Only months remain for DISTINCTION: The Campaign for Wyoming’s University. And the goal for the largest private support initiative in UW’s history, $125 million, is clearly in sight (the campaign concludes on June 30, 2005). This year’s Annual Report on Giving: Cresting the Summit reflects the impact of giving on the University of Wyoming and the spirit of renewal that can be felt as the university moves towards its quest for distinction.
As we finalize the UW Foundation’s Annual Report, the DISTINCTION campaign has surpassed $121.8 million toward our five-year goal of $125 million. On behalf of the foundation and the university, we extend deep appreciation to all of you who joined in our quest for distinction. Private giving to UW reached $21.7 million during the past fiscal year. Your generous gifts have touched virtually every aspect of the UW community.

One of the true legacies of our campaign is the growth in the university’s endowments. Since the beginning of the campaign in July 2000, the total number of UW endowments has grown from 671 to 884 (a 32 percent increase). At the end of 2004 fiscal year, the UW endowment totaled $190 million.

As a result of the DISTINCTION campaign the “bar of excellence” at Wyoming’s university is being raised to new heights. In response to the remarkable outpouring of generosity from UW’s alumni and friends, the State of Wyoming UW Matching Funds Program has been increased from $30 million to $58 million (an additional $18 million for endowment “matches” and $10 million to “match” gifts to fund facilities in support of the 2004 UW Athletics Strategic Plan). To date, $39 million has been committed toward the $48 million Endowment Fund and $2.2 million toward the $10 million Athletics Facilities Fund. With this extraordinary “public/private” partnership in place, UW enters the final year of the DISTINCTION campaign. Your gifts are more important than ever as we reach the summit of the DISTINCTION campaign and soar beyond.

We are profoundly grateful to all those who have invested in the future of the University of Wyoming. Thank you.
Just a few years ago, we all learned of and digested a tremendous amount of information regarding the public launch of DISTINCTION: The Campaign for Wyoming’s University. Since then, we have done our level best to keep you informed and up-to-date on every new gift and exciting developments here at UW, which has been quite a Herculean effort—for the delightful reason that alumni and friends around the globe have responded in a manner that has led to record-breaking years each and every year of this campaign! During fiscal year 2004, an all-time record 24,700 of you have stepped forward to contribute $21.7 million to this fine university! To simply say “thank you” does seem inadequate—and I keep wracking my old bald bean to think that there ought to be a better way of expressing to you just how deeply we appreciate your belief in and support for the University of Wyoming….But I’m not there yet!

On the next occasion when I settle down with pen in hand to prepare this message for UW’s Annual Report on Giving, it will be my last time as chairman, for we shall have concluded the DISTINCTION Campaign. I have no doubt in my heart that the message then will be somewhat bittersweet, for our goal of $125 million is easily within our grasp—for to date we have secured over $121.8 million in gifts and pledges to UW—but, then also, my tenure as chairman will have come to an end. This journey has been such a marvelous ride with Phil and Ben and Mary and a cracker-jack crew to work with that it almost saddens me (but not totally! for the fair Ann—my sidekick for 50 years!—is still wondering when our retirement will really begin!) to know we are heading down the “ol’ home stretch.”

Since being honored to serve as the chairman of this campaign, I have shared with you on numerous occasions that it is my firm belief this campaign is really all about people. I haven’t wavered from that belief one whit during the past four years. In every city across the nation as well as in Wyoming—at every DISTINCTION campaign function, athletic event, board meeting, dinner, and sometimes even rambling through Denver International Airport—every single person I have had the good fortune to visit with and swap stories has brought to me the same basic message—they have a passionate love, affection, and respect for this university and the state of Wyoming. They want to see our UW achieve success and recognition on a national level never before imagined—and they want to be part of this great family of supporters who are participating in this campaign in order to guarantee that our faculty and students continue to earn prestigious awards; that we continue to earn patents, grants and fellowships; and that when this campaign concludes, the University of Wyoming shall be forever changed and in the proud position to ensure that every single student who comes to our campus shall leave with an education that will guarantee that they can stand shoulder to shoulder with anyone, in any situation in which they might find themselves during their full lives. Our graduates will take a backseat to no one…. for their minds and educations will have been forged on a solid foundation that will last and serve them well.

CAMPAIGN PROGRESS
Goal: $125 million
Raised: $116 million
as of June 30, 2004

FACULTY SUPPORT
Goal: $30 million
Raised: $13.6 million

STUDENT SUPPORT
Goal: $30 million
Raised: $25.6 million

TECHNOLOGY AND FACILITY UPGRADES
Goal: $30 million
Raised: $27.2 million
At the close of fiscal year 2004, this awesome show of private support continues the transformation through the course of this campaign and now includes:

> A total of 213 new endowments since the inception of the campaign.

> 11 new faculty chairs and professorships.

> A further commitment from the State of Wyoming of an additional $18 million in matching dollars for endowment gifts of $50,000 or more.

> A commitment from the State of Wyoming of $10 million in matching dollars for gifts of $25,000 or more toward the Athletics Facilities Enhancement campaign.

> Announcement of the construction in spring 2005 of the “University of Wyoming Plaza,” hotel, conference center, and retail/commercial area at 22nd and Grand Avenue.

> The re-opening of a beautifully renovated Prexy’s Pasture.

These are but a few of the highlights. The numbers of Legacy Society members (donors who have made arrangements to include UW in their estate plans) and President’s Society members (donors giving a total of $1,000 or more in the fiscal year) continue to set new records. Each Annual Fund continues to surpass the prior year. Enrollment numbers are at an all-time high, and none of this success—not a bit of it—could have been accomplished without our loyal alumni and friends.

I want to thank you again for your wholly unselfish support…for each of you is a treasure to this state and to our university. Yes, I would also ask that as you go about your daily lives, you continue to focus on the work that is yet to be done. While our campaign goal is well within the cross hairs, I know I would be remiss if I didn’t remind you again that the additional matching dollars committed by the state are a new challenge and I personally want to secure every single one of those bucks….so we can show our fine and supportive legislators that their faith has not been misplaced! UW is still faced with knowing that one-third of the professors are close to retirement age, and thus private support is essential for continuing to attract outstanding scholars and teachers.

Our strategic plan for athletics gives us the mission to raise $10 million in private donations in order to secure the $10 million state matching dollars to enable UW to complete a comprehensive facilities enhancement plan which will then ensure our competitiveness in Division I-A sports. We are still on the hunt to provide funding in numerous academic areas of need across campus, and we will only achieve this success through continual support.

So…this is our final year! Personally, I am certainly not willing to settle for a quiet little victory lap around War Memorial. (And I did a few of those when I “wore the colors” in the early ’50s!). As I shared with each member of the DISTINCTION Campaign Cabinet… “We want to shoot the works…light up the sky…live it up and sleep in the streets!” I know you feel that way, too! So I eagerly anticipate your full energies as we conclude this historic campaign into which we have all poured our hearts and treasure—all solely for the betterment of our cherished University of Wyoming.

Ann joins me in sending to each of you our very best and warmest regards and our most deep and heartfelt thanks for your support and loyalty as we have traveled around this state and nation, visiting old friends, making new ones, and successfully striving for DISTINCTION for our beloved University of Wyoming.

Warmest Regards,

Alan K. Simpson
The vacant lot at 22nd Street and Grand Avenue will become the lively hub of a hotel and conference center thanks to a $2 million gift from the McMurry Foundation of Casper.

“My wife and I both attended the University of Wyoming and now we have the opportunity to invest in a community asset. This convention center will benefit the university and the City of Laramie. It’s been needed for a long time,” said Mick McMurry.

Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2005 and will include a 125-room Hilton Garden Inn, a 22,000-square-foot Education and Conference Center, and a nine-acre commercial and retail development that will consist of restaurants and other businesses.

UW President Philip Dubois said, “I want to thank Mick and Susie McMurry and the McMurry Foundation for their generous gift and the UW Foundation for their investment in this project. We’re over the hump and ready to roll.”

The McMurry Foundation gift, together with a 2003 estate gift from the late Clara Toppan, gave the green light to the long talked-about project and allowed the UW Foundation to buy land for the conference center and invest in the construction cost.

Wheeler Investment Services will lease from UW approximately nine acres at 22nd and Grand for development of retail and commercial space. In keeping with university policy, the project will complement other university facilities in terms of architectural design and the nature and quality of materials.

During construction, the hotel and conference center is estimated to support 200 jobs, generate $5.3 million in labor earnings, and provide more than $642,000 in tax revenue. Operation of the hotel and conference center annually should support some 330 jobs, generate $3.3 million in labor earnings, and result in more than $616,700 in tax collections associated with visitor usage of the facility.

The McMurry Foundation made an additional gift commitment of $1.6 million toward a Technology Business Center to be built on the open land between 22nd and Harney Street. Referred to as a “business incubator,” the project is contingent upon additional federal and state funding.
A dinner party earlier this year was much like other gatherings where some of the state’s citizens listen to President Dubois talk about his vision for the university and state. But the surprise announcement from a Jackson couple after his speech would etch the night forever in the president’s mind. Foster and Lynn Friess had decided they wanted to give UW a million dollars.

They are not alumni of UW. In fact, Foster, who grew up on a Wisconsin cattle ranch, graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in business administration. He and Lynn met there, got married in 1962, and have raised four children. The family moved to Jackson in 1992 when Foster moved the headquarters of Friess Associates there. The firm’s flagship, Brandywine Fund, has appeared on Money magazine’s list of the world’s best mutual funds ever since the magazine began compiling their ratings. Some attribute the company success to the spiritual element that Foster includes in his business practices which embraces the priorities of God, family, and business. He is known for discouraging workaholics and encouraging a balanced life. It is said that he expects his employees to choose their child’s soccer game over a business dinner.

Foster is known not only for his business acumen, but also for his philanthropic pursuits. He and Lynn established the Lynn and Foster Friess Family Foundation in 1992. Their $100 million grant-making foundation focuses on smaller, private, faith-based initiatives in urban environments which reinforces their philosophy that people-to-people efforts are more effective than government. Foster has received numerous awards, including the National Charity Humanitarian of the Year Award.

Lynn was a founding member of the Wyoming Business Council and served on its Executive Committee Board. She is also a trustee for the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson, Wyoming.

A portion of the million-dollar gift from the Lynn and Foster Friess Family Foundation, made through the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole, will support the renovation of Prexy’s Pasture, a treasured campus centerpiece well known by our alumni and friends. The remainder will be used to establish an endowed professorship in the College of Business.
For Carol McMurry and Pat Spieles of Loveland, Colorado (former Wyomingites), donating $1 million to the UW Libraries (doubled to $2 million through the state match) was an act of philanthropy that benefits the entire university. McMurry paraphrases the quote, “No one graduates from a library, but no one graduates without one,” and adds, “Most people really don’t think about it in those terms, but whether you are an athlete or an art major, the library is a hub of learning, research, and student life. Choosing to donate to the library was easy—it benefits every UW college and every UW student.”

Maggie Farrell, dean of the University of Wyoming Libraries, applauds the donors’ vision. “The UW Libraries are so grateful for the generous gift from Carol and Pat,” she says. “The Alma Doke McMurry Endowment for Library Excellence will enable the UW Libraries to undertake several projects not possible through state funding. We will strengthen our professional development activities for librarians and staff through this funding. In addition, we want to promote reading by creating a reading room and adding a popular reading collection to the libraries.”

McMurry is excited about the addition of a reading room. She recalls from her student days at UW that Coe Library once had a reading room on the second floor. During college, Carol was a “shelver” at Coe and later worked at the reference desk. “My passion for libraries was instilled in me by my grandmother, Alma Doke McMurry, who took me every Saturday to the stately, old Carnegie Library in Casper,” McMurry says. “It was a replica of Monticello and became a quiet refuge for me from the flurry of activity of my large extended family.”

Both McMurry and Spieles are Wyoming natives and UW graduates. Two of their children, Matt Seebaum and Andrea Cousins, plus daughter-in-law Stephanie Seebaum and son-in-law Paul Banks, are also UW graduates. McMurry followed her passion and became a medical librarian while Spieles went into pharmaceutical research and later mining. Both value the lifelong friendships made during their years at UW.

Spieles rarely misses a Pokes game, but adds, with a twinkle in his eye, the main reason he attends is to see old friends.

Family is also a high priority in the couple’s life. They stay in touch on a weekly basis with family members. Giving back to the community is a family value instilled by both sets of parents, Earl and Irene Spieles and Neil and the late Ellie McMurry. Philanthropy plays a big part in the couple’s life and they donate to several Wyoming and Colorado charities.

It is their hope their recent donation will motivate others to contribute to the UW Libraries.

“Carol is well known for supporting library professional development in Wyoming through the Wyoming Community Foundation’s McMurry Library Endowment,” Farrell says. “Many UW librarians and staff have benefited from her generosity, and the Wyoming library profession is stronger due to her support. I am pleased that we are continuing these efforts in partnership with Carol and Pat.”

The expansion of the University Libraries is part of a planned $45 million construction project for a new Information, Library and Learning Center (IL2C) to be located behind the William Robertson Coe Library and in the space currently occupied by the Anthropology Building.

Today, a $1 million gift from the True Foundation to the University of Wyoming College of Business will continue Dave True’s legacy by helping the university attract a nationally known scholar and teacher in the area of energy economics.

Annual income generated by the gift—to be doubled by a state matching fund to $2 million—will establish the H.A. “Dave” True, Jr. Chair in Petroleum and Natural Gas Economics in the College of Business. This endowed faculty position will build on the university’s existing expertise in the economics of environmental policy and natural resource management.

In establishing this endowed faculty chair, College of Business Dean Brent Hathaway acknowledges the importance of petroleum and natural gas to Wyoming’s economy and future prosperity: “We envision recruiting a respected researcher who can effectively teach oil and gas economics to undergraduate and graduate students. Importantly, this person will provide leadership within the university and throughout the state through interdisciplinary opportunities with other university departments that study energy, as well as with other researchers, policy makers, and industry members. We are grateful to the True Foundation for this generous support.”

In presenting this contribution to the College of Business, family representative Hank True, a member of the UW Board of Trustees, said, “Fortunately, UW already boasts strengths in natural resource economics. My family is fortunate to be able to serve as a catalyst to enable UW to attract a superstar in this field of study so critical to the prosperity of Wyoming. Dad would be pleased to know he is continuing his legacy in this manner.”

The academic year 2004–2005 will mark the first time a UW geology student will receive a John M. Hummel Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was set up in response to the gratitude felt by John (Jack) Hummel when he received two scholarships as an undergraduate some 52 years ago. Jack’s wife, Jean, wanted students to benefit from the scholarship as soon as possible, and therefore makes annual donations to fund the scholarship.

In addition, Jean chose to set up an endowment in the amount of $250,000 (doubled to $500,000 through the state match) to further honor her husband’s wishes. Jean recounts that her husband had spoken often about how grateful he had been for the scholarships he had received as a student at UW. “My husband and I had discussed on several occasions his desire to establish an endowment in the form of a charitable gift annuity as a way of giving back. Unfortunately, he passed away before he could see his wish become a reality.” Jean, however, followed through and now there will be students years from now who will benefit from the Hummels’ generosity. This is the third annuity the couple has established. Jean presently resides in Provo, Utah, where she has family ties and is thrilled to honor her husband with this lasting tribute.
An $800,000 grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation of Los Angeles has been awarded to a team of University of Wyoming and Colorado State University scientists to collaborate on a project that may lead to cleaner renewable energy sources.

The project team proposes to develop new measurement technologies that can be used to design and test materials for electrochemical devices, such as batteries and fuel cells. The new measurement technology is based on electrochemistry and nuclear magnetic resonance (eNMR).

Dan Buttry, a UW chemistry professor, says the Keck grant will help build a facility that will serve the university long after the initial project has been completed. “This project will put us on the map in terms of eNMR capabilities,” he said. “Researchers will come here and interact with UW scientists. The facility may also help UW faculty obtain additional research grants and can have a lasting impact on our campus.”

The UW-CSU collaboration is described by Buttry as “a wonderful partnership” of scientists who have worked together for years. Besides Buttry, team members include two CSU chemistry professors, Gary E. Maciel and Bruce Parkinson, plus Jeffery Yarger, UW Department of Chemistry associate professor.

Electrochemistry is a key focus area in UW’s Academic Plan and a priority in the university’s $125-million DISTINCTION fundraising campaign. The eNMR grant is UW’s third award from the Keck Foundation. In 1988, the foundation gave $250,000 to the Department of Geology and Geophysics, and in 1999 UW received an $800,000 grant for an atmospheric aerosol research laboratory.

The W.M. Keck Foundation was established in 1954 by the late William Myron Keck, founder of the Superior Oil Company. The Los Angeles–based foundation, which primarily supports medical research, science, and engineering initiatives at universities and colleges, has made grants of more than $1 billion, including 40 grants last year totaling about $27 million.
An estate gift honoring a way of life

Ruth Scoon left UW almost everything she and her husband, Ken, had saved through the years. Her estate gift of $750,000 (doubled to $1.5 million through the state match) honors her husband, Ken, and their lives spent living in Laramie, home of the University of Wyoming. Ruth and Ken were described as a private couple who loved to attend university functions and sporting events. As with many Laramie residents, the university set their social calendar for the year.

Ken was a cashier and vice president at First Interstate Bank. Woody Haines, a colleague of Ken’s, recounts that Ken loved to fish and the two of them would “storm out after work to go fly-fishing based on a hot tip from the janitor.” Woody described Ken as very dedicated to his work and caring toward his employees. Woody is not surprised that Ken and Ruth would donate such a large sum of money to UW and said, “I’m sure Ken had part of the first penny he ever earned.”

Ruth was described as a sweet, quiet lady. The couple had no children and enjoyed each other’s company as they lived out their years in Laramie, taking part in all that a college town offers. Ken passed away in 1993 and Ruth was left alone. Jo Humphreys, a colleague of Ken’s, helped Ruth through the difficult years after she lost her husband. Jo says, “Ken was the first person to visit me after my husband died. He and Ruth continued to call often to make sure I was all right. It was only right for me to return the favor and be there for Ruth when Ken passed away.” Ruth’s generous estate gift to UW honors the place where she and Ken loved to spend their time.

Twenty-four UW degrees

The Hearne family has something to brag about. In total, family members have earned 20 UW degrees with four more soon to be completed. Charlotte Hearne Davis attributes the family’s priority of getting a college education to their parents, Frank and Annie Hearne. To honor their memory, the Hearne family chose to donate a bench to UW which is located just southeast of Old Main.

Charlotte says, “Neither my mom nor my dad went to college, but both knew the value of an education and gave each of us kids the incentive and opportunity to attend. They passed down to each of us the importance of an education and the joy of learning.”

Frank and Annie moved to Laramie in 1954 from Hanna, Wyoming, specifically so their children could attend the university. All but two of their seven children were born in Hanna, where Frank worked for the Union Pacific store. After completing her education at UW, Charlotte stayed in Laramie and worked for the university for 34 years. She was UW assistant dean of women and later the associate dean of students. She and her brothers and sisters chose to honor their parents with a gift of a bench which they felt could be used not only by students, but also by Laramie residents, and UW employees. “We wanted a quiet place where people could sit and enjoy the beauty of the campus in the shade of the giant evergreens.”
Records continue to be broken at the University of Wyoming in the area of private giving, which reached $116 million during the past fiscal year.

A record number (24,700) of alumni and friends stepped forward to make individual commitments that brought the cumulative giving total to an astounding $116 million. Their generosity continues to make a positive impact on the careers and lives of the students and people of Wyoming.

Annual private support of UW has more than tripled from an average of $6.3 million in 1992–97 to $20.8 million annually. This fiscal year, 45 new endowments were created, bringing the total number of endowments to 884, an increase of 93 percent over the past ten years.

Yet another record was reached when the 2004 Legislature voted to allocate an additional $18 million to the state matching fund, bringing the total state match to $48 million for gifts of $50,000 or more for UW endowments.

Endowments

Giving to an endowment at the University of Wyoming means investing in the future of our nation, our state, and our citizenry. Education is key to elevating our society, and making it available to all who desire it, benefits each one of us in the end. A gift to an endowment creates that type of lasting legacy because the principal is held in perpetuity and the designated earned interest is used for the purpose(s) specified by the donor, creating a continuing source of funding. Such private support provides the added resources that can help make the difference between a good university and a great university.

Types of endowments vary significantly from scholarship support for students to discretionary resources for a college or university program. Many donors establish permanent funds as a way of honoring a family member, a favorite professor, or a special friend. The number of endowments has increased dramatically, as seen in the bar graph: “Number of Endowment Funds.” In FY2004, 45 new endowments were created bringing the total number of endowments to 884, an increase of 93% over the past ten years. A list of the generous donors and their new endowments is included starting on page 14.

The size of the overall endowment pool also grew impressively in FY2004. As of June 30, 2004, the endowment totaled $190 million. That is an increase of $113 million and 147 percent over the last ten years, as seen in the bar graph on page 11: “Endowment Growth.”

Each endowment is tracked separately for accounting purposes and owns units of the endowment pool, much like a mutual fund. The earnings on the pool as a whole are distributed to each fund, based on the number of units.
owned. According to the current distribution policy approved by the University of Wyoming Foundation Board of Directors, 4.75 percent of the fair market value of the fund, as determined on December 31, are directed to the UW program specified by the donor. Net income above the distribution is added to the corpus of each endowment so that it grows over the years. These provisions of the distribution policy ensure a steady and growing source of income for the university and help hedge against the eroding effects of inflation. During FY2004, $8.3 million was distributed to the university in support of students, faculty, colleges, and programs, as seen in the bar graph: “Total Distribution from Gift Accounts.”
Investments

Assets managed by the University of Wyoming Foundation have experienced profound growth over the last few years and have allowed the foundation to support an expanding number of students, faculty, and programs during a time period when most universities have had to cut back. That growth is due in large part to the generous alumni and friends of the University of Wyoming, without whom UW would not have such a bright future.

Gifts to the university invested by the foundation come in many different forms and for different purposes. Investments include gifts of cash and securities, charitable remainder unitrusts, and charitable gift annuities. The purposes for which the gifts are given are reflected in the pie chart on this page: “Designations of Gifts Received.”

The University of Wyoming Foundation and its Board of Directors have accepted the solemn charge of stewarding the gifts received for the university. Staff and members of the board combine diverse areas of expertise to bring a wealth of financial experience to the foundation’s investments. Providing a stable and growing stream of income to the university, while preserving the purchasing power of the endowment assets, is core to the foundation’s investment policy, achieving balance between current needs and requirements of future generations.

Monticello Associates, a professional investment advising firm from Denver, Colorado, is employed by the board. With that firm’s input, the board hires investment managers whose portfolios fit within the foundation’s investment strategy of long-term growth. Diversification through asset allocation is key to realizing that goal, and to that end, the foundation is now almost fully diversified with twenty investment managers across nine asset classes, as seen in the pie chart on page 13: “Allocation of Assets.” There is frequent review and rebalancing of all investment managers, as well as asset classes. Under such careful supervision, the endowment pool returned 15.11 percent for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004.

**Fast Facts**

Wyoming residents made up more than 64 percent of all donors to UW.

The average gift received by UW this year was $1,230.

1,695 people became members of the 2003–04 President’s Society with gifts of more than $1,000, while some 11,800 donors contributed $100 or more.
State match revisited

The Wyoming State Legislature has set aside another $18 million, in addition to the original $30 million, to match gifts of $50,000 or more to endowments at the University of Wyoming. It is a tribute to our wonderful donors that the original $30 million was totally committed in about half the time allowed. The amazing generosity of alumni and friends of UW has been overwhelming, and there is no doubt the entire $48 million will be committed before the legislative deadline of December 31, 2006.

Congratulations to all of our alumni and friends who have responded so enthusiastically to this wonderful opportunity! So many new and lasting resources have been established to benefit students, faculty, colleges, and programs at UW. This is a very exciting and historic time at the University of Wyoming thanks to you.
new endowments

excellence in academics

Everett H. and Ruth E. Anderson Periodicals Excellence Fund
Established by Ruth E. Anderson to support the University of Wyoming Libraries.

Rex R. and Florence Vedder Anderson Memorial Fund for the Science & Mathematics Teaching Center
Established by an Anonymous Donor to support the Science and Mathematics Teaching Center.

Creative Writing Excellence Fund
Established by Mel Cox to support the Creative Writing Program.

Excellence Fund for Literacy Education
Established by Susan and Doug Samuels to further literacy education in Wyoming.

Excellence Fund in the Department of History
Established by an Anonymous Donor to enhance the study of history.

Margaret and Sam Kelly Ornithology Research Fund
Established by Sam and Margaret Kelly, Jr. to support research in ornithology.

Maxfield Family Excellence in Fine Arts Fund
Established by Peter, Karen, Tom, and Michele Maxfield to foster and enhance the fine arts.

Marvin Millgate University of Wyoming Endowment Fund
Established by Marvin Millgate to support academic enhancements across campus.

The Pinnacle Bank Fund
Established by Pinnacle Bank-Wyoming to support the study of banking and financial services.

Carl M. Williams Symposium/Speaker Series
Established by Carl M. Williams to support symposia focusing on ethics.

Woodson Family Foundation Business Excellence Fund
Established by the Woodson Family Foundation to support teaching, research, and service in the College of Business.

faculty support

Tom and Judy Crocker Research Prize in Economics
Established by Dr. Thomas D. Crocker and Dr. Judith A. Powell to recognize faculty research in the Department of Economics and Finance.

Loy E. and Edith H. Harris Early Career Family Fellowship
Established by Loy E. and Edith H. Harris to support untenured faculty in engineering.

Britta Stamy Memorial Endowment in Nursing
Established by Britta Stamy to support the School of Nursing.

H.A. “Dave” True, Jr. Chair in Petroleum and Natural Gas Economics
Established by the True Foundation to establish a chair in the College of Business.

Carl M. Williams Faculty Research Fellowships
Established by Carl M. Williams to support law faculty research.

Carl M. Williams Professor of Law & Ethics
Established by Carl M. Williams to support a professorship in law.

Carl M. Williams Professor of Law & Social Responsibility
Established by Carl M. Williams to support a professorship in law.

service to wyoming

Diane E. Bonner Memorial Endowment for Collections
Established by the Bonner Family in memory of Diane Bonner to support collections at the UW Art Museum.

Mountain West Farm Bureau Endowment
Established by Mountain West Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company to support outreach programs by the College of Agriculture.
student support

Rex R. Anderson and Florence Vedder Anderson Memorial Scholarship in the Science & Mathematics Teaching Center
Established by an Anonymous Donor to support students in the Science & Mathematics Teaching Center.

G.A. “Jim” and Marian Berger Endowed Graduate Scholarship
Established by Jim and Marian Berger to support graduate students in the College of Agriculture.

Bonner Family Scholarship
Established by the Bonner Family to support student-athletes at UW.

Bonner Family Scholarship in Arts and Sciences
Established by the Bonner Family to support students in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Bozanic Family Scholarship
Established by Milton and Dan Bozanic to support graduates of Lander Valley High School.

Bozanic Student Support Fund
Established by Dan and Norie D.C. Bozanic to support students in the Department of Geology and Geophysics.

William D. Carlson Internship Award
Established by the E.G. Meyer Family in honor of William D. Carlson to support off-campus internships for students in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Marion and Wayland H. Cato, Jr. Endowed Scholarship
Established by Marion and Wayland H. Cato, Jr. to support students with financial need.

Joseph C. and Katherine A. Drew Scholarship
Established by Joseph C. and Katherine A. Drew to support students in the College of Business.

Ken and Leah Griffin Scholarship in Business
Established by the College of Business to support first-generation college students in business.

John M. Hummel Memorial Scholarship
Established by Jean P. Hummel in honor of her husband, John M. Hummel, to support students in geology and geophysics.

Peter M. and Paula Green Johnson Family Scholarship
Established by Peter M. and Paula Green Johnson to support students in the College of Business.

Johnston Family Graduate Fellowship in Agriculture
Established by Josephine Johnston to support graduate students in the College of Agriculture.

Margaret and Sam Kelly Business Scholarship
Established by Margaret and Sam Kelly to support students in the College of Business.

Edgar J. Lewis Scholarship
Established by Vincent J. Siren in honor of Professor Lewis to support the University of Wyoming Bands.

Don and June Lobdell Scholarship
Established by Don and June Lobdell to support students in the College of Agriculture.

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

Kenneth Thomas and Ruth Graham Scoon Memorial Trust
Established by Ruth Scoon to support UW students born in Wyoming.

Homer A. and Janet Scott Athletic Scholarship
Established by Homer A. and Janet Scott to support student-athletes in football.

Shaw Family Scholarship
Established by John and Elsie Shaw to support students from the Bighorn Basin.

Orwill and Clare Sikora College of Engineering Endowment
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Established by the Lee and Jo Anne Wiegand Trust to support students in the College of Arts and Sciences.

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technology and facilities

Boileau Facilities and Technology Endowment
Established by Ollie and Lee Boileau to support technology in the College of Engineering.

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.
ways to give

Giving to the University of Wyoming provides a variety of benefits to donors.

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.

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, 1200 East Ivinson Avenue, Laramie, WY 82070-4159. 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.

Did you know?

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

The Annual Fund has been described by our campaign chairman, Senator Alan K. Simpson, as the “life blood of the university.” Gifts to the Annual Fund provide readily available dollars to all areas of the campus. The Annual Fund provides the flexibility needed to address sudden needs and opportunities. In FY2004, the Annual Fund exceeded a record $3.3 million.
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A "Beyond the Classroom" program was established to combine "hands-on" learning in a variety of settings with traditional classroom work.

The first endowed graduate student fellowship was created as graduate enrollment increased by 5 percent in 2004.

The "Global Perspectives in Agriculture" program partnered faculty researchers with colleagues in 12 nations.

For the 2003–04 academic year, the college awarded 238, full and partial, privately funded scholarships totaling $234,441.

Faculty endowments in wildlife and livestock disease research, water quality, and horticulture research.

Funds for "Wyoming As Our Laboratory" research initiative.

Graduate student fellowships; funds for undergraduate applied research experiences.

Equipment for the Early Care and Education Center, currently under construction.

Building and research funds for agriculture research and extension stations throughout Wyoming.

Established endowments to support programs in the Science and Mathematics Teaching Center (SMTC) and to support SMTC scholarships.

Established $500,000 endowment to support new faculty research.

Initiated a Distinguished Alumni and Former Faculty Program.

Create endowed faculty positions in areas of distinction.

Scholarships to attract students from diverse backgrounds and students majoring in high needs areas.

Gifts to remodel and update physical facilities.

Offered 45 courses in 17 departments; provided services to 22 high school and community college classes; served almost 8,000 researchers representing 42 states and 15 nations in 2003.

Coordinated Wyoming History Day (a statewide program for 1,000 students in grades 6–12).

Collections attracted international attention to UW.

An acquisition and access endowment.

Support of the annual AHC symposium.

Research fellowship endowments to bring scholars to campus.

A priority for the final year of the campaign is to achieve the campaign objectives of every college and campus. The fund-raising needs for the final year are cited below.
ART MUSEUM

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Established the Patricia R. Guthrie Special Exhibition Gallery Endowment for the acquisition of artwork, exhibition development, and conservation
- Established the Julienne Moore Michel Endowment to benefit the Ann Simpson Artmobile
- Funds from the McMurtry Foundation and FMC Corporation purchased a new Artmobile van

**NEEDS/OPPORTUNITIES**

- Collection and conservation support to increase acquisitions, enhance scholarship and interpretation, and publish collections-based catalogs
- Gifts to strengthen the exhibition program

ATHLETICS

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- In March of 2004, the Wyoming State Legislature created a $10 million matching fund for athletic facilities to match gifts of $25,000 or greater
- Capital campaign for athletic facilities—"UW Athletics-Building for the Future"—is launched with the announcement of the state matching gift program
- Campaign began with the announcement of two $500,000 gifts from George & Dianna Archuleta and Ron & Linda Flack

**NEEDS/OPPORTUNITIES**

- Gifts for athletics facilities capital campaign, especially those that qualify for state’s matching gift program
- Annual gifts to the Cowboy Joe Club to support scholarships for student-athletes
- Endowment gifts to support scholarship funding for student-athletes

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Three endowed faculty positions—two in the Department of Zoology and Physiology (the Robert B. Berry Distinguished Chair in Ecology, and the Gardner Family Chair in Physiology) and one in the Department of Geology and Geophysics (the Anne and Brainerd Mears Endowed Chair in Surficial Processes)
- Twelve new Excellence Funds in support of students and academic programs across the college
- An $800,000 Keck Foundation grant to the Department of Chemistry
- The college has generated more than $6,226,250 in state matching funds
- To support its students across 28 departments and programs, A&S has added 20 new scholarships and four new graduate fellowships during the campaign

**NEEDS/OPPORTUNITIES**

- Chairs, research funds, graduate fellowships, speaker series, travel funds, and student awards for the Department of Geology and Geophysics, particularly in the area of energy research
- Funds for Visual and Performing Arts Complex, including a new building for the Department of Art and the renovation of the existing Fine Arts Center
- Support for study abroad and other programs in international education
- Additional excellence funds, research and travel awards, and professorships throughout the college
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

HIGHLIGHTS
> Five endowed professorships have been established or enhanced during the DISTINCTION Campaign: 1) John A. Guthrie Distinguished Professor of Banking and Financial Services; 2) Rile Chair of Leadership and Entrepreneurship; 3) Stroock Professorship of Natural Resource Conservation and Management; 4) H. A. "Dave" True, Jr. Chair in Petroleum and Natural Gas Economics; and 5) a new professorship being established by Lynn and Foster Friess

> Throughout the campaign, alumni and friends have provided more than $1.5 million in gifts and pledges to support business students. Of this total, $1.2 million qualified for dollar-for-dollar state matching funds. Because of this generosity, the college awarded $110,000 in privately funded scholarships and awards to 115 students in 2004

NEEDS/OPPORTUNITIES
> Continued support for core competencies such as environment and natural resources, as well as emerging competencies in entrepreneurship and business ethics

> Investments in the 21st Century Business Technology Fund to enhance technology and upgrade facilities

> Fellowships and awards for graduate students

> Faculty endowments in management, marketing, and accounting

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

HIGHLIGHTS
> Interdisciplinary chair in College of Engineering and Ruckelshaus Institute, endowed by Roy and Caryl Cline

> 2003–2004 marked best fundraising year in the college's history

> More than $9 million in support for engineering students, faculty, and technology

NEEDS/OPPORTUNITIES
> Endowed faculty positions in each engineering department

> Technology funds to maintain state-of-the-art laboratories

> Scholarship and fellowship endowments to recruit and retain an excellent student body

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

HIGHLIGHTS
> Ground breaking of the new College of Health Sciences Center

> Naming of the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing

> Endowment and naming of the Harry T. and Inga C. Thorson dean's suite

> First endowed professorship in the School of Pharmacy and the College of Health Sciences

> Secured $15 million NIH grant to build regional research infrastructure and increase UW’s ability to compete for research grants

NEEDS/OPPORTUNITIES
> Faculty chair in public/rural health

> Faculty chair in gerontology

> Endowment/naming of the College of Health Sciences

> Endowment/naming of the School of Pharmacy

> Operational and naming endowments for the “Family Practice Residency Centers” in Cheyenne and Casper

> Operational endowment for the School of Nursing

> Faculty support endowments to continue attracting and retaining top faculty
**OUTREACH SCHOOL**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Scholarships for children enrolled in enrichment courses from Community Service Education
- UW/Casper College Center received U.S. Department of Education grant to facilitate “virtual hallways” so Casper students can connect with the Laramie campus
- Wyoming Public Radio, with 5,000 members and a weekly total audience of 56,400, has one of the shortest campaigns of the nation’s public broadcasting stations
- Pacificorp funds allowed the UW/CC Center to provide educational enrichment grants for students
- The Myra Fox Skelton Foundation of Casper provided living stipends for single-parent students who can then spend more time with children and on academics

**NEEDS/OPPORTUNITIES**

- Scholarships for credit and non-credit learning
- Living allowance stipends for outreach students with family and work responsibilities
- An endowment to assist students with child-care expenses or family emergencies
- New initiatives in video conferencing to allow students nationwide more access to higher education
- The UW/CC Student Leadership Scholarship fund to promote community leadership opportunities for students who wish to stay in Casper and enroll in UW through UW/CC

**LIBRARIES**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Six new endowments supporting collections, technology, and operations, including two excellence funds
- Increased support for the 50th Class Reunion—Class Book Endowment to supplement undergraduate book purchases
- Establishment of a Libraries’ Development Board to raise awareness and private funding

**NEEDS/OPPORTUNITIES**

- Funding for the proposed Coe Library Addition or Information Library and Learning Center (ILLC) and building improvements
- Targeted endowments to strengthen collections
- Increased support for new technology initiatives and tools for implementation

**RUCKELSHAUS INSTITUTE AND SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- A $1 million endowment created a chair in environment and natural resources in memory of Eldon M. “Spice” Spicer
- A $1.2 million endowed chair is providing teaching, research, and outreach in both the College of Engineering and Ruckelhaus Institute and School of Environment and Natural Resources
- Grants expanded the work of the Ruckelhaus Institute and School in Wyoming and the region

**NEEDS/OPPORTUNITIES**

- Funds for visiting faculty
- Annual gifts and endowed excellence funds to ensure the Ruckelhaus Institute and School can be responsive to the region’s most pressing environmental and natural resource issues
- Create stronger, lasting teaching and research relationships with University of Wyoming colleges and departments
- Support several graduate students working with the school and University of Wyoming colleges and departments
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