



MEMORANDUM

To: University of Wyoming Board of Trustees

From: University of Wyoming Foundation

Re: Liaison Report for January 2022 meeting

Date: December 17, 2021

Thank you for this opportunity to update you on the activities of the University of Wyoming Foundation through our liaison officers, Trustees Marsh and Fall. Please see below.

YTD PHILANTHROPY

As reflected in the monthly giving report through 11/30/21, year-to-date private support to UW is \$25,149,678.

MAJOR GIFTS

The end of the calendar year has seen the continued commitment and passion from UW's alumni and donors with the following noteworthy private gifts. *(Please note, not all of these gifts are included in the November 30 monthly gift report.)*

NAMED DEANSHIP: The University of Wyoming has received a remarkable private gift of \$5 million from UW Alum Lawrence Carrell to establish a named deanship in the College of Engineering and Applied Science—the second named deanship in the university's history after the John P. Ellbogen Foundation named the College of Education deanship earlier this year.

The Carrell Family Deanship in the College of Engineering and Applied Science will be used to recruit and retain deans at the University of Wyoming while fostering excellence and addressing the critical needs and priorities of the College of Engineering and Applied Science.

WAR MEMORIAL WEST SIDE RENNOVATIONS: A remarkable gift from a former Cowboy football walk-on under Coach Al Kincaid in the 1980s is the first major gift to support planned renovations to the University of Wyoming's War Memorial Stadium.

The \$1 million gift from Cody and his wife, Patsy, will support the west-side upgrades to War Memorial Stadium. The project is still being finalized but will include improvements and upgrades to restrooms, concessions, seating, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance and the press area.



GEOLOGY FIELD CAMP: A \$1 million gift in memory of Tom Thorson, president of the Wyoming company Black Hills Bentonite LLC, supports the University of Wyoming’s geology field camp, which has been training geologists for almost a century.

The Tom A. Thorson Geology Field Camp Fund is an endowed excellence fund that was established by Don Thorson and Mary Thorson Gullikson on behalf of the Harry T. Thorson Foundation. Family and friends also contributed to the fund. The fund supports the Tom A. Thorson Geology Field Camp—formerly the University of Wyoming Field Course in Geology or the Summer Field Camp.

GIFT FROM SUSIE MCMURRY: Wyoming philanthropist Susie McMurry continued her remarkable private giving to the University of Wyoming with a year-end gift of \$1,085,000. The gift includes \$500,000 for Western Thunder Marching Band, \$250,000 for the School of Nursing dean’s discretionary fund, \$250,000 for the BRAND accelerated nursing program, and \$85,000 for a new educational simulator for the School of Nursing.

LEADERSHIP AND ETHICS FUND: A \$600,000 gift from the John P. Ellbogen Foundation to establish the John P. Ellbogen Foundation Leadership and Ethics Fund in the new Center for Principle-Based Leadership and Ethics in the College of Business.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

The UW Foundation Financial Services team is working on providing the estimated endowment payouts to help with campus planning. Additionally, the team is continuing the implementation of several software projects, organizing and addressing the inflow of year-end gifts through gift processing, putting together the scholarship reports for January, distributing calendar year-end reporting to appropriate agencies, and setting up 1099s for filing and mailing.

INVESTMENT SERVICES

Unaudited performance estimate through 11/31/2021 using available data (private manager data is one quarter lagged) is 14.0% year-to-date and produces an estimated endowment value of \$839 million. The proceeds from Aberdeen Emerging Markets Debt Fund were reallocated to Goldentree Multi Sector and Fir Tree SPAC in November and early December. In addition, the transition from mutual fund to LLC for Doubleline Shiller CAPE was completed in November. The Investment Services team estimates this will save over \$100,000 per year on a go forward basis. In a November Investment Committee meeting, the committee approved three venture capital fund commitments and an allocation to a private debt strategy.