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Thank you

THE ALUMNI, DONORS, AND FRIENDS of the University of Wyoming are truly inspirational. Last year, private support for Wyoming's university exceeded all previous records, and we have you to thank for this extraordinary accomplishment—and all that it means for students and the faculty, staff, and programs that support them.

IT'S SUPPORT LIKE
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The private giving of 24,018 donors to the University of Wyoming added up to an unprecedented \$43.1 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. This is only the second time in the university's 125-year history that private giving has surpassed the \$40 million mark, with the previous record set in FY 2008. The FY 2011 total brings the UW five-year fundraising average to over \$38 million a year, and an additional \$3.4 million was committed through state-matching funds as a direct result of private giving.

We are profoundly grateful to all those who have invested in the future of the University of Wyoming. It's support like yours that launches us confidently into the future.



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THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING is lifted upon the updraft of past successes, poised to reach new heights of excellence and distinction.

This past year has seen the continued transformation of the University of Wyoming. First and foremost, we owe a huge debt of thanks to you, our friends and alumni, for supporting your university in record numbers and to the Wyoming State Legislature. Private giving soared to a record \$43.1 million for the fiscal year ending June 30. The annual fundraising five-year average is up from \$30 million to \$38 million per year, and Annual Giving also reached a new record of over \$5 million. Rest assured we do our very best to honor the trust you have placed in us.

Last January saw the approval by the UW Board of Trustees of a Long Range Development Plan, which provides a framework for the future

growth of campus. It is a campus that continues to be transformed, with completion of the Berry Biodiversity Center, the Visual Arts Facility, the new Indoor Tennis Facility, the Bim Kendall House for Environment and Natural Resources, and the War Memorial Stadium parking upgrades. Under construction are the University of Wyoming Energy Resources Center and the Michael B. Enzi STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) Laboratory, with many new and exciting facilities in the planning stages.

New initiatives on campus are responding to the needs of our students and enhancing UW's environmental, social, and educational fabric. For example, through the efforts of constituents campus-wide, the Veterans Services Center opened in September of 2010 and provides support for all active duty and veteran students and those who formerly served in the armed

forces. Because of this program, UW was ranked in the top 20 "Best Universities for Veterans" by *Military Times Edge* magazine.

Through the School of Energy Resources (SER), the State of Wyoming and its university have invested significantly in energy-related education and research activities, which continues to expand UW's already considerable depth and breadth in a full array of energy programs. The first five years for the UW School of Energy Resources have seen dramatic results—11 additional faculty and six adjunct faculty in energy-related disciplines, over 100 energy graduate assistantships, the creation of eight research-focused Centers

OUR ASPIRATIONS ARE OUR POSSIBILITIES

— SAMUEL JOHNSON

of Excellence, outside funding leveraged against state investments, and the start of construction of the new UW Energy Resources Center.

The next phase of energy development will focus in three areas: unconventional reservoirs, climbing the value chain, and renewable resources. These areas will balance investments equitably among the state's energy sectors and will further Wyoming's efforts in value-adding energy technologies. Because of the support of the state and the strength of its partnerships, UW will continue to distinguish its energy programs in critical areas of strategic importance to Wyoming's energy economy.

These and other initiatives continue to pay off, and UW and its programs consistently receive high marks in national rankings. This past year, the College of Law was rated among top law schools by U.S. News

Media Group and best value by the *National Jurist* magazine. The MFA Program in Creative Writing ranked 30th in *Poets & Writers* magazine nationwide standings, up from 43rd the previous year. The online education group GetEducated.com ranked UW second in its list of top online colleges for an affordable online business degree. Overall, UW was ranked by the *Princeton Review* as one of the Best 373 Colleges, by *U.S. News* in the first tier of "Best Colleges," and by Forbes.com as among "America's Best Public Colleges."

But perhaps the single best ranking is this: An overwhelming majority of University of Wyoming students are happy with their educational experiences and believe that they are growing intellectually, according to the latest student opinion survey conducted by Student Affairs and Academic Affairs. After all, students are our number one priority.

These are our past successes, but we do not take these for granted and continue to focus our efforts on ever-increasing goals. Institutional Fundraising Priorities are a blueprint to help focus ideas and assign energies to priorities that have the most potential to generate support among UW's many dedicated alumni, engaged supporters, and generous donors.

The generous support UW receives from its important private contributors is not only about funding a single set of priorities—it is also about creating a dynamic relationship between those who desire to impact people's lives and the causes that inspire their generosity.

Who knows what will happen? As we speak, big things are in the making. The possibilities are beyond our imaginations, and Wyoming's university has you to thank.

The Impact

SUPPORTING WILDLIFE AND LIVESTOCK HEALTH

Much of Wyoming's economy—agriculture, tourism, outdoor recreation, and hunting—depends on the health of its livestock and wildlife. Working to ensure the wellness of the state's animal population is the University of Wyoming Wildlife-Livestock Health Center. Support for this center will come from an important gift of property, the Riverbend Ranch, as well as from the Wyoming Legislature and other sources.

"Being able to build critical mass in the area of wildlife and livestock health only strengthens us," says Frank Galey, dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. "The University of Wyoming having a presence there is important to the state. It's important to tourism, it's important to the ag industry, and it's important to our wildlife and hunting interests, so we have healthy populations."

THE WILDLIFE-LIVESTOCK HEALTH CENTER

The Wildlife-Livestock Health Center is a research and outreach program at the University of Wyoming College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Within the center, researchers and

graduate students focus on diseases that affect and can be transmitted among large domestic and wild animals such as elk, deer, pronghorn, moose, cattle, horses, sheep, and goats. These diseases include brucellosis, pneumonia, and plague and the prion diseases of chronic wasting, mad cow, and scrapie.

"We're nationally and internationally known in this field," says Dean Galey. "Even though we don't have a veterinary school, we're a go-to place for this kind of research and knowledge in these diseases."

The center includes researchers and graduate students seeking to improve modeling, testing, diagnosis, treatment, and vaccination for this cluster of diseases. Scientists also hope to help agricultural producers and land managers strike a balance between costs associated with disease and those associated with disease control.

Researchers within the center include Jeff Adamovicz, Gerry Andrews, Todd Cornish, Jonathan Fox, Myrna Miller, Ken Mills, Don Montgomery, Donal O'Toole, Merl Raisbeck, Hermann Schatzl, Brant Schumaker, and Chaoqun Yao. Other partners include Dean

Frank Galey and Walt Cook and the Wyoming Game and Fish's Terry Kreeger, Cynthia Tate, and Hank Edwards.

The center benefits from the recent construction of a biosafety level 3 laboratory at the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory, which is part of UW. Research into agents such as brucellosis can only be conducted at a BSL-3 laboratory.

THE GIFT OF THE RANCH

The historic Riverbend Ranch has been gifted to UW by a generous anonymous donor, the proceeds from which will benefit the Wildlife-Livestock Health Center.

"The Riverbend Ranch, once it's been realized, will allow us to add a new excellence chair in the area," says Dean Galey. "It will allow us to add a new researcher in our new biosafety level 3 laboratory that allows for research into these diseases, and then it will probably allow for a couple of graduate students."

Located 17 miles from Laramie along the Laramie River, Riverbend is just over 6,700 acres. It contains three sets of ranch houses,

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— FRANK GALEY, DEAN, UW COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

irrigated cropland, abundant wildlife, prime hunting and fishing habitat, and a private reservoir. It is valued at just over \$10 million.

The Riverbend Ranch has a long and storied history. The Sioux, Shoshone, and Teton-Dakotas migrated through the area at various times, until the land was given by the federal government to the railroad. It was sold and broken into ranches, which were passed from one family to another—most notable of which was Oda Mason and his daughter Violet Dinwiddie. In 2005, the land was purchased by the donor, and more parcels were also added since then.

The generous gift of the Riverbend Ranch will make a significant impact on UW’s ability to help sustain the health of animal populations, and it will add significant momentum to this important fundraising priority.

“This funding will act as a seed, bringing together specialists with an interest in wildlife diseases and forming a critical mass for building up research which is going to be beneficial for Wyoming wildlife and citizens and which is also competitive at an international level,” says Dr. Hermann Schatzl. “The new research environment fueled

by this funding will hopefully translate into cures for wildlife diseases in form of vaccines.”

“The gift of the Riverbend takes us a great deal of the way to building mass here,” adds Dean Galey.

The center has also received support from the Wyoming State Legislature and other private sources.

Generous state funding has supported Dr. Hermann Schatzl as the Wyoming Excellence Chair in Prion Biology, the BSL-3 laboratory, the Consortium for the Advancement of Brucellosis Science, and the Wyoming Wildlife Disease Research Partnership.

Private funding includes the endowments for the Kurt Swanson Bucholz Training Fund, the Richard and Barbara Powell Wildlife-Livestock Disease Training Fund, the Beth Williams and Tom Thorne Wildlife Disease



Training Fund, and the Wildlife-Livestock Diseases Endowed Chair. In addition, other donors have provided support for this initiative.

THE DISEASES

Two diseases of particular concern in Wyoming are brucellosis and prion disease (chronic wasting, mad cow, and scrapie).

The first, brucellosis, is a highly contagious bacterial disease that causes animals to abort their young, as well as sweating and joint and muscle pain. It can affect humans, cattle, elk, and bison and is transmitted through ingestion of contaminated meat or unsterilized milk or contact with infected secretions. The disease has been eradicated in much of the United States but still exists in the elk and bison near Yellowstone Park.

The second, prion disease, causes neurological degeneration (loss of the ability to control the body). It includes bovine spongiform

encephalopathy (BSE) or mad cow disease in cows, chronic wasting disease in deer and elk, and scrapie in sheep. Prion disease has been transmitted to humans in the past, though at present chronic wasting has not made that leap. This constellation of diseases can be transmitted genetically, through social contact, or orally through remnant proteins in the environment. They may exhibit a long dormant phase, but the clinical phase lasts only a matter of months and is always fatal.

UW’s reputation in the study of chronic wasting and related diseases is built upon decades of research. An exemplar, Dr. Beth Williams was a nationally and internationally recognized leader in research into chronic wasting before her tragic death in 2004 from a car accident. Dr. Hermann Schatzl has since come on board as the Wyoming Excellence Chair in Prion Biology. He has worked for 19 years in the field and in previous research has achieved some headway toward a vaccine.

“There are many many issues which make this disease so fascinating, so challenging,” says Dr. Schatzl. “The intention is to make something that we can use to vaccinate deer and elk in a wildlife situation. The gift is a fantastic thing.”

The Impact

SUPPORTING FUTURE PETROLEUM ENGINEERS

Encana Corporation President and UW alum Randy Eresman and his wife Shelly have pledged \$1 million to create the Eresman Family Engineering Endowment, which will support Canadian students who transfer to the University of Wyoming to study petroleum engineering.

“Randy epitomizes what the University of Wyoming aspires to instill in its graduates,” says UW President Tom Buchanan. “As Encana’s president and CEO, Randy has been instrumental in the exceptional relationship between UW and Encana, and now he has taken it one step further with his very generous personal gift with his wife Shelly. We cannot fully express how grateful we are for Randy and Shelly’s generosity.”

THE ERESMAN FAMILY ENGINEERING ENDOWMENT

The fund will provide scholarships to UW transfer students from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) and Southern Alberta Institute of Technology Polytechnic (SAIT) who are pursuing a degree in petroleum engineering in the College of Engineering and Applied Science.

“The college cherishes its long-standing connections with NAIT and SAIT and the petroleum industry in Canada generally,” says Rob Ettema, dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Science. “The scholarships will serve to substantially foster the connections.”

UW has recruited students from SAIT and NAIT since approximately 1975, and in a typical year 10 to 15 students transfer from the two Alberta institutes to the university. The college’s Center for Student Services works with NAIT and SAIT administrators to ensure that 46 hours of transfer courses can be credited toward students’ UW petroleum engineering degrees.

“What we find is that they are usually good students, they are hard working, and they usually return to Calgary when they finish,” says Dr. Brian Towler, Professor of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering and former head of the department, who has been responsible for recruiting. “Consequently, the Calgary oil patch employs numerous UW graduates.”

“Shelly and I were very fortunate to have had the UW experience. We fully understand and

appreciate the opportunities that became available to us because of it and how much it has affected so many aspects of our lives,” says Randy Eresman. “It is our privilege and pleasure to reciprocate in this meaningful way.”

A DISTINGUISHED ALUM

Randy was born and raised on a farm near Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, a city of 61,000 located 75 miles from Montana. He entered the energy sector at age 14, working an after-school job at a company that serviced the gas industry. He received a diploma in earth resources technology from NAIT and at age 21 began working for Alberta Energy Company Ltd. (AEC) testing gas wells.

After working in the gas industry for a time, he decided that he needed more education, and he enrolled in petroleum engineering at the University of Wyoming. Because he was from a rural area, he felt comfortable in Laramie. Randy and Shelly were married in the summer between his junior and senior year, and they lived in married student housing while he attended classes. In 1984, he received his bachelor’s degree from the College of Engineering and Applied Science.

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As a professional engineer, Randy returned to the natural gas fields of Canada and quickly advanced up the ranks, taking on ever-increasing responsibilities and serving both technical and leadership roles. He is an early adopter of new technologies to solve problems and create opportunities.

Randy credits his success to his problem-solving abilities. Early in his career, he was able to efficiently solve complex challenges by developing computer models that enhanced production performance, and he implemented large-scale horizontal drilling well before it was commonplace.

He became a divisional vice president in 1996, where he played a key role in guiding the expansion of the company’s oil and gas operations across much of North America.

In 2002, AEC merged with PanCanadian Energy to form Encana Corporation, and Randy served as executive vice president in charge of the onshore North America division and then as Chief Operating Officer.

In 2006, at the age of 47, Randy became president and chief executive officer of Encana.

Under his strategic leadership, Encana became an early adopter of new technologies, enabling Encana to become a leading producer of unconventional natural gas and bitumen resources in North America.

Recognizing the potential implications of an abundant supply of natural gas in North America, Encana has become a leading advocate for converting electrical generation plants and transportation vehicles to run on cleaner-burning natural gas, thus reducing the emissions of carbon dioxide and other pollutants and achieving greater energy security while at the same time creating well-paying jobs in North America.

“Randy is truly one of UW’s distinguished alums,” says Ben Blalock, UW Foundation President. “For Randy and Shelly to make a gift of this magnitude is a statement regarding the remarkable passion and commitment to excellence our alums feel for their alma mater. Randy is one of the alums that UW points to with the greatest pride.”

Randy is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists, and Geophysicists of Alberta, the World Presidents’

Organization, Canadian Council of Chief Executives, and the National Petroleum Council, and he is a former member of the College of Engineering and Applied Science National Advisory Board.

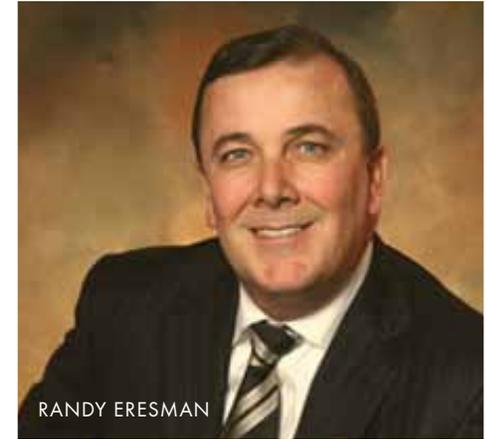
As a result of his experience, Randy believes in the power of higher education. He, Shelly, and their two children, Trisha and John, have long supported scholarships for students.

NAIT, SAIT, AND ENCANA

NAIT, located in Edmonton, Alberta, provides technical training and applied education in more than 200 programs designed to meet the demands of many industries. It is the largest apprenticeship training program in Canada.

SAIT—or SAIT Polytechnic—in Calgary, Alberta, is the first publicly funded institute of its kind in the country, providing students with a skill-oriented education in technology, trades, and business.

Encana is a leading producer of unconventional natural gas resources, including the formations of tight gas, shale, and coalbed methane, in North America. Encana operates across most



RANDY ERESMAN

of North America, and its assets include its highly valued Jonah natural gas field in southwest Wyoming.

With Randy at its head, Encana has also joined in partnership with the University of Wyoming to support engineering students and the development of energy industry technology. In 2006, a gift of \$2 million, doubled by state matching funds, created three state-of-the-art laboratories—a three-phase flow laboratory, an integrated simulation data center, and a future laboratory to be determined.

In 2007, Encana generously gave \$5 million to support facilities construction for the School of Energy Resources. Combined, these two donations are the single largest industry gift to UW. Among other support, Encana has also provided scholarship support to students in geology and geophysics.

The Impact

SUPPORTING INSPIRATION AND CREATIVITY

Kids of all ages get excited about original art. Given the opportunity, they dive into the investigative processes that make up a strong art program—observing, questioning, exploring, creating, and reflecting on the artist’s ideas, the materials used, and their own responses to the work. They talk with animation as they engage with the artwork and then bend in concentration as they work on projects inspired by what they have seen, exploring their own ideas and ways to use materials. Their eyes light up when they explain the what, why, and how of their creations.

Creating art is immediate and physical—it involves their hands and their hearts—but most importantly it’s cerebral as well, feeding their thought processes and intellectual development. Like the in-house art education programs at the UW Art Museum, outreach programs challenge participants to think about the connections that art makes with the world in a way that is fun and lasting.

For example, the latest Ann Simpson Artmobile exhibit (*Go Figure: Figurative Art as Story, Metaphor, and Presence*) prompts students to think about the images of their

favorite characters. Often, predictably perhaps, the kids come up with cartoon characters—SpongeBob Squarepants, Dora the Explorer.

Artmobile curator Beth Remington then helps students think about how characters show character: “As a culture, we have certain ways that we visually understand the good guys and bad guys. How do you work with that in your own art? How do you capture the difference between a good guy and a bad guy?” For example, villains often have pointy features, while heroes usually have square features. This can lead to discussions about community values, good and bad characters through history and literature, and more.

For 28 years, the Artmobile has been inspiring viewers throughout our 97,914-square-mile state to think about and create art, and all along the way FMC Corporation has supported this valuable program.

THE ANN SIMPSON ARTMOBILE

The Ann Simpson Artmobile is a Wyoming institution. For 28 years, the instantly recognizable van filled with Art Museum

collections and art materials has brought UW arts outreach to people throughout Wyoming. The service is free to the host school or institution, and they are only asked to provide lodging for the curator.

For a typical visit of one to five days, the van arrives at the site early so that the exhibit can be unloaded and set up. Once the students (or other audience members) are assembled, Beth introduces herself and the program. Then she says, “It’s hard to talk about artwork you’ve never seen,” and she ushers them in to the exhibit, which they closely observe. Beth encourages exploration and answers questions as they walk around, and once they gather again, Beth leads the group in discussion about what they’ve seen. Then she introduces the equipment and techniques they will be using for their own art-making. The excitement builds as they get to work.

The aspiring artists work in a number of media, but a particularly exciting tool in the Artmobile’s toolbox is a traveling art press. This is especially fortunate, as Beth’s primary focus in her own work has been printmaking.

Beth engages her audiences in the exhibition

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in ways that are most relevant to them. She tailors each presentation to each audience and discusses media techniques and subject matter appropriate to the participants’ ages and developmental levels. She emphasizes the value of artistic expression, however we choose to include it in our lives.

The latest exhibition, *Go Figure: Figurative Art as Story, Metaphor, and Presence*, displays work that is “figurative” or about the human body. “This work is all figurative work—but of the human figure—but the artwork also has strong narrative content, so we’re talking about the figure both as a metaphor and as an actual human figure,” says Beth.

The Artmobile typically spends two weeks of any given month out on location, and the curator tries to schedule nearby visits together. Recently, the program has served an average of 2,600 per year, and although a majority of its audience is children, the Artmobile serves Wyoming citizens of all ages. “K to gray” is their motto.

The Artmobile fulfills the outreach mission of the UW Art Museum while aligning with the museum’s rigorous in-house programs and

state education learning standards. “We are able to address not only fine arts standards but standards in a variety of other subjects as well,” says Beth. “Art can be an entry point for learning about history, the sciences, and world cultures, and it can inspire expositional writing, poetry, and storytelling.”

FMC’S SUPPORT

FMC, through the support of the Alkali Chemicals Division that operates in Green River, has been helping the UW Art Museum since at least the 1970s. Then, in 2002, it began specifically supporting the Artmobile, and a significant new gift was awarded in 2011, which was doubled by state matching.

“We have long realized the value of bringing the university’s art collection into the communities of Wyoming, and FMC is proud to be a part of this ongoing program,” says Jim Pearce, FMC Alkali Chemicals Director of Manufacturing.

The main focus of FMC’s support has been on the van itself and the equipment needed for its use. Specifically, the FMC Ann Simpson Artmobile fund supports the

acquisition, replacement, and maintenance of the vehicle, but it also may be used for salary and benefits, travel, supplies, equipment, and other operational expenses. This is particularly important as the van ages—the current vehicle is 10 years old.

“We are so pleased that FMC continues to support this important program by contributing

to the purchase of a new all-wheel-drive van,” Beth says. “Our ten-year old van may be ready to retire, but the Ann Simpson Artmobile program keeps on rolling—providing thoughtful, engaging, and fun connections to original art and artists for students and viewers of all ages across Wyoming. The support of FMC makes viewing original art anywhere in Wyoming an exciting reality.”



BETH REMINGTON, ANN SIMPSON ARTMOBILE CURATOR

The Impact

SUPPORTING UW ATHLETICS AND GEOLOGY

Sometimes the greatest gifts come out of the blue, totally unexpected, with no strings attached. That opportunity at the final buzzer.

The estate gift from Sherrill and Anna Drum to Athletics and the Department of Geology and Geophysics is like that. No one knew it was coming, and the Drums gave the university flexibility in how the gift can be applied.

“It’s phenomenal when you can create something like this. Someone who has really been under the radar, who didn’t want any type of recognition. They certainly have left a legacy here at the University of Wyoming,” says Randy Welniak, Senior Associate Athletics Director.

FOR ATHLETICS AND GEOLOGY

As provided for in Sherrill’s will, the gift is split equally between Athletics and the Department of Geology and Geophysics.

Within Athletics, the funds will be used for a scholarship for a student-athlete and for facility enhancement.

A major upcoming capital campaign is focused on a much-needed renovation of the Arena-Auditorium. Improvements include enlarging the floor for expanded practice space, enhancing the concourse for ADA compliance, adding club seating, and modernizing the roof for structural and fire

safety reasons and to add a center-hung video scoreboard. The Drum gift will most likely contribute to this effort.

“The University of Wyoming Athletics Department benefits tremendously from gifts like the Sherrill Drum estate gift,” says Tom



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— PAUL HELLER, DEPARTMENT HEAD, GEOLOGY AND GEOPHYSICS

Burman, director of UW Athletics. “These funds help us continue providing opportunities for our student-athletes to succeed both academically and athletically here at UW.”

Within the Department of Geology and Geophysics, funds are designated

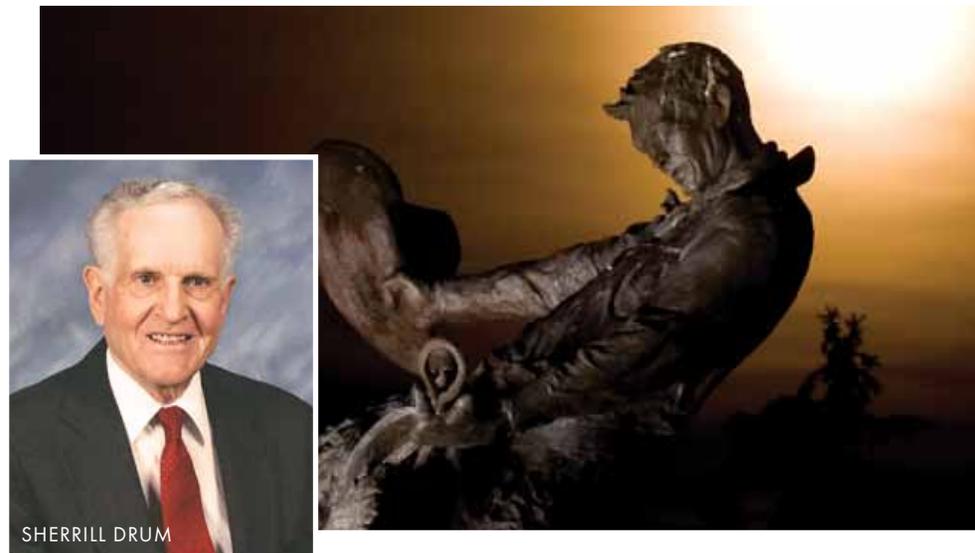
for Geochemical Analytical Laboratory enhancements, general education, research, and facility renovation.

The impact on the Geochemical Analytical Laboratory is particularly timely for energy-related research, as the lab’s focus is on analysis of fluids (including water and oil), rocks (including energy-related materials), and soils (often to reconstruct climate history). It is used by faculty both within and outside the department.

“Gifts like these have tremendous impacts on our ability to quickly address teaching and research needs and provide flexibility to improve student learning,” says Paul Heller, head of the UW Department of Geology and Geophysics.

A UW ALUM AND FAITHFUL FAN

Sherrill was born in West Virginia in 1917, the oldest of three kids. His father A.G. was a wildcat oil driller, and the family moved constantly from one drilling camp to another. Much of Sherrill’s childhood was spent in the West and in Wyoming.



SHERRILL DRUM

In high school, he was an outstanding track athlete, and in World War II he signed up with the Army Air Corps and trained as a pilot. He was stationed in Alaska as a weather specialist, monitoring American Lend-Lease flights to Russia.

After the war, he came to the University of Wyoming and graduated with a B.S. in geology in 1950. Later, he fondly remembered his classes with Professors Mears, Boyd, and

Blackstone. His wife Anna also graduated from UW with a degree in education.

Like his father, Sherrill spent his career out West in the oil industry—working for Marathon Oil Company (formerly Ohio Oil Company). Sherrill retired to Arkansas after 43 years on the job.

He was an avid golfer, a follower of baseball, and a faithful fan of UW Athletics.



The Impact

SUPPORTING FUTURE ENGINEERING STUDENTS

Max Castagne's slide rule rests proudly on a shelf in College of Engineering and Applied Science Dean Rob Ettema's office. But that's not the only thing Max bequeathed to his beloved alma mater—he also left a significant portion of his estate, which will leave its mark on future generations of engineers.

“A very fine gentleman,” says Dean Ettema. “Very independent. He was proud of his career and his education and very interested to support our programs here. We are very appreciative of that.”

THREEFOLD IMPACT

Max wanted to create a research and technology endowment that would enhance the college's capabilities, particularly in the fields of mechanical, petroleum, and computer engineering. To encompass his wishes, three endowments were created.

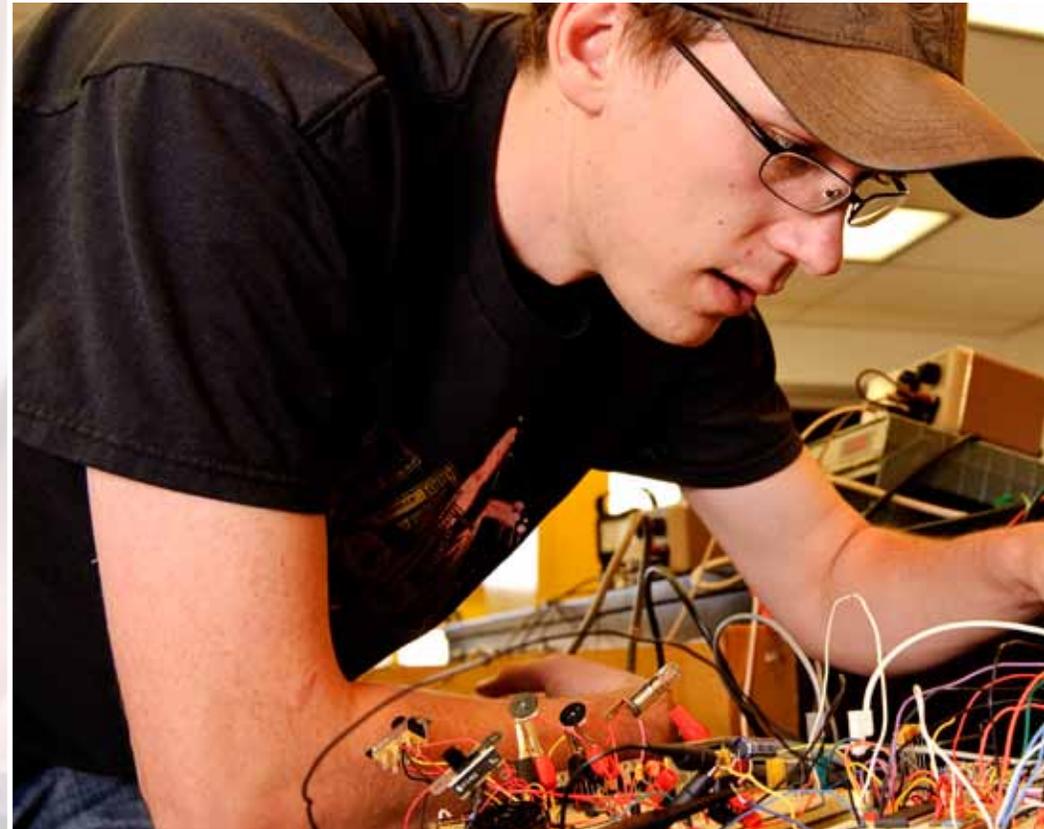
- The A.J. “Max” Castagne Endowment for Engineering, which will be used as scholarships for engineering graduate students.
- The A.J. “Max” Castagne Professors in

Mechanical, Petroleum, and Computer Science Departments in Engineering, which will provide support for professorships in the three departments.

- The A.J. “Max” Castagne Endowment for Mechanical, Petroleum, and Computer Science Departments in

Engineering, which will support research and advanced studies in these three departments.

“His gift will substantially help the university deliver nationally attractive programs of education, especially in the endowment's



“HE WAS PROUD OF HIS CAREER AND HIS EDUCATION AND VERY INTERESTED TO SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMS HERE.” – ROB ETTEMA, DEAN, UW COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE

designated areas of mechanical engineering, petroleum engineering, and computer science,” says Dean Ettema.

AN EMINENT ENGINEER

Max was born in Red Lodge, Montana, in

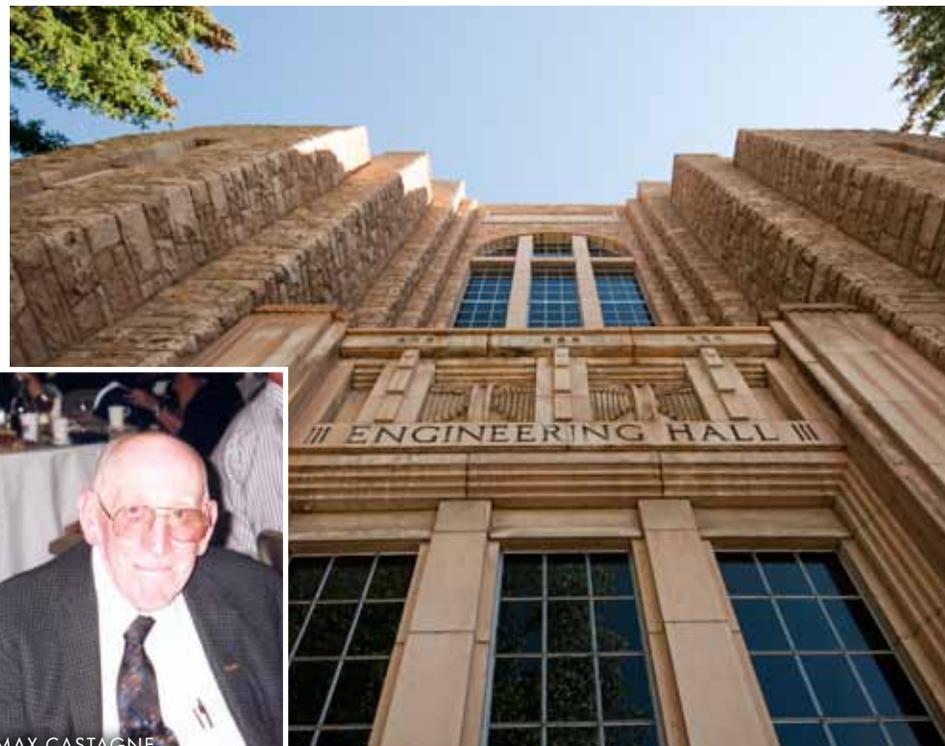


1917, the fourth son of Joseph and Josephine Castagne. Growing up, he worked on the family’s ranches and in their local meat business. He graduated from Carbon County High School and went on to receive his B.S. in mechanical engineering from UW in 1943.

Max worked briefly for Boeing Aircraft Co. before joining the U.S. Army Air Corps to perform maintenance on AT-6 and B-25 aircraft, first in California and then in the South Pacific. He was discharged as a 1st Lieutenant.

Max returned to engineering, working for plastics manufacturer Bakelite Corp. and Westinghouse Electric Corp., where he worked on aircraft engines and then on power plant engineering in Pennsylvania and Washington. He retired to Montana where, at age 88, he cared for his 98-year-old brother.

Throughout his life, he maintained an active interest in engineering and liked to discuss with faculty topics such as energy technology, aviation, nuclear engineering, and what types of research UW was pursuing.



MAX CASTAGNE

“A.J. Max Castagne’s accomplishments as an eminent mechanical engineer engaged in the design of aircraft engines and nuclear power plants illustrate the rewarding

career possibilities open to students entering the University of Wyoming’s programs of engineering education,” says Dean Ettema.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING Foundation exemplifies the university's private/public partnership. Over the years, UW alumni and friends and the Wyoming State Legislature have consistently and enthusiastically supported Wyoming's university. They have established unprecedented numbers of endowments—from scholarships to professorships, from program support to facilities construction. It is

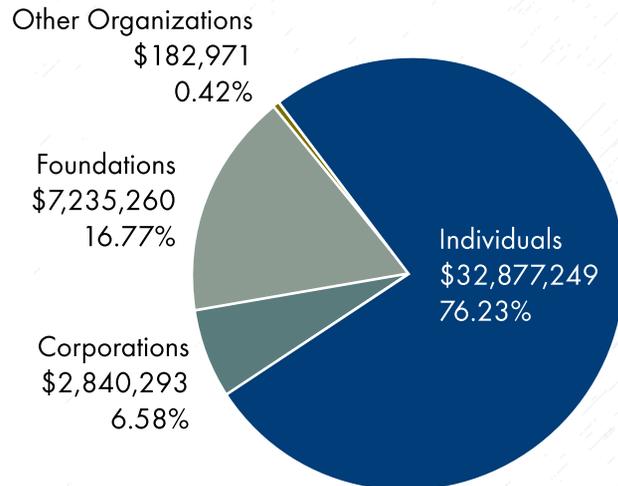
through private support that the University of Wyoming rises above the ordinary to become one of the nation's finest public land-grant universities.

ENDOWMENTS

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

When a donor creates an endowed fund, the gift buys shares—much like mutual funds—in the endowment pool. Adding these funds to the endowment pool broadens investment possibilities much more than if each endowment were invested individually. Accounting, however, is done separately for each fund, and based upon the number of shares owned in the pool, income is distributed after an initial one-year waiting period. Endowment distributions may be made from current income, accumulated income, realized appreciation, and principal to the extent necessary to meet the distribution requirements of the payout policy. Earnings above the amount of distributions are added to the corpus, enabling the principal to continue to grow and providing a hedge against inflation.

FY 2011 SOURCE OF DOLLARS RECEIVED FY 2011 Giving Total: \$43,135,773



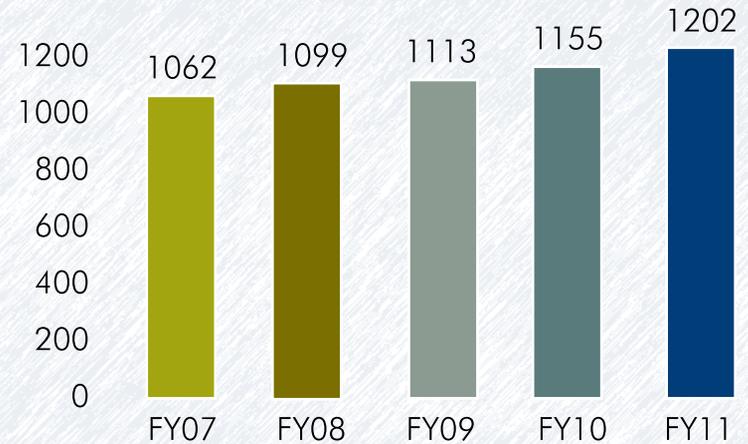
Every year, in accordance with its payout policy, the UW Foundation distributes millions of dollars to the university for expenditures such as student assistance, faculty support, library acquisitions, academic program support, and building and equipment purchases and maintenance. The UW Foundation uses a weighted formula for calculating payout amounts. The payout policy is the result of a careful review of models used by Yale, Stanford, and other major higher education institutions and is designed to smooth year-to-year variations in market performance so that the colleges and units within the university are able to budget more accurately with a predictable and reliable source of funding.

For FY2011, the number of endowments reached 1,202 funds with disbursements—including expendable gifts—of \$26.4 million to the university. As of June 30, 2011, the pooled fund had grown to \$314.8 million.

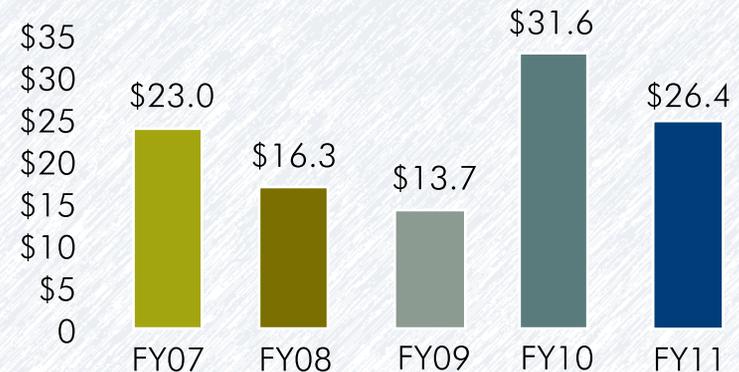
INVESTMENTS

A primary mission of the University of Wyoming Foundation is to exercise superior stewardship of the gifts committed to the university. The UW Foundation Board of Directors—in consultation with their professional investment advisors Monticello Associates of Denver, Colorado—work diligently to proactively manage the foundation’s portfolio.

NUMBER OF ENDOWMENTS



IN MILLIONS DISBURSEMENTS TO UW

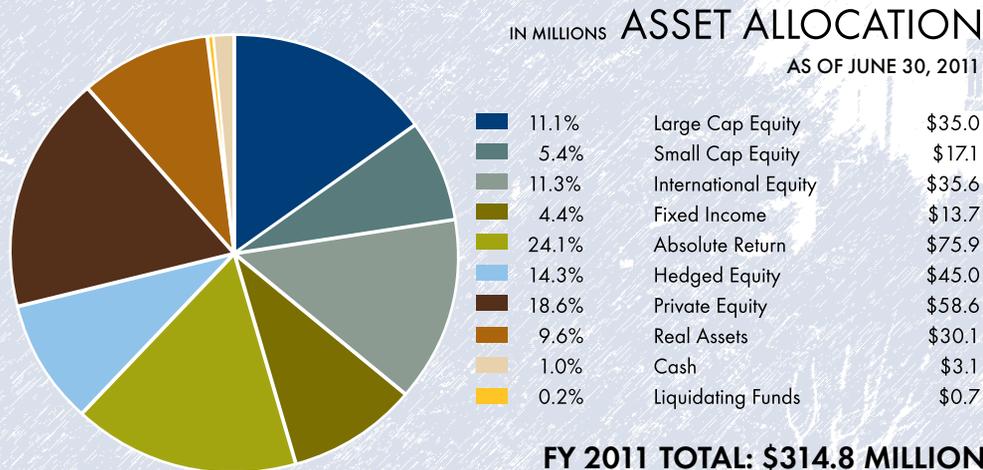


INVESTMENTS

UW Foundation staff and board members combine diverse areas of expertise to bring a wealth of financial experience to the management of the foundation’s investments. The foundation attempts to achieve a balance between current requirements and future needs—to provide a stable and growing income stream to UW while preserving the purchasing power of the endowment assets.

Funds invested by the foundation include cash, reserve balances, charitable remainder unitrusts and gift annuities, outright gifts, and endowments. Assets managed by the foundation have grown significantly over the years and have allowed donors to support an expanding number of students, faculty, and academic programs during times when many universities have had to cut back.

Now more than ever, well-balanced asset allocations have been shown to consistently perform better over time under varying market conditions, rather than being heavily invested in one or two asset classes or trying to time the market. The UW Foundation portfolio is broadly diversified, and the board continues to proactively manage the assets to balance stability with rate of return.



The use of a sophisticated asset allocation typical of much larger institutions has resulted in more secure foundation holdings that are not unduly influenced by the highs and lows of the equity and bond markets or changes in the political climate.

With Monticello’s input, the board hires investment managers whose portfolios fit within the foundation’s investment strategy of long-term growth and minimizing risk versus reward. The risk, return, and correlation characteristics of the alternative asset classes provide greater portfolio diversification and stability because of their low correlations to the traditional fixed income and equity asset classes.

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

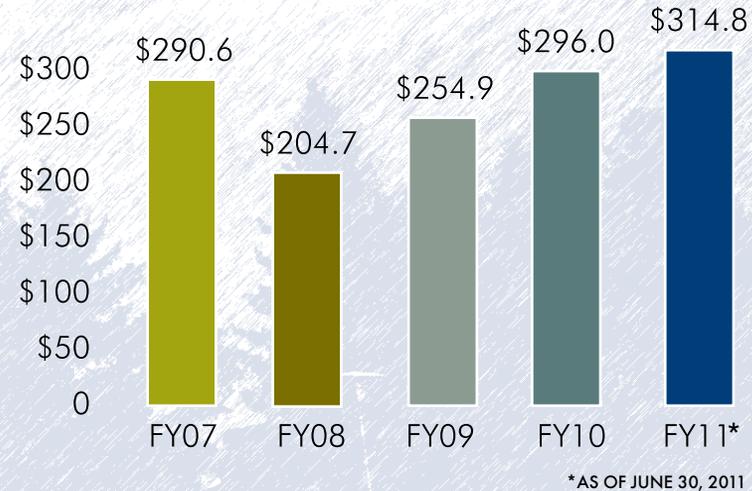
As of June 30, 2011, the pool of endowed funds totaled \$314.8 million. Over the years, the UW Foundation’s assets, which support the dreams of tomorrow’s citizens and leaders, have grown significantly, and this fundraising success stands as a testament to the dedication and generosity of UW’s alumni and friends. Their commitment has made UW the envy of many other institutions.

Stewardship and accountability inspire donors and move the University of Wyoming to new levels of private support.

STATE MATCH

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

IN MILLIONS **PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE**



IN MILLIONS **PRIVATE SUPPORT TOTALS**



NEW ENDOWMENTS IN FY 2011

EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS

2010 College of Business Advisory Board Excellence Fund Endowment

Established by the 2010 College of Business Advisory Board in honor of Dean Brent Hathaway to foster excellence in the College of Business

A & P Wyoming Management and Marketing Excellence Fund

Established by A & P Wyoming to foster excellence in the Department of Management and Marketing

A. J. (Max) Castagne Endowment for Mechanical, Petroleum, and Computer Science Departments in Engineering

Established by A. J. "Max" Castagne to support engineering research and advance studies in the mechanical, petroleum, and computer science departments

Eagle Uniform Business Excellence Fund for the Department of Marketing and Management in memory of Don & David Hinkle

Established by Jess B. Hinkle in memory of Don and David Hinkle to promote excellence in the College of Business

Ken and Leah Griffin Business Excellence Fund

Established by friends of Ken and Leah Griffin to enhance excellence in the College of Business

Grant C. and Maralyn H. Larson Business Excellence Fund

Established by Grant C. and Maralyn H. Larson to foster excellence in the College of Business

Lenhart, Mason & Associates, LLC Business Excellence Fund in Accounting

Established by Lenhart, Mason & Associates, LLC to create excellence in business education

Joseph J. Scott Business Excellence Fund

Established by Joseph J. Scott to help create excellence in business education

Margaret C. "Peg" Tobin Excellence Fund for Student Affairs

Established by Margaret C. "Peg" Tobin to enhance excellence and opportunities for Student Affairs

Lawrence R. & Jennifer S. Weatherford Business Excellence Fund for the Department of Marketing and Management

Established by Lawrence R. and Jennifer S. Weatherford to help create excellence in business education in marketing and management

FACULTY SUPPORT

A. J. (Max) Castagne Professors in Mechanical, Petroleum, and Computer Science Departments in Engineering

Established by A. J. "Max" Castagne to promote deserving professorships in the mechanical, petroleum, and computer science departments in engineering

Riverbend Ranch Endowment in Wildlife-Livestock Health

Established by an anonymous donor to enhance the study of wildlife-livestock health issues

STUDENT SUPPORT

Clarence A. Brimmer Scholars Program

Established by Liz A. Brimmer and many other family members and friends to promote excellence and scholarship in the College of Law

A. J. (Max) Castagne Endowment for Engineering

Established by A. J. "Max" Castagne to support engineering students pursuing advanced degrees

Eresman Family Engineering Endowment

Established by Randall K. and Shelly Eresman to support students transferring to UW from NAIT or SAIT into petroleum engineering

Barry D. Gasdek and Walter F. Gasdek Scholarship

Established by Barry Gasdek to support students in the Army ROTC program

Deborah L. Gasdek-Booth and Barry D. Gasdek Scholarship

Established by Barry Gasdek to support students in music

Frances E. Gasdek-Eaglehouse and Barry D. Gasdek Scholarship

Established by Barry Gasdek to support students in nursing and Army ROTC

Walter F. Gasdek and Barry D. Gasdek Scholarship

Established by Barry Gasdek to support students in chemistry

Robert J. and Vivian R. Geer Scholarship

Established by Robert J. Geer to support students in English and modern and classical languages

Loren W. and Marjorie B. Good Endowed Scholarship Fund

Established by Loren W. and Marjorie B. Good to support students in the geosciences

Goshen Hole Ranchers Scholarship

Established by John and Erika Lockridge to support students from Goshen County

Haselden Construction Scholarship for Civil and Architectural Engineering

Established by Haselden Construction, LLC to support quality engineering education for the construction industry

Hunton Endowment Fund

Established by Dr. Donald B. Hunton to support a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences who holds great promise for the advancement and betterment of our society

Loretta Kepler Scholarship

Established by Charles G. and Ursula L. Kepler in memory of their daughter to support first-year women students in the College of Law

Del and Jean Landen Memorial Athletic Scholarship

Established by James Landen in memory of his parents to support student-athletes

Brady Meier Endowed Scholarship in the Fine Arts

Established by Mickey and Richard Uren to support students in the fine arts

Charles Moore, M.D., Concertmaster Fellowship

Established by Richard C. and Sylvia J. Moore in memory of Charles Moore, M.D., to support the UW Symphony Orchestra concertmaster

Douglas B. Reeves Music Education Scholarship Fund

Established by Douglas B. Reeves to support students in music education

Zula Safford Scholarship in the College of Business

Established by Zula Safford to support students in the College of Business

Ronald and Patricia Salvagio Accounting Scholarship Fund

Established by Ronald and Patricia Salvagio to support accounting students

Ann Simpson and Family Student Exhibition Award

Established by Nick and Maggi Murdock in honor of Ann Simpson to support students in the Art Museum Student Exhibition

Joel Teeters Scholarship

Established by John and Erika Lockridge to support students from Goshen County

Michael and Linda Tiernan Scholarship and Research Fund

Established by Michael W. Tiernan to support students in zoology and physiology

Ward Family Scholarship in Education

Established by Dixie O. Ward to support students in education

Ward Family Scholarship in Health Sciences

Established by Dixie O. Ward to support students in health sciences

Ward Family Sigma Chi Scholarship

Established by Dixie O. Ward to support students involved in the Gamma Xi Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity

Wyoming Academy of Family Physicians Award

Established by the Wyoming Academy of Family Physicians to support students entering Wyoming Family Medicine

SERVICE TO WYOMING

Campbell Family Excellence Fund

Established by Athletics in memory of Bill Campbell to support excellence in UW Athletics

Cowboy Parents Endowment

Established by the Cowboy Parents Association to support Cowboy Parents' projects

FMC Ann Simpson Artmobile Fund

Established by FMC Corporation to support the Ann Simpson Artmobile program

Leadership Wyoming Operational Support Endowment

Established by the Wyoming Heritage Foundation to support operations of the Leadership Wyoming Program

Library Professional Development Endowment

Established by Susan C. and Donald J. Kany to promote professional development for the library

Douglas B. Reeves Libraries Art Fund

Established by Douglas B. Reeves to advance art within the UW Libraries

Douglas B. Reeves Opera in a Gym Endowment

Established by Douglas B. Reeves to provide theatrical and musical experience for elementary students

Stroock Endowment for the AHC

Established by Ambassador Thomas F. Stroock to support the AHC in caring for his business and public affairs documents

University of Wyoming Mary Jane Edwards Jentel and UW Neltje Center Endowment

Established by Mary Jane Edwards to support artists in residence at the UW Neltje Center for the Visual and Literary Arts

University of Wyoming Neltje Endowment

Established by Ellen M. Violett and Mary P. R. Thomas to support the work and activities of the UW Neltje Center for the Visual and Literary Arts and the artist residency program at Jentel

INSTITUTIONAL FUNDRAISING PRIORITIES

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING Institutional Fundraising Priorities are a blueprint to help focus ideas and assign energies to priorities that have the most potential to generate support among UW's many dedicated alumni, engaged supporters, and generous donors.

UW Institutional Fundraising Priorities are established by the president in collaboration with the provost and in consultation with deans, directors, faculty, and staff. They are intended to be flexible enough to meet opportunities as they arise and the university's most strategic priorities while also fulfilling donors' interests and aspirations. It is the University of Wyoming Foundation's assignment to implement a plan to fund these priorities through philanthropic programs.

POWERING AND SUSTAINING THE FUTURE

Promote, sustain, and build UW's distinction in life sciences; STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics); energy; biodiversity conservation; and the environment and natural resources.

Areas of UW Distinction:

- Science and Technology
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Life Sciences

EXPLORING CREATIVITY AND IMAGINATION IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Enhance cultural assets including the fine and performing arts and the humanities, with focused initiatives in the colleges and departments, as well as the UW Art Museum, UW Libraries, and American Heritage Center.

Areas of UW Distinction:

- Cultural Assets, Arts, and Humanities
- History and Culture of the Rocky Mountain Region

WYO FACT / The University of Wyoming has moved into the first tier of ranked national universities listed in the 2011 edition of Best Colleges by *U.S. News*.

INSTITUTIONAL FUNDRAISING PRIORITIES

REACHING OUT TO WYOMING AND THE NATION

Strengthen partnerships within the state and respond to the economic needs of Wyoming and the nation, focusing on collaborative research and alliances with industry leaders, private partners, and the public sector.

Areas of UW Distinction:

- Professions critical to the state and the region

ENHANCING THE UW EXPERIENCE

- Enhancing Student Enrichment and Scholarship
- Cultivating a Global Perspective with International Opportunities for Students and Faculty
- Improving Facilities Through Renovation and Remodeling
- Fostering Academic Excellence with Graduate Fellowships, Named Chairs, and Professorships
- Supporting College, Unit, and Departmental Excellence Funds
- Advancing Athletic Excellence
- Enhancing Collections

WYO FACT \ The MFA Program in Creative Writing was highly ranked by *Poets & Writers* both last year and this year, moving from 43rd to 30th of the more than 300 programs in the U.S.

These fundraising efforts are closely integrated with the university's six areas of distinction, as defined in *University Plan 3*. Areas of distinction are broad categories of academic inquiry and curriculum in which UW has both an existing foundation in faculty expertise and a commitment to sustained and increasing prominence. They include: critical areas of science and technology; cultural assets, arts, and humanities; environment and natural resources; history and culture of the Rocky Mountain region; life sciences; and professions critical to the state and region.

The generous support UW receives from its important private contributors is not only about funding a single set of priorities. It is also about creating a dynamic relationship between those who desire to impact people's lives and the causes that inspire their generosity. In the process, Wyoming's university will continue to be transformed for generations to come.

ABOUT THE UW FOUNDATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING Foundation has been a dynamic partner with the University of Wyoming for more than 48 years. Through the generosity of our many alumni and friends, the UW Foundation has raised an average of \$38 million a year in private support over the past five years—money that goes to students and the faculty, staff, and programs that support them. This private support helps to make UW the best educational institution possible.

The UW Foundation, established in 1962, is appointed by the University Board of Trustees to raise, receive, and manage private gifts to maximize support for the University of Wyoming. It is an independent, nonprofit corporation governed by a Board of Directors.

WYO FACT / The University of Wyoming is among five colleges nationwide selected for the Pat Tillman Military Scholars University Partnership, which supports active and veteran service members and their families.

The UW Foundation Board of Directors consists of up to 36 elected voting members, six non-voting ex-officio members, and as many voting emeritus members as may be elected by the board. The UW Foundation Board meets throughout the year to guide the foundation in achieving its mission. Board members bring a wealth of experience from a broad spectrum of careers and professional and personal backgrounds.

ANNUAL GIVING

Annual Giving is the only fundraising program of the university that reaches all alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends on a yearly basis to offer giving opportunities for direct support of UW's colleges, departments, and programs. UW Annual Giving focuses on acquiring regular yearly contributions, thus creating a vital and dependable source of non-legislative support to help the University of Wyoming fulfill its mission of being one of the nation's finest public land-grant research universities.

THE PRESIDENT'S SOCIETY

The President's Society is the premier leadership giving circle for alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends of the University of Wyoming, and it is the flagship of the UW Annual Giving program. Individuals, households, or businesses donating \$1,000 or more to the University of Wyoming on an annual basis are recognized as members of the President's Society for the university's fiscal year (July 1–June 30) in which the gift is received.

ABOUT THE UW FOUNDATION

COWBOY CALL

The student voice of the UW Foundation—Cowboy Call—plays a vital role in reconnecting, establishing, and maintaining relationships with alumni, parents, and friends who generously support the University of Wyoming through Annual Giving. Enthusiastic and proud UW students gather to offer University of Wyoming supporters the opportunity to share college memories, to find out what's new on campus, and to hear about university events.

Students representing colleges campus-wide call alumni, parents, and friends of the university each year, and each year thousands of generous donors provide annual gifts to the university through Cowboy Call alone. If you would like more information, contact Candace Paradis, Director of Annual Giving, at (307) 766-3933 or candace@uwyo.edu.

CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION GIVING

Some of the most significant impacts across the University of Wyoming campus have come from the remarkable support of corporations and foundations. Student by student, corporation- and foundation-supported scholarships have built a wealth of human capital. Gifts campus-wide have built buildings, created new programs, and underwritten research that changes the world as we know it. If you would like more information, contact Chris Spooner, Senior Director of Corporate and Foundation Development, at (307) 766-5087 or cspooner@uwyo.edu.

ESTABLISHING AN ENDOWMENT

When people give a gift to the University of Wyoming, they often establish an endowment, as opposed to the funds going directly toward immediate needs. This is because an endowment is a way to extend the life of the gift and to allow colleges and units within the university to budget more accurately with a predictable and reliable source of funding. An endowment is a gift held in perpetuity and invested by the foundation. The principal remains intact while a percentage of the earned income is used to support the program or programs designated by the donor. For questions about endowments or to establish one, contact John Stark, Vice President, at (307) 766-3930 or jdstark@uwyo.edu.

WYO FACT \ The overwhelming majority of University of Wyoming students are happy with their educational experience and believe they are growing intellectually, according to the latest UW Student Opinion Survey.

ABOUT THE UW FOUNDATION

PLANNED GIVING

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

WAYS TO INCLUDE UW IN YOUR ESTATE

- Cash
- Securities
- Real Estate
- Charitable Bequests
- Retirement Plans
- Life Insurance
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Charitable Lead Trusts

THE LEGACY SOCIETY

The Legacy Society recognizes UW alumni and friends who have made an estate commitment or a deferred gift to the UW Foundation. Qualifying gifts include bequests, charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities, life estates, retirement plan assets, charitable lead trusts, and life insurance policies. Benefits include invitations to events, the biannual Cowboy Legacy newsletter, a Legacy Society lapel pin, and recognition (unless you prefer to remain anonymous). If you are considering UW in your estate plans or have questions, contact Tracy Richardson, Director of Planned Giving, at (307) 766-3934 or trichar6@uwyo.edu.

OTHER AREAS OF IMPACT WITHIN THE UW FOUNDATION

Our institutional advancement and fundraising efforts are responsibly and effectively implemented by many qualified individuals within the UW Foundation. The areas of advancement operations, donor relations, event planning, financial services, gift processing, prospect management and research, stewardship, and marketing support the UW Foundation's work on behalf of the University of Wyoming.

WYO FACT / The University of Wyoming is again listed as among "America's Best Public Colleges" in rankings released this year by Forbes.com.

IN PRACTICING OUR GUIDING principles, the UW Foundation will strive to earn the trust and mutual respect of our peers and constituent partners while inspiring exceptional pride in the University of Wyoming.

VISION STATEMENT

The UW Foundation aspires to be a premier strategic partner with the University of Wyoming in achieving its desire to become the nation's finest land-grant university.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

CORE VALUES

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

- *Accountability:* Faithfully steward the resources entrusted to us while maintaining transparency in all aspects of our management of these resources.
- *Integrity:* Demand the highest standards of professional conduct, acting at all times with truthfulness and integrity and adherence to the Donor Bill of Rights.
- *Quality:* Exceed expectations with exceptional service based on timeliness, accuracy, and responsiveness.
- *Trust:* Nurture high-trust relationships by listening carefully and communicating clearly.

WYO FACT \ The UW College of Law was included among the top law schools by U.S. News Media Group's Best Graduate Schools list in 2011.

WAYS TO GIVE

THERE ARE MANY WAYS to impact the success of the University of Wyoming. Rest assured that your gift—no matter the size—will do just that.

Making a gift is as simple as contributing online at www.uwyo.edu/giveonline, or contacting the UW Foundation toll-free 1-888-831-7795 or 307-766-6300 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

Some corporations match the charitable gifts of their employees. Many even match charitable contributions made by retirees or directors. Check with your human resources department to see if the company you work for has a matching program. Then just send in your gift with the form from your company, and they will contribute toward the area or program of your choice.

CASH GIFTS AND PLEDGES

Online donations via www.uwyo.edu/giveonline or donations via personal check, credit/debit card, or money order are the easiest ways of giving to UW and are deductible when filing an itemized tax return. Gifts are made payable to the University of Wyoming Foundation and can be mailed to: UW Foundation, 1200 East Iverson Street, Laramie, WY, 82070-4179. You can also make a pledge, 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 full value of the asset as a charitable contribution, avoid capital gains tax, and remove the asset from their taxable estate.

WYO FACT / For the second year in a row, UW pharmacy students were among the top 10 national finalists in a business plan competition—the 2010 Good Neighbor Pharmacy NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition.

RETIREMENT PLANS AND LIFE INSURANCE

Generous gifts can be made to UW by naming the UW Foundation as the beneficiary of a new or existing life insurance policy, an IRA, 401(k), 403(b), or other retirement plan. There are also a number of creative ways to make current gifts to the University of Wyoming utilizing retirement plan assets and insurance policies.

CHARITABLE BEQUESTS

A charitable bequest is a gift to the University of Wyoming through a will or revocable living trust. Bequests are simple, revocable, and far and away the most popular method of deferred giving at UW and across the nation. Bequest options include giving a specific dollar amount, specific property, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder of your estate after making specific provisions for loved ones.

GIFTS WITH RETAINED INCOME

A charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust allows our supporters to make a gift to UW while retaining a lifetime income. With a charitable gift annuity, a charitable gift is made in exchange for fixed annuity payments for life. The annuity payment is based upon the donor's age at the time the annuity is funded. Payments are guaranteed and backed by all of the assets of the UW Foundation. A charitable remainder trust can be structured so that you receive fixed or variable payments depending upon your specific needs and

interests. It is not uncommon to fund a charitable remainder trust with appreciated real estate, stock, or other assets. Both a remainder trust and a gift annuity allow you to make a significant future gift commitment to UW today, retain some security in the form of life-income payments, and realize a current charitable income tax deduction.

PAYROLL DEDUCTION FOR UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING EMPLOYEES

If you are a UW employee, you can make your gift through payroll deduction. It's quick and convenient. All you need to do is fill out the UW Payroll Deduction Authorization. As faculty or staff, you already invest so much in the university, but consider making a small monthly contribution that will impact the students you serve tenfold.

WYO FACT \ The University of Wyoming has been named one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education, according to the *Princeton Review*, which features UW in its annual college guide, *The Best 373 Colleges*.

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DONOR BILL OF RIGHTS

PHILANTHROPY IS BASED ON voluntary action for the common good. It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the quality of life. To assure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the not-for-profit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

- To be informed of the organization's mission, of the way the organization intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
- To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization's governing board and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
- To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.
- To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.

- To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.
- To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
- To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
- To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers or employees of the organization or hired solicitors.
- To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.
- To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers.

"A Donor Bill of Rights," CASE, 1994

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