer. Only two museums were used for the educational materials — the American Museum of Natural History and the UW Geological Museum.
generate annual revenue streams that allow UW colleges and departments to be strategic in hiring faculty, implementing programs, and supporting students.

Each endowment gift to UW remains separate for accounting purposes, but is pooled in a permanent endowment fund where it owns shares in the total investments, much like a mutual fund. The size of the endowment pool fluctuates from year to year with the addition of new gifts, annual payouts to designated programs, and variations in investment performance.

As of June 30, 2003, the endowment pool had a market value of $144 million, an increase of 13 percent from $127 million in 1998 (see bar graph: Endowment Growth).

The UW Foundation annually pays out 5 percent of the fund’s market value, unless the market value is less than the original gift value. Any income above the 5 percent, less management fees, is reinvested to help grow the fund and to protect against inflation.

Income from University and UW Foundation endowments provided $5,027,271 for UW programs in FY2003. Also this year, 55 new endowments were established. Over the past decade, new endowments supporting UW’s faculty, students, and programs have doubled (see bar graph: Number of Endowment Funds). A listing of the new endowments and the generous donors who established them appears on page 12.

**Investing the Endowment**

At the UW Foundation, private resources are put to work building a better University with a strong future. Aside from raising private funds for UW, the Foundation’s mission is to manage and invest private gifts so that the programs supported by donors receive the maximum benefit possible.
Along with endowment gifts, the Foundation invests gifts of cash, reserve balances, charitable remainder unitrusts, and gift annuities. Studies show that in changing market conditions, well-balanced asset allocations perform better over time than investments heavy in one or two areas, or strategies that try to time the market.

The UW Foundation Board of Directors works with outside advisers to invest across a broad range of asset categories with different types of performance expectations. By achieving the highest level of returns with the lowest possible risk, the goal is to preserve and grow the permanent fund while providing a stable source of income for the University.

According to the UW Foundation’s professional investment advisers, Monticello Associates of Denver, the investment portfolio is reaching full diversification this year and will reap the benefits of the strategy put into place in January 2000 (see pie chart: Allocation of Assets).

A Challenge Fulfilled

The Wyoming State Legislature provided donors with a major incentive in March 2001 when it created a $30 million fund to match gifts of $50,000 or more designated for UW endowments. Since that time, gifts from nearly 140 donors qualified for the match, and the University has received more than $14 million from the fund to date. Matching dollars are not counted in the campaign or the fiscal year totals. The entire $30 million was fully committed to match gifts by July 30, 2003 – just 29 months after the fund was established.

The legislature’s generosity and the momentum of UW’s DISTINCTION campaign have significantly grown the assets managed by the Foundation, and they stand as a tremendous tribute to the dedication and generosity of UW’s alumni and friends.

A special place

Just as it does for so many alumni, the University of Wyoming holds a special place in the hearts of Joe and Kay Drew of California. They met in front of the A&S building while attending UW, eloped in Laramie, and have been married 40 years.

The couple’s loyalty to the school remains unwavering. After a decade of supporting UW’s business students with some $50,000 in annual scholarship gifts, the couple has made their support more permanent with their $500,000 commitment.

The gift, doubled by the state legislature’s matching fund, creates a $1 million endowment for scholarships in the College of Business.
Four decades of support

Legendary Wyoming stockman Joe Watt once said that stockmen are people who never lose faith in their industry regardless of hard summers, hard winters, or depressions.

The late Joe Watt and his wife, Arlene, also stayed faithful to the University, giving more than $1.5 million in the 40 years since Joe and his brother donated a herd of yearling Herefords to UW. This year The Joe and Arlene Watt Foundation added $500,000, plus state matching dollars, to four existing scholarship funds in the Colleges of Agriculture, Business, Engineering, and Law.

The children of early northeast Wyoming homesteaders, Joe and Arlene both attended UW before settling on their T Triangle Ranch near Moorcroft in 1928. Joe was a former Cowboy football player, UW Trustee (1963-69); and Foundation board member (1973-82). On his 95th birthday in 2000, former Wyoming Governor Jim Geringer quoted him as saying:

“You only need so much money. You can’t take it with you, so you can do one of two things with it. One, you can throw it away on things you don’t need, or two, you can give it away for things that matter.”
NEW ENDOWMENTS

Faculty Support

Robert B. Berry Distinguished Chair in Ecology
Established by Mr. Berry, Trustee of the Wolf Creek Charitable Foundation, to support faculty in Ecology

Roy L. and Caryl L. Cline Distinguished Chair in Engineering, Environment, and Natural Resources
Established by Mr. and Mrs. Cline to support faculty in the College of Engineering and the Ruckelshaus Institute and the School of Environment and Natural Resources

Rile Chair of Leadership and Entrepreneurship
Established by Patrick and Kathleen Rile to teach entrepreneurship in the College of Business

Student Support

Richard E. and Judith T. Agee Engineering Endowment
Established by Mr. and Mrs. Agee to support Native American students in Engineering

ASUW Leadership Scholarship Fund
Established by the ASUW Student Government to support student leaders

Bebout Family Scholarship
Established by Eli, Lorraine, Nick, and Pam Bebout to support student-athletes

Bebout/Calvert Family Scholarship
Established by the Bebout and Calvert families to support students from Fremont County

Donald S. and Dorothy L. Bird Music Scholarship
Established by Mr. and Mrs. Bird to support the Music department

Donald S. and Dorothy L. Bird Special Education Scholarship Fund
Established by Mr. and Mrs. Bird to support Special Education

Albert E. Bradbury Family Graduate Fellowship in Geology and Geophysics
Established by Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury to support graduate students in Geology and Geophysics

Joseph C. and Katherine A. Drew Scholarship
Established by Mr. and Mrs. Drew to support students in Business

Marian Espach Cordiner Scholarship Fund
Established by Mrs. Cordiner to support UW students

Delta Dental Plan of Wyoming Endowed Scholarship
Established by Delta Dental Plan of Wyoming to support students in Dental Sciences

Julie A. Hallquist and Paul Michael Parsons Scholarship Fund
Established by Ms. Hallquist and Mr. Parsons to support students of Rawlins High School

Gifts that honor

UW alumni Connie and Noel Wilkie of Rockville, Maryland, found a way to honor her parents (both UW professors), generate an income, and provide for generations of UW students. Their $250,000 “state matched” charitable remainder unitrust provides a half-million dollars for Family and Consumer Science students in honor of Connie’s mother, and Chemistry students in honor of her father. Noel, a retired dentist, is leaving his own legacy with a scholarship fund for pre-dental students at UW, while he and Connie, a former Tri Delt at UW, have also named UW as a beneficiary in their living trust.
Dan and Martha Omenson Healy Scholarship
Established by Mrs. Healy to support students from Hot Springs and Worland High Schools

Dr. Kenneth R. and Nancy D. Henderson Scholarship for Guernsey High School Students
Established by Dr. and Mrs. Henderson to support students from Guernsey High School

Dr. Kenneth R. and Nancy D. Henderson Scholarship for Pharmacy
Established by Dr. and Mrs. Henderson to support Pharmacy students

Kyle Johnson Memorial Scholarship
Established by the Johnson Family to support students in Engineering

George S. and Martha W. Kennington Scholarship
Established by Garth and Agnes Kennington to support UW students

Lorna D. Kobelin Scholarship
Established by Mrs. Kobelin to support UW students

Law Alumni Scholarship Endowment
Established by the Wyoming State Bar Foundation to support students in the College of Law

Anne Kirtland Selden Lowe Geology and Geophysics Scholarship
Established by R. Stanley Lowe to support women students in Geology and Geophysics

T. W. Mermel Memorial Engineering Scholarship
Established by the Mermel Family to support students in Engineering

Jerome Maurice "Jerry" Meyer Memorial Scholarship
Established by Cherrill Meyer Whitlow to support students in Agriculture

U. W. "Jack" Radichal Scholarship
Established by Ardis Radichal to support Wyoming high school graduates in Agriculture

Saunders-Walter Study Abroad Fund
Established by Walter and Jeri Saunders and Oliver and Sidney Walter to support study abroad

Schmale Brothers Beyond the Classroom Fund
Established by Amanda Schmale to support students in Agriculture

Steik-Wilkie Graduate Fellowship in Chemistry
Established by Noel and Connie Wilkie to support Chemistry graduate students

Student Financial Aid - Alumni Scholarship
Established by the Platte Valley National Bank to support UW students

Thieme International Endowment
Established by Jean Louise and Walter I. Thieme to support international study

Beatrice Thomson – Constance Steik Wilkie Research Fund in Family and Consumer Sciences
Established by Noel and Constance Wilkie to support graduate students in Family and Consumer Sciences

Loving Wyoming
“Even though I didn’t attend UW,” says Albert “Brad” Bradbury, “I have always loved Wyoming.” The Evanston, Wyoming, native and his wife, Peg, of Salt Lake City have given UW a charitable gift annuity that, matched by the state’s fund, endows a $1.4 million fund to recruit and retain graduate students in geophysics. The gift also allows the couple to retain an income.

Brad, retired president and CEO of Evanston’s First National Bank, earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in geology from Stanford University. He says a visit to UW’s impressive geology department spurred him to invest in the oil and natural gas industry. “There’s a good future in that business right now,” he says, “and there will be a big demand for good geologists and geophysicists.”

“I’m 86, so I won’t be around a lot longer, and after my wife and I are gone, this money will carry on to the University.”
Albert “Brad” Bradbury, Evanston, Wyoming
NEW ENDOWMENTS

Clay Unger Business Endowment
Established by Mr. Unger to support students with financial need in the College of Business

Chief Washakie Memorial Endowment Fund
Established by the Chief Washakie Memorial Endowment Committee to advance education and learning of Wind River Reservation community members at the University of Wyoming

Louise Price Weller Scholarship
Established by Mrs. Weller to support UW students

WES Undergraduate Education Trust Fund
Established by the Wyoming Engineering Society to support undergraduate students in Engineering

Wyoming Bankers’ Association Banking and Finance Scholarship
Established by the Wyoming Bankers’ Association to support students in Banking and Finance

Technology and Facility Upgrades

ASUW Student Services Endowment
Established by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming government to support student services

Harry T. and Inga C. Thorson Dean’s Office Facility and Technology Endowment
Established by Mary T. Gullikson and the Harry T. Thorson Foundation to support the College of Health Sciences

Excellence in Academics

Donald S. and Dorothy L. Bird Geology Field Program
Established by Mr. and Mrs. Bird to enhance field programs in the Geology department

Floyd A. and Wilma June Bishop Endowment
Established by Mr. and Mrs. Bishop to support research and education in water resources

Goode Family Excellence Fund in Humanities and History
Established by an anonymous donor to support the study of the humanities and history

Thomas and Deanne Honig Endowment for Business Ethics and Corporate Governance
Established by Mr. and Mrs. Honig to support the teaching of ethics in the College of Business

George Hopper Faculty Research Fund
Enhanced by the Hopper family in memory of George W. Hopper to support College of Law faculty research

Bonnie Jane Kester Excellence Fund in Education
Established by Mrs. Kester to support excellence in the College of Education

Kline Law Faculty Research Fund
Established by the Kline Family Foundation to support College of Law faculty research

Marriott Fund for Folk and World Music
Established by Hollis Marriott to promote folk music of all cultures

Preserving a memory

Dave Bonner Jr. and his three children have forever preserved his late wife’s interest in the arts and her supportive nature with a permanent bench erected near the Wyoming Union and $50,000 – plus a state match – for UW’s College of Arts and Sciences, Art Museum, and athletics. The couple were married while Dave was studying journalism at UW in 1961. The late Diane Bonner, a writer and artist, was a strong advocate of community enhancement as the first female member of the city council in their hometown of Powell, Wyoming.
George and Kay Millett Memorial Fund
Established by James Millett and the Estate of George J. Millett to support the College of Law

Ron and Patti Salvagio Endowment for Business Ethics and Corporate Governance in Financial Reporting
Established by Mr. and Mrs. Salvagio to support the College of Business

John and Sally Steadman Endowment
Established by Drs. Steadman to support the College of Engineering

Noel and Constance Wilkie Endowed Dental Sciences Fund
Established by Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie to support Dental Sciences

Wyoming Bankers’ Fund
Established by the Wyoming Bankers’ Association to support banking education in the College of Business

Zimmerman Family Foundation Fund
Established by the Zimmerman Family Foundation to support excellence in the College of Health Sciences

Serving Wyoming

Ron and Patti Salvagio Endowment for Art Museum Programs
Established by Mr. and Mrs. Salvagio to support the Art Museum

Ura Bess Munson Schwoob Memorial Fund
Established by Franklin Robert Schwoob to support library collections related to home economics

UW Art Museum Collection
Established by the UW Art Museum to support the collection program

What is an endowment?
An endowment is an investment in which the principal is never used. Only a portion of the annual income generated is used for specific programs or, if left unrestricted, for addressing UW’s immediate and most critical needs.

Did you know?
Nearly 4,000 donors this year were first-time contributors to UW.

A worthwhile investment
East Coast natives Jade and David Walsh more or less adopted Wyoming when they made their second home in Jackson, and they decided their education dollar goes further at UW than anywhere else. David, a retired investment banker, and Jade, a public school advocate, have said they appreciate UW’s straight-shooting style, its quality, and its price – ideals that led them to make a gift of $50,000, matched by the state. The couple also created a bequest for UW through their estate.
Giving to the University of Wyoming provides a variety of benefits to donors, depending on the gift vehicle. Making a gift is as simple as using the enclosed envelope, contributing online at www.uwyo.edu/giveonline, or contacting UW Foundation staff members for advice or assistance with the many channels of giving.

**GIFTS IN HONOR OR MEMORY**

Making a gift to UW can be a great way to recognize a person and his or her accomplishments. When you make a gift in honor or memory of someone special, the Foundation notifies the person being honored or the person’s family and takes great care to administer the gift according to your wishes. The University’s Tree and Bench Program is a particularly meaningful way to honor a student, pay tribute to a professor, or memorialize a friend or family member.

**MATCHING OPPORTUNITIES**

When making a gift, we encourage you to find out if your employer has a matching gift program and obtain the necessary form to send with your gift. Matched gifts can double or further enhance the impact of contributions.

*Did you know?*

UW was recently listed for the seventh straight year in America’s 100 Best College Buys.

*Making a difference*

When Dean Walton read Losing Matt Shepard: Life and Politics in the Aftermath of Anti-Gay Murder by UW professor Beth Loffreda, he contacted the University because he wanted to make a difference. Since then, Dean has purchased books and other materials for UW’s Rainbow Resources Center, and he annually organizes fundraising events and guides other gifts to UW. “A lot of people think they can’t make a difference,” he says. “I think you have to find the place where you can make a difference.”
Gifts to UW of “current” dollars, or readily available cash, are pooled in the Annual Fund. Administrators and academic leaders across campus depend on these dollars each year to be opportunistic in strengthening programs, developing new ideas, and meeting new demands. In the 2003 fiscal year, the Annual Fund exceeded $3 million for the first time.

CASH GIFTS AND PLEDGES
Donations via personal check, credit/debit card, or money order are the easiest way of giving to UW and are deductible when filing an itemized tax return. Gifts are payable to the University of Wyoming Foundation and can be mailed to: UW Foundation, P.O. Box 3963, Laramie, WY 82071. Pledges also are recognized by the University, and those forms can be obtained by contacting the UW Foundation.

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 value of the gift as a charitable contribution, avoid capital gains tax, or remove the asset from their taxable estate.

IRA AND RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS
Generous gifts can be made to UW by naming the UW Foundation as the beneficiary of an IRA, 401K, Keogh, or other retirement plan, while allowing estate tax deductions.

ESTATE GIFTS
Donors can reduce their estate taxes and still provide for the University by naming the UW Foundation as a beneficiary in their wills. In addition, bequests are a simple and popular method of making a deferred gift. Charitable lead trusts enable donors to transfer assets to heirs while minimizing estate and gift taxes. Also, donors can realize an income tax deduction by naming the UW Foundation as the owner and/or beneficiary of their life insurance policies.

INCOME-PRODUCING GIFTS
A number of plans allow you to make a gift to UW while receiving an income for yourself or others and providing tax deductions. Charitable remainder trusts are built with cash, securities, or property that can be sold and the proceeds reinvested without creating a capital gains tax. Gift annuities also can provide fixed annual payments for life.

What is the Annual Fund?
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Did you know?
More than 1,500 people became members of the 2002-03 President’s Society with gifts of $1,000 or more, while some 11,200 donors contributed $100 or more.
The UW Foundation was established in 1962 to raise, receive, and manage private gifts and encourage support for the University of Wyoming. As an independent, nonprofit corporation, the Foundation manages and invests gifts to enhance University programs and projects and help UW meet its future needs.

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