The University of Wyoming Endowment Challenge Program is a remarkably successful public-private partnership that has surpassed all projections. Whether it’s academics, facilities, or athletics, this program has allowed the University of Wyoming to aspire to greatness. The legislature had the foresight and forethought to invest in the future of the state and the next generations of citizens and leaders.

The return on investment of the endowment program goes way beyond the leveraging of monetary support—it impacts public morale, student success, outreach, and our state’s economic future. More than $206 million in endowment and facilities matches and an incredible 583 endowments and at least 20 facilities have been created or assisted by the program, and these funds support or will support UW’s students, faculty, programs, and facilities.

Established in 2001, the program was designed to provide donors incentives to invest in the University of Wyoming and its academic and building projects—matching privately funded endowment gifts of $50,000 or more and facility gifts for special university building projects of $25,000 or more. It is not often that an investment yields a 100 percent return, but that’s just what happens with this program—private support is doubled by the State of Wyoming. The people of Wyoming owe you a huge debt of gratitude.
Connor Madsen is from Wheatland, Wyoming, and came to UW to study pre-veterinary medicine. His goal is to eventually open a practice in Wyoming. To help him along his path, he received support from the Woodrow and Glyda May Scholarship and Student Enrichment Fund.

For decades, Glyda May and her late husband, Woodrow, have supported the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources with multiple gifts to help build facilities, enhance 4-H programming, and help students attend UW. Recently, she gave $300,000 that was doubled by state matching funds to fund a scholarship that has a preference for students from Platte County, Wyoming—Glyda and Woodrow’s home. Glyda says Platte County has given so much to her and Woodrow, she was honored to be able to give back to Platte County residents who are attending UW.
THE IMPACT on faculty

"Student success is the top priority of UW College of Business. A named professorship or chair ... serve as an enduring legacy for the donor and allow the college to recruit and retain the best faculty. Equally important, endowed chairs are the starting point for developing cutting-edge programs, establishing research centers, and creating corporate partnerships—all which are critical for student success."

Sanjay Putrevu
Dean of the UW College of Business

Named chairs are vehicles by which a donor may support a faculty position at the university. This type of position is the highest honor among the named positions funded by gifts. A chair is generally filled by a tenure-track or tenured appointment but may be filled with a distinguished visiting scholar or in some cases a clinical professor.

The Mendicino Chair in Sales and Salesmanship was created by Frank and Barbara Mendicino and doubled by the state of Wyoming. It supports faculty in the Department of Management and Marketing in the UW College of Business.
THE IMPACT on facilities

“...The planetarium provides unique training opportunities for our students and undoubtedly sparks an interest in science in the next generation. That’s the importance, as I see it. You get kids hooked on dinosaurs and maybe space travel or astronauts and then they realize that ‘science is something I can do for a career. I’m going to take science and math when I’m in school and get prepared for college.’”

Danny Dale
Chair of the Physics and Astronomy Department

Harry Vaughan’s Windy Ridge Foundation gift of $875,000, plus a $350,000 endowment doubled by state matching funds, has transformed the facility to provide immersive 3-D media experiences, and traditional star shows have been replaced with far more interactive presentations, similar to an IMAX theater. These renovations bring astronomy to life.

Planetarium patrons zoom through space at warp speed, fly by Jupiter and the other gas giants in our solar system, zip past Pluto, and pass through the outer asteroid belt and beyond our own Milky Way to explore distant supernovae, gigantic black holes, and the formation of galaxies in the farthest reaches of the universe.

The planetarium primarily serves those in southern Wyoming and northern Colorado, including school groups and the general public. The Friday night public shows have been sold out since the planetarium’s reopening.
## UW STATE MATCH TOTALS
### 2001–2015

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STATE ENDOWMENT MATCH GIFTS AND PLEDGES BY PURPOSE AND AMOUNT

$97,109,087

- Student Support: $35,357,831, 36.4%
- Excellence in Academics: $30,659,447, 31.6%
- Faculty Support: $21,376,684, 22.0%
- Technology & Facility: $2,340,780, 2.4%
- Serving Wyoming: $2,701,130, 2.8%
- Yet to be Designated: $161,801, 0.2%
- Other: $4,511,414, 4.6%
MATCHABLE GIFTS TO THE UW ACADEMIC FACILITIES CHALLENGE
September 2014–August 2015

Richard and Judy Agee have pledged support to
CEAS Capital Facility Project

Thomas and Shelley Botts have pledged support to
CEAS Capital Facility Project

John Bunning and the Bunning Family Trust have pledged support to
CEAS Capital Facility Project

Chad C. and Liz Deaton have pledged support to
CEAS Capital Facility Project

Tom and Darlis Fuller have pledged support to
CEAS Capital Facility Project

Joseph and Stephanie Leimkuhler have pledged support to
CEAS Capital Facility Project

Paul and Rob Rechard have pledged support to
CEAS Capital Facility Project

Hess Corporation has pledged support to
EERF/High-Bay Building Project Fund

MATCHABLE GIFTS TO THE UW ATHLETICS CHALLENGE
September 2014–August 2015

Bill and Victoria Scarlett have pledged support to
Arena-Auditorium Project

An Anonymous Donor has pledged support to
High Altitude Performance Center

Craig and Leia Bohl have pledged support to
High Altitude Performance Center

Tony S. Cercy and Family have pledged support to
High Altitude Performance Center

Davis Land and Livestock have pledged support to
High Altitude Performance Center
Malcom Floyd has pledged support to
High Altitude Performance Center

Rick and Kim Gasser have pledged support to
High Altitude Performance Center

Pat and Nancy Higgins have pledged support to
High Altitude Performance Center

The Macdonald Family has pledged support to
High Altitude Performance Center

The Richardson Family Trust in Honor of Ron and Kris Richardson has pledged support to
High Altitude Performance Center

Marian H. Rochelle has pledge support to
High Altitude Performance Center

Tim White and the White Family Dealerships have pledged support to
High Altitude Performance Center

Wyoming Sports Properties – Learfield Communications, Inc. has pledged support to
High Altitude Performance Center

Rusty and Ann Marie Brusenhan have pledged support to
UW Athletics Facilities

Chris and Marnie Bunning have pledged support to
War Memorial Stadium
MATCHABLE GIFTS TO THE UW ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE

September 2014–August 2015

GIFTS FOR NEW ENDOWMENTS

EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS

Excellence Fund in Support of UW Athletics
   Established by Randall Luthi
   To support UW Athletics

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

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

FACULTY SUPPORT

Chair in Private Land Management at the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources
   Established by Whitney and Betty MacMillan
   To support a chair at the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources

STUDENT SUPPORT

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

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, WY
Col. Gerald Adams Air Force ROTC Scholarship
Established by Dr. Kenyon N. Griffin
To support students enrolled in the Air Force ROTC program

Endowed Scholarship Funds in the College of Law and Student Financial Aid
Established by Randall Luthi
To support students in the College of Law and Student Financial Aid

Robert C. Mathes and Brittany D. M. Hodges Chemistry Fund
Established by Mr. Robert C. Mathes and Dr. Brittany D. M. Hodges
To support students in the Department of Chemistry

John J. Metzke Law Scholarship
Established by John Metzke and Dana Bates Metzke
To support students in the College of Law

Mark and Sheryl Shuster Endowment for Energy-Related Sedimentary Geology Research and Studies
Established by Mark and Sheryl Shuster
To support graduate students in the Department of Geology and Geophysics

Explorer Fund for Geology and Geophysics
Established by Orion and Lauren Skinner
To support students in the Department of Geology and Geophysics

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
GIFTS MATCHED FOR EXISTING ENDOWMENTS

STUDENT SUPPORT

Earl and Minnie Lynch Agriculture Scholarship
Contributed to by James E. and Jill S. Anderson

Bill and Mary Jo Hardy Scholarship for Cody Pharmacy Students
Contributed to by Bill and Mary Jo Hardy

James and Dorothy Hook Scholarship
Contributed to by Dr. Jim Hook

Bohnenblust-Kolp Crop Science Scholarship
Contributed to by Bernard and Jean Kolp

Ross Richardson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Contributed to by Bernard and Jean Kolp

Steve Elliott Scholarship in Communication Disorders
Contributed to by Paul and Judy Lerwick
STATUS OF $74.927 MILLION ACADEMIC FACILITIES MATCHING FUND
October 1, 2005 to June 30, 2015

Matching Funds Received From Donors
$50,074,300

Matching Funds Committed
$62,622,403

Total Matching Pool
$74,927,403
STATUS OF $29 MILLION ATHLETICS MATCHING FUND
September 13, 2003 to June 30, 2015

Matching Funds Received From Donors: $25,629,858
Matching Funds Committed: $29,000,000
Total Matching Pool: $29,000,000
STATUS OF $102.75 MILLION ENDOWMENT MATCHING FUND
March 1, 2001 to June 30, 2015
UW PRIVATE SUPPORT TOTALS
2004–2015

Fiscal Years Ending June 30
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NUMBER OF ENDOWMENTS
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