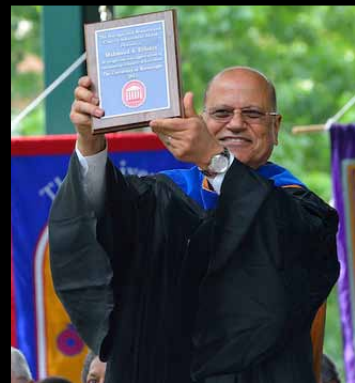
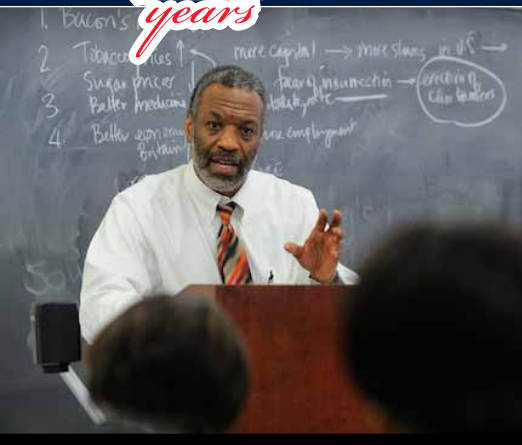




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# Message from the Chancellor



UM Chancellor  
Dan Jones

We operate under the premise that people expect the flagship university of Mississippi to provide important leadership and set an advanced standard of service and excellence. The longer I serve the University of Mississippi, I understand that the internal expectations and attention to leadership, service and excellence are greater than the external ones, even though the outside assumptions are extremely high. The Ole Miss family voices an unwavering commitment that is unmatched by many others.

Thank you for a tremendous year of giving; the more than \$114.6 million places us in a

continued position of strength. At a recent meeting, I asked everyone to pause and reflect on the outstanding generosity of donors and the incredible efforts of faculty and staff. This combination enables our university to continue an upward trajectory in every area. Your willingness to invest exceptional resources into educational, research and service opportunities is deeply appreciated.

Faculty support is critical to recruit and retain excellent professors, and you are responding to this call. Please enjoy stories on faculty support from Charles and Sarah Moore and Louis and Lucia Brandt as well as other stories of generous support. This generosity is a hallmark of UM alumni and friends.

We are working diligently to expand the overall university endowment to \$1 billion by 2020, build a larger endowment for the Medical Center and enhance athletics facilities. We are Ole Miss — and we are defined by extraordinary leadership, educational opportunities, excellence and service.

# Message from the Foundation Board Chair



Foundation Board Chair  
Charles T. Cannada

Forty years ago the University of Mississippi Foundation was created to support our academic mission. Your generosity and leadership have built an endowment exceeding \$500 million that undergirds programs, provides scholarships, enriches opportunities, and improves the quality of life in Mississippi and beyond.

Our first-rate university has a strong, dependable foundation — essential when state and federal funding is unstable or decreasing. We must always extend the margin of excellence.

Forty years of commitments like yours have proven you understand the level of resources needed and are willing to make sacrifices to provide them. The importance and impact of our endowment's growth cannot be overstated; private support can be seen in every facet of the national prominence UM has achieved.

Simply stated, Ole Miss is experiencing one of its most exciting and meaningful eras. When we make investments, we want to know they enable our university to reach a new level financially and intellectually. We also want assurance we can trust the UM Foundation and its stewardship. Please know that integrity, fiduciary responsibility and service are the guiding forces in the dedicated work of the foundation and its board.

Our vision is set on the long-term success of the University of Mississippi. Our great flagship institution is needed now more than ever.



## UM Foundation Marks Anniversary

The University of Mississippi Foundation celebrates four decades of diligence building a foundation, stewarding growth, cultivating support and sustaining excellence at this university; no surprise, as the original mission — and some of the people — are the same today.

From humble beginnings in 1973, a \$2 million endowed scholarship loan fund provided by Dr. George McKinstry enabled the university to establish the groundwork that you have helped grow. Forty years later with over 100,000 donors and more than \$500 million in endowments to support scholarships, faculty, academics, programs and library resources, we celebrate all that came before and all that lies ahead.

Working together, UM Development, UMMC Development and the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation share a passion for expanded educational opportunities and helping you achieve the truest embodiment of your love for Ole Miss. Thank you for all you do to bolster and support our great university.



Paris-Yates Chapel and Peddle Bell Tower

## Seely Family Funds Engineering Scholarships



Buddy, Karen, Stephen and Christi with their mother, Gail Seely

Buzzie Seely perfected a great number of skills, from navigating for the Air Force to refinishing furniture for a family business. But when it came to his beloved profession, his wife, Gail, offers her opinion: "God makes engineers."

The Seely family has provided \$140,000 to create the Warren B. "Buzzie" Seely Memorial Endowment, funding chemical engineering scholarships at UM. "This gift is from the whole family," Gail explains. "It is our children's endowment for their daddy."

The Seelys also established the Catherine Ann Seely Memorial Scholarship in 1984 in remembrance of their daughter, Cathy.

Upon earning his chemical engineering degree from UM in 1955, Buzzie was commissioned as a Second Lt. in the Air Force. Though he was an accomplished navigator and electronic countermeasures officer, Buzzie was anxious to become a chemical engineer.

Soon followed a long distinguished career with International Paper and then Rohm and Haas Chemical Company, where he worked for 47 years. "Buzzie always wanted to be a chemical engineer," Gail remembers. "If something broke, no matter what it was, he would hang on to it and tear it apart to see why it didn't work, and fix it if he could."

"Buzzie Seely set an outstanding example for students who wish to follow in his footsteps," remarks School of Engineering Dean Alex Cheng. "That example is continued through this endowment, which will help future chemical engineers complete their educations."

Gail and Buzzie met as students at UM. Their children, Buddy, Karen, and Christi, received degrees from Ole Miss, as have their three grandchildren. "We're a big Ole Miss family," Gail says. "There are a lot of wonderful memories here."

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## Hearin Foundation Supports Partnership to Recruit Top Students for Teaching Careers



Mississippi Teacher Corps member teaches Holly Springs students.

Mississippi's two largest universities have joined forces to create an innovative program to attract the state's best and brightest students into the field of education through a private gift totaling over \$12.9 million.

The Mississippi Excellence in Teaching Program (MET) is a joint effort by the School of Education at the University of Mississippi and the College of Education at Mississippi State University and is funded by the Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation of Jackson.

Designed as an honors college for education majors, the program seeks to increase interest in middle and high school teaching as a career for top incoming freshmen and community college transfer students. An emphasis will be put on mathematics and English teachers who help meet the needs of new

Common Core standards introduced in Mississippi last fall.

"For years, our foundation has focused on education as the best pathway to economic prosperity for Mississippi," said foundation chairman Bob Hearin. "We believe this program, which is focused on attracting the best and brightest to the profession of teaching, will help fulfill that idea."

MSU President Mark Keenum and UM Chancellor Dan Jones highlighted the importance of everyone working together to address the state's educational needs. Both said their universities have accepted responsibility for producing the very best teachers and will use the grant to increase the prestige of teaching. "This joint effort by our two universities should send a strong signal about the importance of this issue and our commitment to addressing it," the university leaders said.

Financial and professional incentives for students are significant. Accepted education students will receive full scholarships and room and board for up to four years. The program supports study abroad and off-campus learning activities.

To gain admission to the MET program students must possess exceptional grades and test scores. An interview process will identify students who are dedicated to improving Mississippi public education.

Both universities plan to annually recruit around 20 students at each campus, producing up to 160 new teachers. All recipients make a five-year commitment to teach in Mississippi after graduation. METs first class will begin this fall.

## Horne LLP Establishes Accountancy Lectureship



Joey Havens, third from left, and James Gordon, fifth from left, of Horne LLP with Provost Morris Stacks, Foundation President/CEO Wendell Weakley, Chancellor Dan Jones and Accountancy Dean Mark Wilder

Ridgeland-based accounting firm Horne LLP has committed \$250,000 to enhancing faculty support at the Patterson School of Accountancy. Horne employs 41 UM graduates, including 21 lectureship contributors.

The Horne LLP Accountancy Lectureship Endowment provides resources for faculty members,

including salary supplements as well as funds for research and creative support.

Terry Traylor, Horne director of finance and UM alumnus anticipates positive results. "I hope our commitment to the endowment will help attract and retain professors that provide the education and career guidance to the students who are future leaders of our profession."



## Class of 2013 Honors Chancellor for Service Leadership



Class of 2013 officers Jon Daniel McKiever, from left, David Horton and Tyler McBeth with Chancellor Dan Jones

In February, the Class of 2013 surprised Chancellor Dan Jones with a scholarship fund in tribute to his leadership in service.

The Daniel W. Jones, M.D. Service Before Self Scholarship Fund was established by students who were incoming freshmen as Jones began his tenure.

"I will always remember Chancellor Jones as a man who commits himself to service and inspires students to serve both the university and their own communities," said class president Jon Daniel McKiever of Jonesboro, Ark., a public policy leadership major.

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## Cothrens Celebrate Curtis Wilkie with Journalism Scholarships



James "Butch" Cothren and Curtis Wilkie

Attorney James P. "Butch" Cothren and his wife, Peggy T. "Pat" Cothren, have given \$125,000 for scholarships in UM's Meek School of Journalism and New Media to pay tribute to their friend, journalist and author Curtis Wilkie.

"We've been great friends all our lives," said Butch Cothren, who earned undergraduate and Juris Doctor degrees from UM. "Pat and I decided to make a gift to honor Curtis, who has done so much for Ole Miss teaching and hosting visitors on the campus."

"We've been pals since he was shortstop and I third baseman for the McComb Manufacturing Tigers in Little League," said Wilkie. "Although we attended different high schools, joined different fraternities at Ole Miss and lived in different cities, we stayed in touch. Butch and Pat introduced me to the Grove in 1993 after I had been away for more than 25 years. Their friendship played a role in my move back to the South."

The impetus behind the gift was the loss of another UM alumnus, Franklin Holmes of Raleigh, N.C.

"One of us in our circle of friends needed a legacy at Ole Miss and there is no better way to impact a university than through scholarships," Cothren said.

The author of many national magazine articles and several books, Wilkie holds the Kelly G. Cook Chair of Journalism and was named the first Overby Fellow in the Overby Center for Southern Journalism and Politics. The journalist enjoyed a 25-year career with the Boston Globe.

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## Frious Expand Legacy with Awards to Students Majoring in Accountancy



Roger and Susie Friou with Chancellor Dan Jones

University of Mississippi alumnus Roger Friou's mother, Annie Belle H. Friou of Tupelo, Miss., sought the best accountancy program available for her only child.

In turn, Friou assures new generations benefit from UM's accountancy program through scholarships and alumni services.

The Ridgeland, Miss., businessman and his wife, Susie, have expanded one of their scholarship endowments with a \$100,000 gift. Friou has committed major gifts to the Patterson School of Accountancy, in addition to serving the UM Foundation.

"My mother was absolutely correct in guiding me to Ole Miss," said Friou. "When she passed away in 1984, the first scholarship I established was in her memory."

Friou established a second scholarship in 1998, when James W. "Jimmy" Davis began efforts to increase them. With a \$250,000 gift, the couple created the Roger and Susie Friou Scholarship Fund.

"At that time there were no scholarships for freshmen who had already selected accountancy as their major. I decided that having such a program would definitely help to attract quality students to the accountancy program," said Friou, a member of the School of Accountancy Alumni Hall of Fame and supporter of UMMC and Ole Miss Athletics.

Friou's investments are making a mark. The undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degree programs are all ranked within the nation's Top 10.

Sandra Guest, foundation vice president, is thankful for Friou's committed service to the endeavors of the foundation.

"Roger takes board service as serious as anyone I've ever known. We are truly grateful for his expertise, guidance and the time he shares with us, and we also appreciate Susie for supporting his service to the university."

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## Ford Foundation Supports Shakespeare Festival, UMMC



Mary Donnelly Haskell plays the lead in the Oxford Shakespeare Festival's production of "Hello Dolly."

A continual supporter of the arts, the Gertrude C. Ford Foundation of Jackson, Miss., has again provided meaningful, ample support to the University of Mississippi.

This year alone, the Ford Foundation's gifts to UM total over \$1.2 million, providing among other support needed funds for the Gertrude C. Ford Center for Performing Arts and the Oxford Shakespeare Festival. Most recently, the Ford Foundation gave \$50,000 to be matched dollar for dollar in support of the Ford Center Operating Endowment.

Opened in 2003, the Ford Center became a reality with the Ford Foundation's generous pledge of \$20 million. Additional contributions support the marketing of various programs of the Center.

The Oxford Shakespeare Festival (OSF) celebrated its 10th anniversary this year. Due to the foundation's increased support, the festival grew to include the Gertrude C. Ford Symposium lectures.

"The Ford Foundation is one of the reasons there has been an Oxford Shakespeare Festival for ten years," said Joe Turner Cantú, OSF artistic director. "The foundation's sizable grants for productions and artists translate to higher quality productions. Over the last six years, the foundation doubled their support to create the Ford Symposium lectures."

Since 2008 the Ford Symposium has featured expert academics in literature, law, gender and theatre arts from UM and other universities.

But the Ford Foundation's longtime support also extends beyond the arts. In addition to gifts to the Alumni Association, the foundation contributed \$200,000 in 2012 to the Suzan Brown Thames Chair of Pediatrics at University of Mississippi Medical Center. The gift honors the philanthropic work of UM alumna Suzan Thames, a steadfast volunteer and fundraiser for the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children.

## English Dept. Selects Megan Abbott as New Grisham Writer-in-Residence



Author Megan Abbott

Highly acclaimed mystery-crime fiction author Megan Abbott has been selected as the 2013 UM John and Renée Grisham Writer-in-Residence.

Abbott is the Edgar-winning author of several novels, including *Dare Me*, which has been optioned for a feature film by Fox 2000 Pictures.

The annual Grisham appointment, which includes housing and a stipend, was created in 1993 and is funded by author John Grisham and his wife, Renée.

"I feel very fortunate," Abbott said of her selection. "When a writer pal of mine learned of my appointment, she said, 'That's my dream gig!' And it's mine too."

Abbott graduated from the University of Michigan and received her doctorate in English and American literature from New York University.

She currently teaches in the Crime Fiction Academy at New York City's Center for Fiction.

Abbott will lead a graduate workshop this fall and an undergraduate workshop in spring 2014.

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## UM Names Residence Hall for Lucian Minor



Professor James W. "Jimmy" Davis with Mary and Lucian Minor

After a long history of supporting the Patterson School of Accountancy, Lucian Minor has gained a new accolade at Ole Miss: a residential hall named in his honor.

Minor Hall, one of three new residential buildings, was dedicated in April 2013 during a public ceremony well attended by university leadership, alumni and students.

"Lucian and Mary have been such good friends to Ole Miss. Their support has truly made a remarkable positive impact on our university," said Wendell Weakley, UM Foundation president and CEO.

## Simmons Catfish Becomes Corporate Donor for UM's Southern Foodways Alliance



Katy Simmons Prosser and Harry Simmons Jr.

Simmons Farm Raised Catfish of Yazoo City, Miss., has joined the Southern Foodways Alliance (SFA) as its newest corporate donor.

The mission of the SFA, an institute of UM's Center for the Study of Southern Culture (CSSC), is to document, study and celebrate diverse food cultures of the changing South.

Harry Simmons Jr. began farming catfish in 1976 and six years later founded Simmons Farm Raised Catfish.

"With catfish being fundamental to Southern cooking and the core of my family's business, I am pleased to support the SFA in its work. SFA uniquely promotes Southern culture and traditional foods, making our relationship a perfect fit," Simmons said.

Simmons' daughter Katy Simmons Prosser, the company's marketing director, is a 2004 Ole Miss alumna.

"I always admired the SFA's work while I was attending the University of Mississippi, and I continue to be inspired by their efforts," she said.

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## Chancellor, Levingston Work to Expand University's Reputation in Cultural Arts



Bruce Levingston, an acclaimed pianist, delights guests of Chancellor and Mrs. Dan Jones

Chancellor Dan Jones and a passionate group of supporters are advancing the reputation of the University of Mississippi's cultural arts with consultation from Bruce Levingston, a leading figure in contemporary music.

Alumni and friends have responded with \$50,000 in initial gifts to build an endowment for an artist-in-residence program, much like the John and Renée Grisham Writers-in-Residence

program. Just as prominent writers have enriched Oxford with their presence, stewards of the Chancellor's Fund for the Arts envision visiting artists and musicians achieving notoriety for all UM arts. "You can look around our campus and Oxford and visibly see the impact that our decades-long cadre of writers have had on education and our economy," said Jones, adding that this program could have a similar effect and will "benefit our students magnificently."

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## Family Pays Tribute to C. Royal White

*Scholarships will assist banking majors in UM's Business School*



White and Perkins families with Ken Cyree

If you wanted to find Royal White on an Ole Miss football weekend, he'd be in the Grove, enjoying game day with family and friends. In Jackson, Miss., White devoted himself to his legal and business career and his church.

His family has established the C. Royal White Memorial Scholarship in the UM School of Business Administration to honor his life and influence. A gift from son Charles R. White of Birmingham, Ala., daughter Debbie Perkins of Wellington, Fla., and their families created the endowment.

"One early morning my wife, Mary, and I ... were on the Walk of Champions sidewalk with all the inscribed bricks with names of alumni and friends. She suggested that our family needed to do something to honor my dad's life — something that would be meaningful to him — and the idea of the scholarship was born," Charles said.

Royal White served as principal and CEO of White Systems Savings and Loan Association. Upon receiving a Federal Charter in 1975, parts of the business were renamed Consumer National Bank, with White eventually becoming chairman and CEO in 1991.

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Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Brandi Hephner LaBanc, Director of Parent Development Elizabeth Milhous and University Police Officer Daniel Ross with a motorcycle donated by the Parents Council

## Parents Council Makes Gift Aimed at Impacting the Student Experience, Including Campus Safety

The Ole Miss Parents Council (OMPC) was founded in 2012. Since then, the organization has gifted over \$25,000 to initiatives including the UM Food Pantry and Police Department.

Karen Goodall, OMPC member, said the organization is "a great way to meet other parents, faculty and staff, as well as be able to contribute to such an outstanding university."

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## Endowment Gifts Pay Tribute to Journalist Buddy Bynum's Life



Buddy Bynum

A new UM fund will honor the life of the late James L. "Buddy" Bynum, a leading journalist with a passion for communication, learning and the university.

The Buddy Bynum Speaker Series Endowment was established with a gift from Dr. Richard B. and Nancy Harrelson Akin of Hazlehurst and is open to other contributions.

Earnings from the endowment will be used by the Meek School of Journalism and New Media at Ole Miss to invite media leaders to campus to meet with students and enhance learning experiences.

Bynum, a Meridian, Miss. native, served as editor of The Daily Mississippian and was an initiate of Sigma Chi fraternity.

He served as communications director for former Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour and for former Sen. Trent Lott.

In 2009, Bynum chose to complete the few courses needed for his college degree.

Will Norton Jr., dean of the Meek School, admired Bynum's determination and cheerful manner in working with and encouraging "classmates" with little experience in journalism.

Bynum, diagnosed in 2011 with pancreatic cancer, died Sept. 3, 2012, at age 59.

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The late C. Royal White

## Treherns Honor Griffins with Awards for Students in School of Education



Ralph and Jerry Griffin, at left, with Jan and Ed Trehern

A \$125,000 gift from longtime University of Mississippi benefactors Ed and Jan Trehern will create monetary awards and a scholarship fund for the School of Education, recognizing student excellence in teaching and leadership.

The Griffin Family Endowment, established by the Pascagoula, Miss., couple, was created in honor of Jan Trehern's parents Ralph and Jerry Griffin, of Pascagoula, and will fund the annual Griffin Family Education IMPACT Awards and the Griffin Family Scholarship.

"Education has been a priority in our family for a long time, and my husband and I wanted to do something here in their honor," said Trehern, a 1978 elementary education graduate.

In previous years, the Treherns have gifted more than \$1 million to support athletics facilities, including the Indoor Practice Facility, the basketball hospitality room at Tad Smith Coliseum and new baseball coaches' offices.

The Griffin Endowment is the couple's first major gift to UM's School of Education, Mississippi's largest producer of teachers and education leaders.

"This was an honor and a surprise," said Jerry Griffin, who taught in Pascagoula for 12 years. "I hope students will use this to help other people and pass it on to others as our children have."

Beginning in spring 2014, School of Education faculty will identify candidates for IMPACT Awards. This will enable the school to honor undergraduate or graduate students' leadership and high ability in instruction. Four will be recognized with \$1,000 each at the school's annual awards ceremony.

"Every year, we have excellent students who make a difference in schools, even before graduation," said David Rock, dean of education. "This helps us honor those students who step up."

The Griffin Scholarship, also worth \$1,000, will be awarded this fall. It targets a rising junior or senior from the Mississippi Gulf Coast, specifically from Jackson, Harrison or Hancock counties. The School of Education Scholarship Committee will annually identify potential applicants.

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## Peddle's Gift Enables Museum to Reinstall Significant Robinson Collection Pieces



The late Frank Peddle with his wife Marjorie

The University Museum's 2,000-piece David M. Robinson Collection of Greek and Roman antiquities — the largest collection of antiquities held by a university museum in the South — stands out for its significance, with international

scholars studying the exquisite black-and-red figured Athenian vases, Roman sculpture, coins, tablets and architectural fragments.

Thanks to Marge Peddle of Oxford, new gallery spaces are being prepared to increase physical and intellectual access. The donor and her husband, the late Frank Peddle, purchased part of the collection for the museum in 1960 and have now provided \$150,000 for the exhibition to be expanded and the experience enriched with display and technology enhancements.

While pieces of the collection from 1500 BCE to 300 AD have been displayed for decades, more of the collection will be seen once the 18-month project is complete.

"To honor this incredible generosity, the renovated central gallery with the reinstalled Robinson Collection will be named the Marge W. and Frank S. Peddle, Jr. Gallery. Major celebrations and a scholarly symposium will accompany the re-opening," said museum director Robert Saarnio.

The late David M. Robinson, a renowned archeologist and teacher, retired from Johns Hopkins University and joined the UM faculty in 1949. He and his wife, Helen, made gifts of the collection to UM, and the remainder came from the Peddles.

Laura Peddle Sale said her father wanted the collection to remain at UM. "Daddy understood the value of the collection and how special it was. ... He appreciated art and had grown up in a part of the country where he was exposed to a lot of different museums. I'm so proud this gallery will be named for my parents."

Frank Peddle, a UM alumnus, and his wife also supported numerous other UM programs and provided the funds for the Peddle Bell Tower at the Paris-Yates Chapel.

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## Sisters Join to Create Education Scholarship in Mother's Memory



The late Mitzie B. Lindsey

Leah L. Thomson of Peachtree City, Ga., Lori L. White of Aberdeen and Laura W. Milling of Meridian joined to fund the Mitzie B. Lindsey Memorial Scholarship Endowment for UM students studying to become educators. Lindsey, their late mother, dedicated her life to her family and teaching special needs children.

"Being a mother and grandmother was most important to her and being a teacher was next. She valued education and loved Ole Miss and the state of Mississippi," Thomson said, "It would be an understatement to say that she would love this scholarship."

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## UM Foundation Celebrates Warner, Kay Alford with Scholarship Endowment



Photo courtesy of Jay Leviton-Atlanta



Kay and Warner Alford

A 1960 *Sports Illustrated* photo captured Kay Swayze and Warner Alford walking hand and hand as Ole Miss students. That magical year, Alford co-captained the national championship football team.

The couple married, raised a family and became part of UM history. Alford served as athletics director and executive director of alumni affairs. He now helps attract private gifts for academics.

To honor them, the UM Foundation created the Warner and Kay Alford Ole Miss Opportunity Endowment to provide scholarships to students in need.

Chancellor Dan Jones said, "Warner and Kay Alford have made it their life's work to help strengthen the University of Mississippi through academic, athletics and alumni programs. We are deeply grateful for these two extraordinary individuals who have chosen to invest so much of their time, talents and energy into Ole Miss."

Kay Alford grew up in Oxford. Her father, Tom Swayze, was baseball coach and football recruiter. In fact, he recruited Warner.

"Ole Miss is home — all our best memories are here," Alford said. "We have very emotional ties to this university. Being here has never been a 'job.' It is something we dearly love. We are overwhelmed and deeply honored by this scholarship."

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## UM Honors Winkle's Vast Contributions with Fund Promoting Faculty Excellence



Professor John Winkle

For nearly four decades, UM political science professor John Winkle has impacted the lives of his students and devoted ample time to academic endeavors across campus.

In honor of his service, Ole Miss has established the John W. Winkle III Fund for Faculty Excellence. The initiative will attract funds for faculty support in the Department of Political Science, providing resources and encouraging the pursuit of excellence in the spirit of Winkle's devotion to teaching. He is a past recipient of UM's Faculty Achievement Award among other honors.

Winkle's long tenure teaching and advising concluded this spring. He was chosen to deliver the 2013 inaugural Mortar Board

Last Lecture, an annual event to congregate the entire UM community and close out the traditional academic year. Winkle also served as faculty advisor to the undergraduate Ole Miss Mock Trial team since 2003. This opportunity led many students to continue their studies at the UM School of Law.

An avid advocate of honors education, Winkle assisted in the transformation of UM's Honors Program to the ultimate creation of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College. Its academic structure includes the professor's suggestions of a required senior research thesis and an emphasis on community service.

Winkle was among the few faculty chosen to lead discussion-based honors classes and sponsor theses. This interaction with SMBHC scholars allowed for a front-row seat to see the results of his efforts that strengthened educational opportunities for high-achieving students.

Senior honors student Frances Sullivan said, "Through his lectures and assignments, Dr. Winkle not only challenged us to push ourselves academically but also to use our abilities to make a difference in society."

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## Donors' Gifts to SFA Expand Work of Oral Historians



SFA Oral Historian Amy C. Evans

A pair of generous gifts totaling \$125,000 will allow UM's Southern Foodways Alliance (SFA) to support an additional oral historian and expand its work into the "Upsouth" region of Virginia, Georgia and the Carolinas.

With a planned gift of \$50,000, Carmen and Matt Bond of Memphis have established the Carmen Crane Bond Oral History Fund.

Carmen Bond is delighted more oral histories containing "lost arts" will be archived and available. "Sponsoring an oral historian is an ideal opportunity to preserve the unique lessons and memories that come from experiences just like mine."

Anson Mills, a Columbia, S.C., company producing artisan mill goods from organic heirloom grains, has also committed \$75,000 to the effort. Glenn Roberts, the company's founder, has supported the SFA and its work for over a decade, providing more than \$100,000 since 2001.

"All of us at Anson Mills hold, above all else, the intrinsic value of personal and interpersonal experiences emanating from the three big Southern F's: family, farming and food," Roberts said.

Founded in 1999 within UM's Center for the Study of Southern Culture, the SFA documents, studies and celebrates Southern food cultures.

"An oral history is an archived historical document of a local community," said Amy Evans, SFA oral historian since 2005. "It holds a mirror up to the face of a place."

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## Gresham Brothers Remember Father Through Gift



Brothers Tom and Walton Gresham

UM alumnus William Walton “Bill” Gresham Jr. would be honored to know that his success as a businessman is helping pave the way for future entrepreneurs.

“Our Dad believed small business was the backbone of America,” said Tom Gresham, president of Double Quick, Inc. of Indianola.

Gresham and his brother Walton, president of Gresham Petroleum Co., established the William W. Gresham, Jr. Entrepreneurial Lectureship in memory of their father. The fund – the first major gift in the UM School of Business Administration’s new entrepreneurship program – will be used to recruit outstanding faculty members for the program.

The Entrepreneurial Lectureship was created to give UM students an educational foundation to build new businesses and innovate existing ones, ultimately providing jobs for Mississippi and the region. “The Gresham Lectureship helps us retain and attract great faculty members to be the cornerstone of the program. Through faculty support we leverage the skills of our professors to impact hundreds of students each year,” said Business Dean Ken Cyree. “We are very grateful to the Greshams and will use these funds to have a lasting impact on students for generations to come.”

“Our father and grandfather always believed in giving back,” said Walton Gresham, who earned a business degree from UM. “They both stressed the importance of supporting our community, our alma maters and the state of Mississippi.”

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## Scholarship Recruits Top Freshmen



The late Thomas and Jane Everett

After 28 years of stewardship, University of Mississippi School of Law alumnus and 1848 Society member William H. McMullen of Charlotte, N.C., was pleased to finally see his labor of love come to fruition.

Recently, McMullen had the chance to meet the first recipients of the Everett-Williams Memorial Scholarships, products of the fund he helped his uncle initiate in 1984. Thomas Marshall Everett of Meridian, Miss., McMullen’s uncle, seeded the fund with an initial gift of \$90,000 to help deserving students pursue a college education. Everett wished to name the scholarship in memory of his parents as well as the parents of his wife, Jane Williams Everett.

“Uncle Tom was a product of the depression era,” said McMullen. “His primary interest was the preservation of the corpus of money. He followed the stock market and was dedicated to being a good financial steward. He was also a steward of our family, always caring for others in times of illness or hardship.”

In 2008, McMullen coordinated the transfer of the fund to the University of Mississippi Foundation, creating two four-year scholarships that total \$13,000 annually: one for the Sally McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College (SMBHC), the other for Ole Miss First (OMF), a scholarship program that rewards scholastic achievement and leadership.

Everett’s one condition of the fund was that the total endowment had to reach \$1 million before any distribution was allowed. Slowed but undeterred by the economic recession, the operations committee of the Everett-Williams Memorial Scholarship announced its first scholarship awards almost three decades after Everett’s first contribution. The deserving recipients would be 2012 incoming honors students Logan Wilson and Davelin Woodard, also an Ole Miss First Scholar.

“These scholarships give our program the opportunity to engage high-performing students like Davelin and Logan as citizen scholars,” said Douglass Sullivan-Gonzalez, dean of the honors college. “Not only can we attract students of their caliber, we can also offer them a quality honors education without accumulating debt – which is worth its weight in gold.”

“I greatly admire the vision that Bill McMullen has shown in positioning this fund for growth and making it available for so many students now and for decades to come,” said Wendell Weakley, president and CEO of the UM Foundation. “He has worked diligently to get us to this point and put this remarkable gift in a position to pay educational dividends.”

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The late Kevser Ermin

## Health and Kinesiology Endowment Honors Kevser Ermin

In memory of his wife, Kevser Ermin, Dr. Yavuz Ozeren, a research scientist at UM, has created the Kevser Ermin Memorial Lecture in Health and Kinesiology Endowment with a gift to bring renowned academics to lecture on campus and inspire students.

Ermin, a native of Turkey, was pursuing her doctorate when she was tragically killed when a car struck her bicycle in 2011.

Ermin played for the Turkish national handball team before coming to UM to further her studies. She was an instructor in the exercise physiology lab, volunteered frequently, and enjoyed being with her sister’s family in Oxford.

“In four years at Ole Miss, she learned English, completed her master’s, and excelled so quickly that she was teaching in the department,” said Ozeren. “You could not tell Kevser there was something she could not do.”

Ermin’s family also established the Kevser Ermin Library at Cemal Mumtaz Anadolu Teacher High School in Eskisehir, Turkey, in honor of her passion for teaching.

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## Kuhl Makes Gift to Assist Tutors at FedEx Center for Student-Athletes



Melissa Kuhl, second from left, with Alisa Fye, Derek Cowherd, Sheila Padgett and April Thompson of UM's FedEx Academic Support Center

A gift by Melissa Mullens Kuhl, a UM staff member in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and former tutor to student-athletes, has created an endowment to support the UM FedEx Student-Athlete Academic Support Center.

The Kuhl Tutor Scholar Endowment will provide support for the center and grant scholarships exclusively to its tutors. Its objective is to increase awareness of academic tutors and appreciation for their roles and responsibilities.

"We are so pleased to help facilitate this endowment," said

Sarah Hollis, associate director of university development. "This is a great bridge between academics and athletics."

Kuhl's work left an indelible mark. "Having been a tutor at the FedEx Center, I experienced firsthand the encouragement, high scholastic standards, relationship building and interfacing between staff, tutors and students – all integral components for measuring academic success. I admired the student-athletes and their discipline and that of the other tutors as well," she said.

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## Scholarship Expands Mullins' Legacy of Educational Reform in State



Andrew P. Mullins Jr.

Beloved educator and leader Andy Mullins has retired as chief of staff at the University of Mississippi after two decades of service. To honor his legacy, friends and colleagues have established the

Andrew P. Mullins Jr. Mississippi Teacher Corps Scholarship Fund to provide support for the future leaders of education reform in Mississippi.

"Andy Mullins has been untiring in his career-long commitment to education, whether as a classroom K-12 teacher, a college professor, an author, a highly respected advisor or an innovator focused on giving Mississippians a better chance at success through better education," Chancellor Dan Jones said.

Mullins has been deeply invested in public education improvement in his home state, seeing both the needs and potential of Mississippi. He assisted Gov. William Winter with the design and implementation of the notable 1982 Education Reform Act. In 1989, Mullins and Harvard graduate Amy Gutman created the Mississippi Teacher Corps (MTC), providing impoverished areas of the state with motivated teachers that specialize in areas other than education.

Since 1994, Mullins has worked with three chancellors during a period of significant enrollment growth and dramatic funding changes.

Working with former Chancellor Robert Khayat, he recruited top students and successfully campaigned to land the 2008 Presidential Debate on the Oxford campus. When Ole Miss was selected as a host site, Mullins stepped up to lead the successful event.

Mullins now plans to devote his time to teaching graduate students in the UM School of Education and leading the MTC.

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## Honors College Names Barksdale Winners



Neal McMillin of Madison, Miss., at left, and Hunter Nicholson of Brandon, Miss., both juniors, are the 2013 winners of the Sally McDonnell Honors College's Barksdale Awards.

The \$5,000 award supports creative, courageous projects developed by students looking to channel their academic abilities outside of the classroom.



## WHAT IS THE 1848 SOCIETY?

Since its founding in 1848, The University of Mississippi has benefited from the foresight and generosity of people who have invested in the future by naming the university as a beneficiary in their wills. As tax laws changed, many other gift plans emerged, and each year these planned gifts have added to the value of the university's endowment and provided funds for professorships, research, facilities, library books, scholarships, lectureships and many other specific programs to enhance academic and athletic excellence. Those who have made commitments to the university through planned gifts have left significant legacies and have truly become partners in the growth and development of the University of Mississippi.

The 1848 Society was established in 1998, the university's 150th year. The society recognizes alumni and friends of the university who have either funded or planned a deferred gift, such as a bequest or a life income plan.

For more information on the 1848 Society, call the UM Foundation at 800-340-9542 or go to [www.umfoundation.com](http://www.umfoundation.com) and click on "planning a gift."

## COVER FEATURE *Fall 2013*

# Arkansas Couple Commits Major Gift to Support Faculty Across Disciplines



Chancellor Dan Jones recognized Charles and Sarah Moore for their planned gift of \$1.8 million for faculty support.

For the first seven years of his life, Charles Moore lived with no electricity on a dirt road near Blytheville, Ark. As he matured, he made three life goals: to marry a nice woman, to see the turn of the century, and to do well financially. The 1947 UM graduate realized all three, and he and wife Sarah have committed \$1.8 million to his alma mater for faculty support.

"Growing up on that dirt road during the Depression made me realize that I have lived an abbreviated version of the American dream," said Moore, a retired farmer, state legislator and civic leader. "Education is the key to

success. I've been rather successful, and I wanted to put some of my resources to good use. Naturally, I thought of Ole Miss."

The Charles R. Moore Faculty Support Endowment will provide funds in perpetuity for the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty members. The gift adds the Moores to UM's 1848 Society and becomes part of UM's Barnard Initiative: adding \$100 million in endowed funds for faculty support, initiated in response to competition among leading universities for gifted faculty members and to decreased state funding.

"Charles and Sarah Moore's extremely generous gift reflects their love for Ole Miss and their concern for young people," said UM Chancellor Dan Jones. "Their gift will directly impact students by assuring they are taught and mentored by outstanding scholars. We deeply appreciate their vision and also their trust in our stewardship."

World War II interrupted Moore's college years. He was drafted into military service and entered the Air Force in 1943. He was assigned to return to the South Pacific when Japan surrendered. Moore was discharged as a corporal in 1946.

Moore returned to Ole Miss, graduating with a psychology degree in 1947. He made his home back in Blytheville, where he served as a personnel counselor for a utility company. He also served in leadership roles of several civic organizations, earning him "Outstanding Young Man of Blytheville" in 1952.

When his father passed away that same year, Mr. Moore left the utility company to take over his family's farming operations, which included growing cotton, soybeans and later rice. In 1954, he married Sarah Langston Sartain, a University of Arkansas graduate. Moore was elected president of the Mississippi County Farm Bureau in 1963. Six years later, the Moores received Farm Family of the Year.

Moore also served 18 years in the Arkansas House of Representatives where he earned an appreciation for the challenges of appropriating state funding for education. He was co-chairman of the Arkansas Retirement Systems Committee and later elected to the Mississippi County Quorum Court. He retired from farming in 1988, although he continues to lease his land to other farmers.

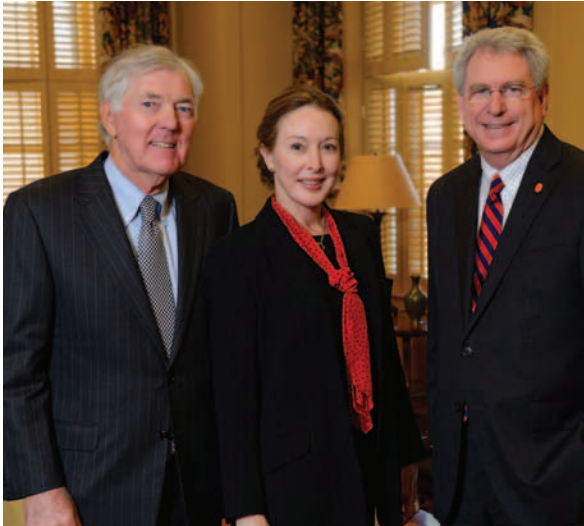
"Charles and Sarah Moore were immediately receptive to our priority of providing exceptional professors for UM's students," said Sandra Guest, vice president of the UM Foundation. "They are generous individuals who want to extend great opportunities to others."

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COVER FEATURE Fall 2013

# Brandts Make Significant Planned Gift to Benefit Academics, Athletics, Building



Louis and Lucia Brandt are honored by Chancellor Jones for their legacy of giving.

Growing up in Oxford, Miss., often means the University of Mississippi becomes a major part of your life. At least that's how it has been for Louis Brandt, who has demonstrated his commitment through a \$1 million planned gift.

Brandt and his wife, Lucia, are directing half of the gift to faculty support, another portion to create one of the only unrestricted endowments for Athletics and a third portion to expand the Louis K. Brandt Memory House Endowment, created in 1998 for preservation of Brandt Memory House, home to the UM Foundation.

Brandt relied on university officials to tell him about campus needs and learned of UM's goal to add \$100 million to a faculty support endowment. With decreased state funding and the nation's universities vying for top professors, private funds are essential.

"I want Ole Miss to be successful; that's why I asked for input," Brandt said. "Our foundation manages private gifts with the greatest concern, just as they would for their own families."

Investing in faculty support is a goal Brandt embraced, thinking of his favorite professor at Ole Miss — his own father who taught economics.

"Louis Brandt stays abreast of our priorities through his dedicated service on the board of the University Foundation," said Chancellor Jones. "With this latest gift, Louis and Lucia will help attract top educators so that UM students are taught and mentored by exceptional professors. We are grateful for their vision."

Brandt also directed support to Ole Miss Athletics. "Through college athletics, people are brought back to campus and stay connected, which is important to a university," said the former Ole Miss tennis player.

"As the cost of operating a top athletics program in the SEC and the nation continues to escalate, private gifts have taken on critical importance," said Keith Carter, executive director of the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation. "Because of this gift — one of only two unrestricted athletics endowments — we will be able to expand opportunities for student-athletes."

Brandt also played a pivotal role when he provided funds to purchase the Memory House from the John Falkner family in 1992. After extensive renovations, it was renamed Brandt Memory House in his honor in 1995 and became headquarters for the UM Foundation.

"It's difficult to adequately describe the full impact of Louis Brandt's generosity," said Sandra Guest, vice president of the foundation. "To foster a strong university, we must have supporters who give of their service and invest in our future. Louis is one of those deeply dedicated alums who nurture the Ole Miss experience for future generations."

Louis Brandt's career has centered in Texas, where he is active with BMA, Ltd., Brandt Interest Ltd. and Timberwilde, Inc. In addition to his Ole Miss degree, he holds an electrical engineering degree from University of Texas. He invented a machine to separate solids from liquids during drilling, the basis for The Brandt Company, an enterprise he sold to TRW, Inc. In honor of his years of support to programs and endeavors across campus, Brandt was inducted into UM's Alumni Hall of Fame in 1993. He is the father of three sons.

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# Kendis Estate Gift Supports Students Pursuing Doctorates to Teach English



The late Harold Kendis Jr.

Harold Kendis, Jr., a 22-year-old studying at the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA), was on his way to a

promising teaching career when cancer took his life. His parents, Harold and Daphne, considered starting a scholarship fund to help doctoral students as a tribute to their son.



The late Daphne Kendis

"Harold loved literature and being with the teachers who taught it," said aunt Gloria Mazingo of Meridian. "Once when one of his

UCLA professors had to be away, she asked him to teach her class. Daphne said it made him so happy. She said Harold just glowed."

When Daphne Kendis passed away in 2010, her estate left an endowment of \$946,000 to Ole Miss in her son's name. UM was chosen because of the academic reputation of its Department of English as well as the university's management of Rowan Oak, the historical and literary landmark that Faulkner once called home.

Recipients will be graduate students who plan to teach on the university level. A committee of English department faculty members will determine the selection based on academic excellence and financial need.

"We're enormously grateful to the Kendis family for fostering a new generation of scholars and teachers of literature," said Ivo Kamps, chair of the UM Department of English.

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## Thomas Family Builds Scholarships to Help Others



Jane Thomas Rogers with her children, Preston and Carter Thomas

Jane, Preston and Carter Thomas, all UM alumni, had to write new chapters in their lives when a 2004 accident took the life of their husband and father. Since then, they have found great meaning in building the Bill Thomas Scholarship Endowment.

With her latest planned gift, Jane Thomas Rogers of Oxford, Miss., is assuring future generations receive tuition assistance, bringing the Thomas Scholarship endowment to more than \$1.2 million.

"Ever since his passing, people tell me stories of how my dad helped them," said Preston Thomas. "Some received help financially, but the majority were given time, conversations and mentoring."

Carter Thomas agreed. "I did not realize the impact my father had until his funeral. I learned he gave back never expecting anything in return. My father did not boast of his good works; it was just who he was."

"At a crossroads in her life, Jane found a new purpose through Ole Miss," said Vice Chancellor Emerita Gloria Kellum. "The university brings people together in lifelong bonds of friendship and shared values, one of which is helping young people. There is no greater tribute to Jane and Bill than their children reaching out to help others."

Jane and her husband, UM alumnus Fred Rogers, are Vaught Society members and she is an 1848 Society member. Jane also funded an Ole Miss Women's Council Scholarship in memory of Lillian Graham Carson, a UM student, and Ole Miss First Scholarships in honor of her children.

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## A Life of Discipline, a Legacy of Promise

*Johnson Dedicates Savings to Engineering Education*



Johnson scholars Alan Barger, Hugh Warren and Ryan Ozment with Engineering Dean Alex Cheng and Assistant Dean Marni Kendrick

When Harper Johnson of Greenwood, Miss., dedicated his life savings to engineering education, he knew the lasting impact it held for Mississippi. Yet he may not have guessed that his gift would also provide for an African village, recruit women to engineering, and help the boy who mowed his grass become an honors pre-med engineering major.

In 2007 he established the Elsie and Harper Johnson Jr. Scholarship Endowment, providing

scholarships to UM engineering students from Leflore and surrounding counties. Johnson, 96, died in January 2012. Floyd Melton Jr., Johnson's attorney, friend and UM alumnus, has estimated the endowment will reach approximately \$2 million upon completion.

Melton shares Johnson's belief that revitalizing the Mississippi Delta requires engineers for everything from infrastructure to high-tech businesses. "Healthy communities need engineers, and Harper thought we should train local kids rather than try to lure engineers from outside Mississippi."

Five Greenwood natives are the first to receive the scholarship: Alan Barger, Drew Miller, Alexander Dunn, Taylor Nause and Hugh Warren. Ryan Ozment of Iuka is the first female recipient and from outside Leflore County.

Ozment is now president of UM's Society of Women Engineers. "People ask 'what I want to do,' and it's simple: I want to change the world. That may seem an unrealistic goal, but all I have to do is start improving my community, state and nation."

Service and social entrepreneurship are common traits among the Johnson Scholars.

Nearing age 30, Alan Barger was studying at Mississippi Delta Community College when he was introduced to Melton.

"Mr. Melton recruited me to Ole Miss and offered me a job," Barger said. "At that time in my life, it was exactly what I needed."

Barger became chapter president of UM's Engineers Without Borders and traveled to West Africa where the chapter is building a small school, a deep water well, fish farms, irrigation systems and more.

"At 30, most people are wishing for another shot but never really get it," Barger said. "I know such opportunities are rare, and I'm thankful."

Alex Cheng, dean of engineering, is also inspired by Johnson's legacy. "Harper Johnson embodied the qualities that produce excellent students, effectual engineers, and great leaders—discipline, curiosity, entrepreneurship and the desire to leave things better than you found them."

Hugh Warren, an honors pre-med engineering student, knew Johnson well. Johnson taught Warren and fellow Johnson Scholar Taylor Nause about the physics of flight and rocket propulsion.

"In ninth grade, Taylor and I experimented with rockets between my house and the Johnsons'. Mr. Johnson never criticized us; he actually helped us get better results."

Warren's connection to Johnson had nothing to do with his scholarship selection but everything to do with its significance to him.

"Mr. Johnson was a very godly man, and I absolutely think God worked through him to bring me and others to this point," Warren said.

Harper Johnson attended Northwest Mississippi Junior College and Ole Miss before transferring to Indiana Institute of Technology to complete his electrical engineering degree. Upon returning from World War II, Johnson served as vice president of the board of Supreme Inc., and worked with Greenwood Utilities.

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## Henderson Funds OMWC Scholarship



Chancellor Dan Jones, Alice Henderson, Jan Farrington and Mary Ann Frugé

Alice Henderson of Jackson, Miss., and her late husband, John, were deeply devoted to helping young people obtain educational opportunities. She expands that legacy with a new scholarship at the University of Mississippi, continuing to make a difference in students' lives.

The John P. and Wanda Alice Henderson Council Scholarship was established with a planned gift of \$110,000. Through the Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy (OMWC), recipients will receive financial assistance as well as mentoring.

"I'm really pleased to create this scholarship in our names, and more importantly, I know John would be pleased that we will continue to help young people earn college degrees," said Henderson.

"After John's death, Alice has continued to have the desire to give and provide for Ole Miss students. Her generosity will allow future deserving students the opportunity to attend this university and be part of our Women's Council program," said Jan Farrington, a longtime friend and a founding member and past chair of the OMWC.

OMWC scholarship recipients are chosen based on academic achievement, leadership, and community service. Two OMWC staff mentors meet weekly with each recipient. In addition, scholars are paired with peer mentors during their freshman year and in sophomore year, career and life mentors. These individuals help guide the students in their careers and networking with alumni.

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## Ole Miss-Oxford Icon Leaves Major Gift to Strengthen Williams Library



The late Sue Hart

Bibliophile Sue Hart was a force of nature in Oxford, spending almost 20 years as a research librarian and publications editor at the University of Mississippi's Center for the Study of Southern Culture (CSSC).

Hart's passion inspired her to direct a \$136,000 estate gift to the J. D. Williams Library to build resources for Southern studies.

"It makes sense that someone who loved books as much as Sue, and had such a natural feel for what made 'good writing,' should have her legacy left to improving the library," said Ted Ownby, director of the CSSC.

The Southern Studies program is interdisciplinary, not just focused on history, but encompasses all things of the South - literature, music, food, etc. This sparked the idea for Hart to create a reference material for the South. In 1989, the *Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, all 1,656 pages and nearly nine pounds of it, was published.

"Sue was completely selfless," said goddaughter Diane Esterman. "She never spent any of her money and when she died, she left it all to Ole Miss and her church. They just don't make them like her anymore."

Hart, who died in 2012, had a family in the people of Ole Miss and Oxford. Friends called her a unique individual with a strong mind, spunky personality and a selfless spirit, who never complained - that is, unless she had just read some really "lousy writing."

## Providing Leadership, Compassion

*Dr. Barry Scott estate directs unrestricted funds to Chancellor's Trust*



The late Barry Scott

Dr. Barry C. Scott of Baton Rouge, La., has generously bequeathed more than \$27,000 to the Chancellor's Trust after his passing in 2011 at age 66.

"Whenever anyone asked Barry about his education, he only mentioned Ole Miss even though he attended several schools," said his wife, Elizabeth. "Barry loved Ole Miss and the medical school, and was a loyal supporter."

After receiving a medical degree in 1970, Scott continued at Louisiana State University's Charity Hospital in New Orleans where he was chief resident. He was one of three founding members of Gastroenterology Associates/Louisiana Endoscopy Center in 1977, now known as the Digestive Health Center of Louisiana. The center grew from three physicians and four employees to 17 physicians and 185 employees. Dr. and Mrs. Scott raised three daughters in Baton Rouge.

Chancellor Dan Jones was honored by the gift. "I am always grateful when donors contribute to the Chancellor's Trust. I am especially appreciative of Dr. Scott's contribution, his support of Ole Miss and his trust in my leadership."

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## WHAT IS THE CHANCELLOR'S TRUST?

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— CHANCELLOR DAN JONES

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## Georgia Academy of Family Physicians Makes Gift to Honor Flournoy at UMMC



Dr. Diane K. Beebe, chair of UMMC's Dept. of Family Medicine, with Dr. Edwin Flournoy

Dr. Edwin Flournoy forged his professional reputation in Georgia, but, thanks to a recent donation, his name will live on in his home state as well.

A \$250,000 gift in his name has established an endowed fund for the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC), where Flournoy graduated in 1960.

A longtime resident of Albany, Ga., Flournoy serves on the board of the donor organization, the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians (GAFP) Educational Foundation, which had never provided a grant outside of Georgia.

"This was a special situation," said Robin Eubanks, executive director of the foundation. "When we decided to give endowments in honor of our board members, Dr. Flournoy said he wanted his to go there in Jackson, where he was raised, went to elementary school, high school, college and medical school."

The Edwin E. Flournoy, M.D. Endowed Family Medicine Fund for Faculty Development can be used to fund workshops, training sessions, retreats and the recruitment of visiting professors or experts to teach faculty members.

"I'm very happy I can do this in Mississippi," said Flournoy. "I very much honor the education I received here."

The fund will grow as it accepts more gifts, which are fully tax-deductible when made through the UM Foundation. Endowed funds are held permanently, with annual income directed to designated areas.

"We are thrilled to honor a graduate who has been a forefather in establishing family medicine residencies," said Dr. Diane Beebe, chair of the Department of Family Medicine.

"Faculty members who come to residency programs were trained as doctors, not as teachers, so faculty development is never-ending and needs a lot of support," she said.

Flournoy's connection to UMMC is deep. His wife Beth, of Meridian, had their first child at UMMC in Jackson, the city where they met as students at Millsaps College.

Flournoy ended up in Albany, a poor, rural area lacking physicians, practicing there from 1965 until retiring in 2007.

"Dr. Flournoy was instrumental in starting the family medicine program in Albany, helping populate southwest Georgia with family physicians," Beebe said.

Although he has retired, Flournoy continues to work part-time at a Veterans Administration clinic in Albany.

"It gives me a warm feeling to still be able to practice the art of medicine today," he said.

## Lynch Family Dedicates Fund to Medical Scholarships for State's Future



The grandsons of Dr. William F. Lynch, Jr., William F. Lynch IV, Ryan Walker Lynch and Grady Wilson Lynch, with Dr. James E. Keeton

The University of Mississippi Medical Center means a lot to Dr. William F. Lynch, Jr.

Lynch's training at UMMC in the 1950s launched a nearly four-decade career in radiology.

After a professional career in private practice, Lynch returned to the UMMC faculty in 2004 to teach before retiring in 2011. To him, teaching was just as rewarding, and he "learned as much from the students as they did from me."

In gratitude for his time at UMMC, Lynch and his wife, Gwen, have established a scholarship in memory of his late son: The William F. Lynch III Memorial Scholarship.

"I felt like I wanted to repay the university for all of the inspiration and training, and the love of teaching, I was afforded," Lynch said.

After reading an article in the UM Foundation newsletter, Lynch wanted to do something to benefit future generations. With the foundation's help, Lynch created a scholarship endowment funded by a \$100,000 charitable trust.

The scholarship will be awarded to a deserving medical student, with preference to students who plan to stay in Mississippi and practice radiology.

Lynch believes other medical alumni will support UMMC as well. They just need to know the opportunity is there, he said.

"I hope someone reads about this and is inspired themselves to make a gift to the university," Lynch said.

## Successful Liver Transplant Gives New Life



Transplant recipient Karen Battle

In an operation that gave a Jackson mother a new chance at life, a team at UMMC successfully completed the state's first liver transplant in 22 years.

Upon arrival at UMMC, Dr. Christopher Anderson, associate professor of transplant surgery and division chief of transplant and hepatobiliary surgery, began building the team of specialists and meeting requirements to restart UMMC's liver transplant program. At the end of January 2013 the United Network for Organ Sharing approved the program.

The liver program marks the second-to-last step in building University Transplant's complete abdominal transplant line. The team broke a UMMC record last year with 103 kidney transplants.

Anderson said he expects University Transplant will handle 10-15 liver transplants this year.



## TIME Top 100 Honors UMMC Physician for Infant HIV Cure



Dr. Hannah Gay

*TIME* named HIV specialist Dr. Hannah Gay, UMMC associate professor of pediatrics, to the 2013 *TIME* 100, the magazine's annual list of the 100 most influential people in the world.

In caring for a newborn infected with HIV in 2010, Gay followed an atypical treatment regimen and functionally cured the baby. She and her colleagues, Dr. Deborah Persaud, Johns Hopkins Children's Center virologist, and University of Massachusetts Medical School immunologist Dr. Katherine Luzuriaga, who were also named to the *TIME* 100 list, presented the child's case report in March at a scientific meeting in Atlanta. The report is the world's first to describe an HIV functional cure in an infant.

Gay said she is honored and wants the recognition to highlight the efforts of physicians and scientists worldwide working in HIV prevention, care and research.

*TIME*'s full list and related tributes appeared in the April 29 issue and is now at [www.time.com/time100](http://www.time.com/time100).

## Goudelock Funds Endowment after UMMC Surgery Restores Hand Function



John Goudelock

John Goudelock, a retired surgeon and UMMC graduate, is good with his hands.

He is by trade a cattle farmer, a woodworker, a gunsmith, a metalworker, a gardener and a mechanic.

That he even has a left hand today, though, is somewhat miraculous - an amazing feat he attributes to University of Mississippi Medical Center surgeons, who saved most of his hand's function after an explosion all but destroyed it.

Out of gratitude, Goudelock created a fund to support hand surgery at UMMC through annual gifts and a bequest in his will.

"I was devastated to think of what I would do with one hand. Now I have about 65 percent of my function back, which sure beats the heck out of zero," Goudelock said. "I was very grateful, so I took a look at my savings and decided I wanted to do something."

To Goudelock, it's important that his gift is supporting an academic medical center. He said that these doctors are more apt to perform the types of complicated surgery that saving his hand required.

"They really see the teaching and research value of doing these types of procedures," Goudelock said.

In the meantime, John will keep using his rebuilt hand, and enjoying every minute of it.

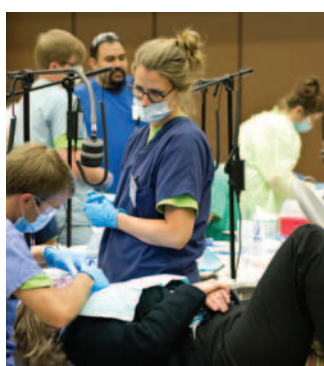


Mackenzie Davis of Waynesboro watches over her 4-month-old daughter, McKinley, who underwent the 1,000th congenital heart surgery at Batson Children's Hospital

## Batson's New Physicians Perform 1,000 Successful Heart Surgeries

**Batson Children's Hospital's congenital heart surgery program recently completed its 1,000th operation. The program which began in April 2010 with Dr. Jorge Salazar's arrival as chief of congenital heart surgery allows Mississippi children the opportunity to stay in state for these specialized operations.**

## Medical Center Partners with MDA to Provide Dental Services at No Cost



Mission of Mercy 2013

The Mississippi Dental Association, in partnership with UMMC, sponsored a Mission of Mercy event in Pearl last April. Nearly 1,300 patients received free dental care during the two-day event.

The School of Dentistry, the School of Health Related Profession's Dental Hygiene Program and the School of Pharmacy played a bigger role in the large-scale effort, offering fillings and extractions for adults and children with limited access to dental care.

The SOD all but closed down when all of its 140 students and many faculty and staff members swapped the school's classrooms and clinics for a chance to provide free services to Mississippians with untreated dental conditions.

Dr. W. Mark Donald, former MDA president and project chair, said the partnership with UMMC has been extremely positive. "We couldn't do without them, that's the bottom line. And I have to thank the dean, Dr. Gary Reeves, because he's the one who allowed it to happen."

## All in the Family

*Hines siblings honor parents  
with gift to Ole Miss Athletics*



The E.R. "Stogie" and Shirley Hines Family

E.R. "Stogie" and Shirley Hines of Ridgeland, Miss., have many blessings: more than five decades of marriage, 40 years of business success and an extraordinary family, including four children. But the Hines siblings, their spouses and nine children share more than just the Hines name – with over 17 degrees among them, they are all University of Mississippi alumni.

Stogie and Shirley's children – sons Scott, Todd and Kirk and daughter Claire Phillips – have honored their parents and Ole Miss upbringing by pledging \$250,000 to UM Athletics' Forward Together campaign.

"We wanted to show our appreciation by supporting the university that runs through the family straight to our core," said Scott Hines. "It was obvious to us that we would do so by showing that appreciation in honor of the two people who set the standard of excellence in our family and encouraged us to strive for greatness – our parents."

"The Hines' family legacy truly demonstrates what Ole Miss is all about. They embody the culture and spirit that makes our university such a special place," said Keith Carter, executive director of the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation.

Although Stogie Hines attended Texas Tech University, he gave his children an appreciation for Ole Miss. "We feel strongly that we would not be where we are today without the education and strong values taught to us at Ole Miss," said Todd Hines.

**MAKE A GIFT:** (662) 915-7159 or [www.forwardtogetherrebels.com](http://www.forwardtogetherrebels.com).

## Doc Hollingsworth Nurtures Longtime Commitment to UM



Chancellor Dan Jones, Dr. Gerald Hollingsworth and Coach Hugh Freeze enjoy a round of golf at Indian Bayou Golf Club in Destin, Fla.

A self-proclaimed "ol' country boy," Dr. Gerald "Doc" Hollingsworth studied at Harvard and now lives on the Florida Gulf Coast—but his heart remains in Mississippi.

Hollingsworth completed two years at Southwest Mississippi Junior College before earning a chemical engineering degree in 1953 at UM and developing his lifelong devotion to Ole Miss.

Hollingsworth later began medical school on the Oxford campus before transferring to Harvard Medical School to specialize in neuroscience.

"This ol' country boy uprooted and moved to the prim and proper confines of the Northeast and the Ivy League," said Hollingsworth.

After graduating from Harvard, Hollingsworth decided neurosurgery was not for him. A surgical residency as a Navy Flight

surgeon landed him in Ft. Walton Beach in 1960 where he established private practice. Serving as a volunteer physician in Vietnam, another career was born: Hollingsworth was given a Toyota to drive.

Upon returning to the U.S., Hollingsworth recalled how pleased he had been with that Toyota and decided to reach out to the company and explore opening a dealership. In 1968 he launched his first Toyota dealership and later added Mercedes, BMW and Mazda to the list.

"I believe – quite strongly – that without the education and proper training Ole Miss provided me, I may have never achieved the great heights my life has seen. I knew that once I paid off all my school loans, the entity I would support first would be Ole Miss."

The longtime benefactor's annual major support was honored with the naming of Hollingsworth Field at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.

At 81, Hollingsworth is officially retired but continues to serve as an aviation medical examiner for the Federal Aviation Administration.

## KENDRICKS TAKES NCAA TITLE



Sam Kendricks celebrates on the descent of his NCAA-winning pole vault.





# Record-breaking Gifts from Rebel Nation Reflect Passion, Enthusiasm for Athletics

Ole Miss Athletics fundraising efforts continue to reach new heights with a record \$26 million in cash donations received for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. This total represents a 33 percent increase over fiscal 2012 cash donations and a 49 percent increase over fiscal 2011.

The Ole Miss Athletics Foundation, which consists of members who make a donation to support Ole Miss Athletics, surpassed its all-time record for members with a total of 7,412 as of July 18, 2013. The membership has increased 9 percent from 2012, including 1,613 new members who have joined since rebranding the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation on March 1.

"We are so thankful for the support of the Ole Miss family," said Ross Bjork, director of athletics. "This achievement is a true testament to the passion and enthusiasm of Rebel Nation. Their support will continue to allow us to provide a world-class experience for our student-athletes, and compete for and win championships in the future. All of us who call Ole Miss home are inspired and energized by this outpouring of gifts and we pledge to keep building on the momentum and excel at the next level on and off the field."

Annual giving, which consists of Ole Miss Athletics Foundation membership and

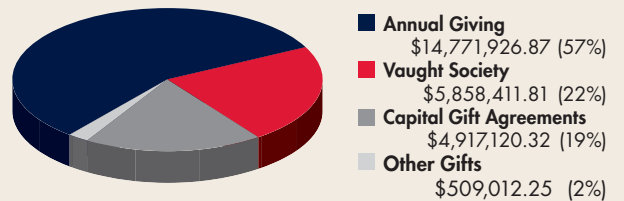
priority seating donations, accounts for 57 percent of the cash total and increased 31 percent from \$11.2 million to \$14.7 million. Annual membership starts at \$50.

"We rebranded and restructured Annual Giving in March, and the response has been tremendous," said Keith Carter, associate athletics director and executive director of the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation. "With this new simple and inclusive model, our goal is to raise our total membership to 10,000 and we are confident with the help of Rebel Nation, we will make this happen."

The Vaught Society, which began in 2010 with 29 original charter members, now has over 235 members and has received over \$27 million in pledges for Ole Miss Athletics since 2010. Vaught Society members make pledges of \$25,000 or greater over the course of five years. Cash contributions to the Vaught Society for the 2013 fiscal year totaled \$5.7 million, a 137 percent increase from \$2.4 million in 2012.

"We continue to be amazed with people stepping up every day in support of Ole Miss

Athletics," added Carter. "Our staff will continue to work tirelessly with our current donors and find new annual donors and supporters to the Forward Together campaign this coming year as we continue to build upon the energy on campus."



The Forward Together campaign has surpassed the \$80-million mark on its way to a goal of \$150 million, raising close to \$20 million in new pledges over the past year. Projects have begun on Vaught-Hemingway Stadium and the Indoor Practice Facility, and an architect has been hired to begin designing the new basketball arena.

More exciting announcements on the Forward Together campaign will be made in the coming months.

For more information on the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation, please visit [www.GivetoAthletics.com](http://www.GivetoAthletics.com)



Head basketball coach Andy Kennedy congratulates senior Rebels Nick Williams and Murphy Holloway after they received their degrees.

## HUGH FREEZE'S REBELS WIN COMPASS BOWL



## OLE MISS REBELS: SEC BASKETBALL CHAMPS



### Football Player Park Stevens' Parents Begin Scholarship Fund in His Memory



The late Park Stevens was known for his dream of playing SEC football and being a friend to all.

"He was a tremendous young man that was loved by his teammates and coaches, and Rebel Nation will never forget him," said Ole Miss coach Hugh Freeze. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the Stevens' family, his friends, our team and all those he touched during his life."

Dean and Gail Stevens, Park Stevens' parents, have established the Park Stevens Memorial Scholarship Fund with the University of Mississippi Foundation in his memory. Gifts may be made by sending a check with the fund noted in the memo line to the University of Mississippi Foundation, P.O. Box 249, University, Miss. 38677; or by visiting [www.umfoundation.com/makeagift](http://www.umfoundation.com/makeagift). For more information contact Jared Coy at the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation at (662) 915-7894 or [jcoy@olemiss.edu](mailto:jcoy@olemiss.edu).

Park Coleman Stevens, a 20-year-old native of Columbus, Miss., and a graduate of New Hope High School, walked on to the University of Mississippi Rebels football team this spring after spending two seasons at East Central Community College. He participated in spring drills with the Rebels and was looking forward to his first season with a Southeastern Conference team. Stevens' hopes were cut short by a tragic automobile accident July 3, 2013, when Stevens died instantly.

"Park had such a magnetic personality. He didn't meet a stranger," former East Central Community College coach Brian Anderson told the *Clarion Ledger*. "He was just an outstanding young man. He just had personality for days."



Senior volleyball players Whitney Craven and Amanda Philpot participate in the Pledge of Allegiance during graduation.



Women's basketball team captain Maggie McFerrin receives a degree in exercise science. McFerrin was one of 10 UM seniors to be inducted to the Ole Miss Hall of Fame, one of the school's highest honors.

### A Driving Force for Ole Miss Athletics Decades of support from Allens add up for the Rebels



Bert and Dot Allen

Bert Allen, a devout Rebel since enrolling in 1954, commenced a demanding career after graduation, hampering return visits to the campus he embraced as a student. Undeterred, Allen always supported Ole Miss.

Allen met his wife, Dot, working for General Motors in Memphis before moving to Gulfport, Miss. There they purchased their first dealership in 1971, plus two more in 1972 and 1986, establishing a livelihood in automotive sales for 36 years.

"Working in an industry that didn't sleep on Saturdays, we rarely made it to see the Rebels play," said Bert Allen.

Still, they wanted to support the Rebels' success. Initial gifts of automobiles established the couple in the Vaught Society. They also hosted athletics staff traveling on the Gulf Coast for university business.

"The Allens have a generous history with Ole Miss," said Keith Carter, executive director of the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation. "We are grateful for their continued commitment as we look to take Ole Miss Athletics to the next level."

In 2007, the Allens sold their dealerships and moved to Oxford to enjoy the benefits of living in the town that is home to UM. The Allens also created an academic scholarship in 2011 for UM School of Business Administration freshmen, benefitting seven students thus far.

"We are proud of the leadership the university has put in place," said Bert Allen of their recent contribution to Forward Together, the capital campaign for facilities enhancement.

"We hope alumni and friends realize support is not just monetary," said Dot Allen. "We can all play a part in supporting the university that supported each of us."



## Scotts Devote Planned Gift to Helping Engineering Students Earn Degrees



UM Development Officer Kevin Gardner and Dean Alex Cheng present Steve and Linda Scott with their 1848 Society recognition certificate.

While the dividends may not be tangible, an investment in education grows exponentially as increasing numbers of graduates affect the lives of others around them.

Steve and Linda Scott of Flora, Miss., are among University of Mississippi alumni to invest in the future by naming the university as a beneficiary in their wills.

The Scotts committed a planned gift of a significant portion of their estate to establish the Stephen H. and Linda B. Scott School of Engineering

Scholarship. The fund is designated for students entering their junior years and carries over for seniors who have maintained a 3.0 grade-point average or higher.

"From my work experience, I realized that not every student is going to be valedictorian of their class. Not every student will have scholarship offers to go to school, but that does not mean they will not make good, competent engineers," Steve said. "It is important to my wife and me that deserving students have the financial opportunity to complete their college degrees."

The Scotts chose to support engineering because of Steve's experience in the program.

"I received a very good education from Ole Miss that prepared me particularly for the work I do," said Steve, who is a research hydraulic engineer for the Corps of Engineers Engineering Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Miss. "My degree from Ole Miss provided me with the academic base to complete a doctorate in hydraulic engineering. It has also provided me with many other opportunities and the realization of how important it is to recruit students into the engineering sciences. We hope this scholarship will provide anyone who wants to get into the field the opportunity to have a sound, productive career."

With their planned gift, the Scotts become members of the 1848 Society. They also have provided a monthly donation since 1999 to the Woods Order, an annual giving fund to meet School of Engineering needs.

An Oxford native, Steve grew up attending football games, selling Cokes in the stadium, getting to know athletes and swimming in the campus pool. Later as an Ole Miss student, he met his wife, a Tupelo native, while she also was an Ole Miss student. Linda has recently retired after 30 years in the banking and mortgage industry.

## Feders Provide Major Support to Strengthen Book Conference



CSSC Director Ted Ownby with Ron and Becky Feder

As native Mississippians, Ron and Becky Feder grew up steeped in the folkways of the American South. Only after an extended stay in the Philippines were they able to truly appreciate the extraordinary and unique culture of their homeland.

The Feders have given their money and time to the study and preservation of Southern culture ever since. Recently, the couple provided \$100,000 to the University of Mississippi's Center for the Study of Southern Culture (CSSC) to support the Oxford Conference for the Book (OCB).

"With a firm foundation made possible through gifts like the Feders', the conference is growing and will continue to reach new audiences eager for a discussion of the common experience of reading," said Becca Walton, OCB director and associate director for projects at the CSSC.

"It was not until we journeyed 9,000 miles to the Philippines, on the far edge of the Western Pacific, that we realized the peculiar wonder of Southern culture," said Ron.

He considers the CSSC as one of UM's flagship programs that truly distinguishes it from other colleges and universities in the country.

"How wonderful, we thought, that the CSSC is documenting and studying the hows and whys of the South's cultural landscape before it all disappears into the larger American melting pot."

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## Viking Support Expands Leadership Training



Viking Range Corp. in Greenwood

A gift by Viking Range Corporation to the Ole Miss Women's Council (OMWC) will expand its leadership series to include students from UM's Haley Barbour Center for Manufacturing Excellence (CME).

Each year, 50 undergraduates develop individualized leadership skills necessary to excel after graduation.

"While the university has other discipline-specific leadership courses, none incorporate practical, teachable skills and an academic element," said Mary Ann Frugé, OMWC member and series co-founder.

"The OMWC series teaches our students to look at issues of leadership in a different context," said CME Director James

Vaughan. "Viking understands the need for well-rounded leadership in manufacturing."

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## Kings Step Forward with Generous Resources to Undergird Scholarship Opportunities for Business Students, Athletics



Faye and Denny King

Successful business professionals Faye and Walter D. “Denny” King Sr. of Madison, Miss., have collected countless memories surrounding University of Mississippi experiences, and now they stand focused on helping others benefit from opportunities offered at their alma mater.

Their latest gifts total \$325,000 for academic scholarships and athletics support. “I think every child in Mississippi who wants an education should be able to get one,” Denny King said.

The longtime UM benefactor and Batesville native worked his way through college at Rebel Chevrolet and also delivered newspapers because he didn’t want his parents to pay for his education “in case I didn’t make it through,” he said, smiling. “I owe the University of Mississippi something for what it

has done for my wife, my children and me. Ole Miss helped me to become focused; it gave me a direction. I feel an obligation to help other individuals earn college degrees.”

The Denny and Faye King Scholarship Endowment, with priority given to Mississippians, has been created in the School of Business Administration with an initial \$75,000. The couple plan to continue building the fund.

“Business supports our society - it keeps our economy going. We feel that Ole Miss is the place to learn business,” said Faye King, an entrepreneur who founded several businesses before retirement, including a cellular phone company and another that exported and imported tires and other products.

King said she hopes the scholarship will help young people in general as well as influence females to pursue business degrees.

“Families on average incomes used to be able to send their children to college, but the costs of college have risen each year,” she said. “We also hope to encourage both young men and women to become entrepreneurs. The opportunities are endless. We would also say to young people: Build a strong family and that will help you build a strong company. That family foundation gives you strength.”

Dean of Business Ken Cyree applauded the Kings for their interest in Ole Miss students.

“It’s a powerful statement when Ole Miss graduates in the business world give back to

help current and future students. The Kings are saying, in effect, ‘Business is a truly rewarding field. We’re enjoying exceptional careers and want to help you do the same.’ The Kings are investing in the future of our state and nation through these young people.”

The memories start flowing when the Kings reflect on their experiences on the Oxford campus, where the two first met. Faye King started her studies at Millsaps College and transferred. “I fell in love with the university,” she said.

Only approximately 5,000 students were enrolled when the Kings were students. Former U.S. Sen. Trent Lott and the late actor Anthony Herrera were houseboys at King’s sorority house, and the popular Peter, Paul and Mary band gave a concert on campus.

A National Guardsman, Denny King was activated to help with campus unrest when UM enrolled James Meredith, the first African-American student. However, it’s the university standing before him today that is the inspiration to provide private support and remain involved in campus activities.

The Kings have also directed a \$250,000 contribution to the Forward Together Campaign, the most comprehensive fundraising campaign in Ole Miss Athletics history.

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## Collector in Los Angeles Presents Major Gift of Art to UM Museum



Museum Director Robert Saarnio and Collection Manager Marti Funke

Noted art collector Gordon W. Bailey, a staunch advocate of Southern vernacular artists, has made a major gift of 16 artworks to the University of Mississippi Museum and Historic Houses.

Through the generosity of the Californian, these works of self-taught art will gain regional and national attention at the museum, said Robert Saarnio, museum director.

“The museum is exceptionally pleased to share with our audiences these highly compelling works by major American self-taught artists, and in the process celebrate their having come to our permanent collection in recent months through the extraordinary generosity of their donor, Mr. Bailey,” Saarnio said.

A preview exhibition, “Independent Expression: Self-taught Art of the Late 20th Century,” has recently opened. Organized by guest curator James G. Thomas Jr., the showing features captivating works in multiple media.

A more comprehensive exhibition will appear later this year, and the donor plans to continue supporting the University Museum.



## Oxford Family Endows Scholarship for Nutrition and Hospitality Management



Wendell Weakley, UM Foundation president/CEO; Velmer Burton, dean of applied sciences; Kathy Knight, department chair; and the Vasilyev family

Like most parents, Bob and Rita Vasilyev are rarely surprised by the actions of their three adult children.

So the Oxford couple was not stunned when the trio committed \$130,000 to the University of Mississippi's Department of Nutrition and Hospitality Management, establishing the department's first endowment in their family's name.

Instead, Bob Vasilyev, president of Vasco Properties Inc., nodded in agreement as Scott Vasilyev, their second-oldest and a 2001 graduate, discussed why he supports academics at Ole Miss. Rita Vasilyev, also a UM graduate and co-publisher of *The Oxford Eagle* newspaper, smiled encouragingly when Renee Sholtis, a 1997 graduate and the oldest sibling, joined the conversation. And the couple shared a laugh when Joey Vasilyev, a 2003 graduate, the jokester of the family, discussed the beginnings of the family's food service business.

The scholarship is intended for junior and senior nutrition and hospitality management majors, with preference given to students from Lafayette, Lowndes, Oktibbeha, Panola and Tate counties, where the family operates its six Taco Bell restaurants.

Velmer Burton, dean of the School of Applied Sciences, said the Vasilyev Family Scholarship Endowment is "indeed a wise investment with immediate impact."

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## Stamps Family Charitable Foundation Partners with UM to Offer Scholarships for High Performers



UM alum and artist William Dunlap with E. Roe Stamps IV, Lydia Jones and Chancellor Dan Jones

The Stamps Family Charitable Foundation has partnered with the University of Mississippi to launch one of the top scholarship programs in the Southeast.

Valued between \$98,000 and \$138,000 each, the Stamps Leadership Scholarships become the most comprehensive, full scholarship packages for in-state and out-of-state students identified for their strong intellect, leadership and service, Chancellor Dan Jones announced.

The Stamps Family Charitable Foundation, founded by Penelope and E. Roe Stamps IV of Miami, selected UM as one of its latest partners in offering premier scholarship opportunities. Each scholarship package covers recipients' full cost of attendance along with a \$12,000 stipend for educational activities outside the classroom, including study abroad, research and other enrichment pursuits.

The inaugural six Stamps Leadership Scholarships have been awarded for the 2013-14 academic year, proving their value as strong recruitment incentives. It is projected the program will grow to 10 scholarships annually through private support, to be matched by the Stamps Foundation.

"Our challenge to each university is the same: We expect you to put together an incredible educational opportunity for some amazing kids," Roe Stamps said. "Each school answers the challenge differently, but the overall results justify our confidence in our partner universities."

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## Pharmacy Launches Drive to Update Faser Hall



The Faser Capital Campaign's goal of \$8 million will refurbish faculty offices, research laboratories and a skills lab for students.

Founded in 1908, the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy has evolved into one of the most productive and highest-ranked pharmacy schools in the country, producing both practicing pharmacists and renowned researchers.

While the school has grown and developed, the same cannot be said of Faser Hall, home to faculty offices, research laboratories and a

skills lab for students. Today, the first and second floors of the building remain mostly unchanged since construction in 1969.

The UM School of Pharmacy is launching an \$8 million capital campaign to renovate Faser Hall to meet the needs of today's pharmacy students.

"Our pharmacy students deserve a state-of-the-art facility so that we can take our skills training to a higher level," said David D. Allen, the school's dean.

The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, after a recent visit, described the first and second floors as being in "desperate need" of an upgrade.

"It is time for us to address this substandard building space," Allen said. "We have developed plans that will completely revamp our skills laboratory, as well as other key areas of the building."

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## Pharmacy Scholarship Pays Tribute to Associate Dean Wilson's Influence



Marvin C. Wilson poses with his family at his recent retirement reception. Back row: Dennis, Luke, Marvin, Drew and Michael Wilson; front row: Angela, Wyatt, Becky, Bennett and Susan Wilson.

When Marvin C. Wilson retired this year from the UM School of Pharmacy, he left a legacy that includes not only topnotch academic and student affairs programs but also a scholarship endowment to benefit future Ole Miss pharmacy students.

The pharmacy school created a scholarship to honor Wilson's nearly 43 years of service, first as a pharmacology professor, then as chair of pharmacology and finally as associate dean for academic and student affairs. The fund is open for gifts from others.

"We were able to accomplish this in only two months because of the love, admiration and respect so many people have for Marvin, including thousands of former students," said David D. Allen, the school's dean. "Establishing this scholarship in his name is the perfect way to honor him and his work, because it will enable future students to take advantage of the programs he helped build."

Because of their father's love for teaching, his desire to see students succeed and his relationships with them, Wilson's sons, Dennis of Orlando, Fla., and Mike of Dallas, Texas, have each pledged \$5,000 to the endowment, which will provide emergency funds to professional pharmacy students confronted with unanticipated expenses.

Federal support for need-based scholarships has declined over the past two years, a fact that increases the need for such assistance. "It has become critical that monies become available to assist our most in-need students," Wilson said. "I am honored that my name is associated with such a funding mechanism. I thank all who have already contributed to the scholarship and, for the sake of our students, encourage others to consider such a donation or pledge."

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## Herrins Make Significant Gift to Ole Miss, Honoring Parents, Helping Mississippians



Chancellor Dan Jones, from left, visits with Jack, Leigh, Nancy and Carl Herrin in Jackson to thank Jack and Leigh for their \$1 million gift to the Carl and Nancy Herrin Scholarship Endowment.

Jackson, Miss., businessman Jack Herrin and his wife, Leigh, have presented \$1 million to the University of Mississippi to honor Jack's parents, Carl and Nancy Herrin. This private support directed to academics will double the Herrin Scholarship Endowment, which was first established in 2011 with a \$1 million gift from the elder Herrins.

"Our family has always been so proud and inspired by the accomplishments and generosity of our parents, Carl and Nancy. It

is our honor to assist other outstanding students to achieve their dreams," Jack Herrin said.

"Jack and Leigh Herrin have provided a tremendous gift that will have a positive impact on individual lives for generations to come," said Chancellor Dan Jones. "I can think of no better way to honor Carl and Nancy Herrin than to expand the scholarship endowment in their names as well as to embrace the commitment they have made to helping Mississippians. We are deeply grateful to this loyal Ole Miss family for paving the way for others to benefit from educational opportunities."

Beginning with the fall 2014 semester at Ole Miss, the Carl and Nancy Herrin Scholarship Endowment will provide need-based awards in the amount of \$5,000 annually to each Mississippian selected. Jack and Leigh Herrin also are longtime supporters of Ole Miss Athletics and have provided a major gift to the Triplett Alumni Center/The Inn at Ole Miss.

The Herrins own a number of auto dealerships in Jackson, including those for Lexus, Infiniti, BMW, Toyota, Scion, Kia and Chevrolet. As president, Jack directs day-to-day business operations of the companies, and Carl serves as chairman of the board.

Jack and Leigh Herrin's family includes daughter Laine Flanningan and her husband, Billy, of Fairhope, Ala., and daughter Carly, a high school senior at Jackson Academy. Carly will be carrying on the Herrin tradition at Ole Miss when she enrolls as a freshman in fall 2014.

## Grateful Parents Establish Scholarship to Assist Children of UM Staff Members



Andrew Carter, a member of the Ole Miss Parents Council, with his daughter, Hattie, a UM student

Andrew and Liz Carter of Charlottesville, Va., have established the Hattie Bo Scholarship through the Ole Miss Parents Council. The Hattie Bo Scholarship is for a full-time student who is the child of a university staff/faculty member that demonstrates financial need. Named in honor of their daughter, Harriet Bocock Carter, the scholarship is intended as a thank you to UM's staff, especially Brenda Strong, a custodian on Crosby Hall's sixth floor.

"Since the day we received Hattie's UM acceptance letter, we felt Ole Miss accepted our entire family," said Liz Carter. "If we have a question about something, we make a call and get to speak with someone. The road to Oxford may be long, but we haven't found it to be far."

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## Longtime UM Law Professor Establishes Medgar Evers Scholarship Endowment

*Bradley hopes fund creates opportunities, continues commitment to diversity in law*



Professor John Robin Bradley

Generations of attorneys, judges, teachers and statesmen have been impacted by Professor John Robin Bradley's 47 years of teaching at the University of Mississippi School of Law. While his enduring service leaves a lasting legacy, so too will his gifts exceeding \$100,000 to establish the Medgar Evers Scholarship Endowment.

Remembered nationally as one of the most prominent civil rights workers of his time, Evers, a native of Decatur, Miss., applied to the UM School of Law in 1954 but was rejected by the then-segregated school. He later became the state field secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), assisting James Meredith with

enrollment at UM in 1962.

Bradley created the scholarship endowment to continue to open doors for African Americans pursuing law degrees. The Medgar Evers Scholarship was awarded to its first recipient this year, which also marked Bradley's retirement and the 50th anniversary of Evers' assassination.

"I had grown up in Mississippi and it was so obvious to me the importance of providing quality education to all people, regardless of race," said Bradley. "Lawyers often become leaders among their communities, and I knew it was important that black Mississippians could attend law school."

"There is no one who has been more significant in the history of this law school," said Mike Hoffheimer, Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association Distinguished Lecturer and UM professor of law.

Bradley hopes others will share his fortitude by contributing to the Medgar Evers Scholarship Endowment to honor leaders of social justice in law and education.

"Institutionally, we have to be aware of the narrative of our school and be steadfast in trying to welcome, recruit and offer the highest quality education to all students, especially minority students," continued Bradley.

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## Musicians Benefit from Saucier Fund



The late Professor Gene Saucier

Gene Saucier was just eight years old when he discovered his calling in life. While listening to classical music, he heard a

piece that featured the clarinet and instantly fell in love with the sound. By doing extra chores at his father's auto repair shop he earned enough to buy his own clarinet.

Saucier remained dedicated to the clarinet his entire life. When he died in January, his family did not want the music to end. To pay tribute to his life, Saucier's family established the Gene A. Saucier Excellence in Music Scholarship to be awarded to full-time music students who share Saucier's passion. A gift of \$125,000 from Rick and Susie McNeely and additional gifts from family and friends have seeded the scholarship endowment and made possible immediate awarding of the scholarship to woodwind students.

"He was such a giving man and never asked for anything in return," said Saucier's daughter Susie McNeely. "If you knew Daddy, you knew the love he had for music and for his students. It was a no-brainer; we just knew we had to set up the scholarship."

Charles Gates, professor and chair of UM's Department of Music, said the scholarship will have an immediate and direct impact on the program, enhancing recruitment of outstanding woodwind students. "This scholarship will provide tuition for woodwind majors, meaning Professor Saucier's expertise, his concern for the department and his commitment to the profession will always be with us."

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## ExxonMobil Foundation Provides Matching Gifts



The ExxonMobil Foundation is continuing its generous practice of matching Exxon Mobil Corp. employees' gifts to the University of Mississippi. In one of the most liberal matching gifts program, the ExxonMobil Foundation approves a 3-to-1 match for employees' gifts. UM accountancy alumnus and Exxon Mobil financial analyst Mark Partin of Dallas visited with Chancellor Dan Jones and other university representatives in the Lyceum recently to present a check for more than \$91,000. The generous resources will help strengthen academic programs in engineering, law, liberal arts, accountancy, business, the J.D. Williams Library and the Alumni Association as well as two scholarship funds. On hand to thank Partin were, from left, Wendell Weakley, president/CEO of the University of Mississippi Foundation; Chancellor Dan Jones; Partin; Mark Wilder, dean of the Patterson School of Accountancy; and Jen McMillan, director of development for accountancy.

## Blackledge Supports Geological Engineering Alumni Association



Dawn Blackledge

Dawn Blackledge is paying it forward.

"My mom and dad taught me it's more gratifying to give than to receive. I was blessed to attend Ole Miss and graduate with the tools to succeed in life," said Blackledge, who recently made a significant contribution to UM.

Of her \$110,000 gift, \$60,000 will endow a geological engineering scholarship and \$50,000 will support the Triplett Alumni Center.

"I feel strongly that science and engineering should continue to flourish at Ole Miss. I want to help deserving students become engineers," said the Mississippi native.

Joel Kuszmaul, chair of the Department of Geology and Geological Engineering, said this will be one of the largest scholarships available to geological engineering students.

"Ms. Blackledge has helped provide employment opportunities for graduates, supported our growth and has now made a lasting contribution that directly impacts our students," said Kuszmaul.

Blackledge was one of three graduates of the geological engineering program in 1982. Today the program boasts the nation's largest enrollment for a bachelor of science in geological engineering degree.

In 1992, Blackledge founded Aerostar Environmental Services, Inc., an environmental engineering and remediation firm. Under her leadership, Aerostar grew to more than 80 employees in 12 offices across eight states.

"I wanted to make a difference," Blackledge said. "Women in engineering were, and still are, in the minority. I feel it's important to demonstrate that engineering can provide women the same opportunities as other fields."

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## Colorado Couple Salutes Former Engineering Professor with Gifts



Nancy and George Byers

When George Byers enrolled at the University of Mississippi, he was undecided about what field of study he wanted to pursue. John G. Douglas, the chair and professor of geology and geological engineering, changed that.

"Dr. Douglas' global experience as a petroleum geologist, his personal attention to students and his dignity as a gentleman all struck me just the right way," said Byers, vice president of government and community relations for Rare Element Resources in Lakewood, Colo. "He encouraged us to follow his profession, and kept a sense of humor about the classroom and our work that we appreciated."

In acknowledgment of Douglas' impact upon his life and career, Byers and his wife began contributing to the John and Violet Douglas Endowment for Geology and Geological Engineering, with their gifts.

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## Museum Friends Support Initiatives



The University of Mississippi Museum and Historic Houses received a generous gift from its auxiliary group, Friends of the Museum. This year the group created a new event, the Harvest Supper, to raise funds and awareness. The event showcases Rowan Oak during twilight, producing a uniquely magical gathering to support preservation and the arts.

## Atmos Energy Extends Assistance to Students



With great thought to its employees and their families, Atmos Energy of Flowood, Miss., created a new scholarship fund at the University of Mississippi. The scholarships are designated for the children of Atmos Energy employees.

The presentation of the check to establish the endowment was made during a special luncheon hosted in the main conference room of the historic Lyceum on UM's Oxford campus. It was attended by Atmos Energy officials, employees and some employees' children who are already enrolled at Ole Miss.

Pictured at the event were, from left, Karen Cummins, vice president-operations for Atmos Energy; Wendell Weakley, president/CEO of the University of Mississippi Foundation; David Gates, president of Atmos Energy; Alex Cheng, dean of the School of Engineering; and Tony Ammeter, associate dean for undergraduate programs in the School of Business Administration.



## UM Accountancy Students Benefit as Davis Scholarship Endowment Continues to Grow

*Beloved professor's mentorship honored by alumni, colleagues*



Professor James W. "Jimmy" Davis is surrounded by recent recipients of the accountancy scholarship that bears his name

Created in 2002, the James W. "Jimmy" Davis Scholarship Endowment is one of the Patterson School of Accountancy's premier scholarships, primarily awarding freshmen \$3,000 per year for up to four years.

A recent gift of more than \$150,000 from the estate of Elizabeth G. Hope, mother of accountancy alumnus William M. "Bill" Hope of Memphis, brings the endowment balance to \$850,000.

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Foundation President and CEO Wendell Weakley would like to see the endowment become a true testament to Davis.

"I hope our donors who have been influenced by Jimmy will join me as we push this endowment over the one million-dollar mark as one way we can say thank you for all he has done and continues to do for the Patterson School of Accountancy," Weakley said, "This remarkable endowment will support the students he cares so much about for generations to come."

Accountancy Dean Mark Wilder said, "The Davis Scholarship has helped us tremendously in our efforts to recruit outstanding students to come to Ole Miss and major in accountancy. The scholarship offer can very well be the difference in them choosing Ole Miss over another university and in choosing accounting versus another course of study."

Tanner Phillips, a senior from Pearl, Miss., gained confidence in his career choice upon receiving the Davis Scholarship.

"It means that the faculty and staff, Dr. Davis especially, have seen enough promise in me to make an investment in my education," Phillips said.

Davis, faculty member since 1965, holds the distinguished H. Eugene Peery Chair in Accountancy. The former dean was awarded the university-wide Outstanding Teacher Award in 1985 and numerous awards within the Patterson School.

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## Oliver Family Remembers Influence of Pharmacy School on Careers, Lives



Ole Miss pharmacists Steve and Joe Oliver in the Oliver Drug Store

Oliver Drug Store in Whitehaven, Tenn., holds a special place in the hearts of Steve Oliver, Anita Drury and JoAnne Oliver. Founded by their father, Joseph G. "Joe" Oliver, it was where they built fond childhood memories.

To honor their father and mother, the siblings and their families contributed a combined gift to UM's School of Pharmacy, creating the Joseph G. and Martha Oliver Family Endowment.

"My hope is that this will help students alleviate their financial burdens and give them the opportunity to help advance the profession," Steve Oliver said.

"They gave our family a true love for Ole Miss, and it thrills us that future students will find success and love as Mom and Dad shared with each of us," said Drury.

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Embry Scholarship recipient Mallory Washington with Pharmacy Dean David D. Allen

## Scholarship Memorializes Embry by Helping Others

Mallory Washington of Water Valley, the seventh recipient of the Joey Embry Memorial Scholarship, is pursuing studies in UM's School of Pharmacy.

"Helping children is my passion," said Washington. "After I earn a Doctor of Pharmacy degree, my dream is to work somewhere like St. Jude or LeBonheur children's hospitals."

The scholarship pays tribute to Joey Embry, an Ole Miss student and offensive lineman. In 1998 Embry lost his life in a tragic drowning, but not before he, too, built a legacy of caring for other people. The scholarship awards students who share Joey's giving nature.

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*Fundraising tops \$100 million for second straight year; Athletics sets all-time membership record*

In another record year, a wave of generosity from University of Mississippi alumni and friends has pushed overall fundraising past the \$100 million mark, with **CASH GIFTS SURPASSING \$90 MILLION.**

"Whether supporting a research program at our health science center in Jackson, a scholarship for a public policy student in Oxford, support for our dedicated faculty or our nationally competitive athletics programs, our donors are moving us forward," Chancellor Dan Jones said.

Dr. James E. Keeton, vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine, concurred. "The gifts provided by friends and alumni generously assist the University of Mississippi Medical Center as we educate the health professionals of tomorrow and serve the health needs of Mississippi today. We are honored by their continued support and belief in our mission of education, research, and healthcare."

As enrollment has grown dramatically, private support is critical as resources are stretched, Jones said. In fall 2013, Ole Miss enrolled 21,528 students - the most of any Mississippi university. Meanwhile, the Chronicle of Higher Education **RANKED UM FIRST AMONG MISSISSIPPI'S PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN TERMS OF STUDENT COMPLETION**, measured by four- and six-year graduation rates.

Support for athletics also has increased significantly, with the **OLE MISS ATHLETICS FOUNDATION RECEIVING A RECORD \$26 MILLION** in cash donations for FY 2013, a 33 percent increase over FY 2012. Due to the continued success of the Forward Together campaign, improvement projects have already begun on Vaught-Hemingway Stadium, the Indoor Practice Facility, and the new basketball arena.

"This achievement is a true testament to the passion and enthusiasm of the Ole Miss family," said Ross Bjork, Ole Miss athletics director. "This allows us to provide a world-class experience for our student-athletes, and compete for and win championships in the future."

"Our alumni and friends continue to demonstrate their belief in the mission of this great university," said Wendell Weakley, president and CEO of the foundation. "Their investments continue to show exceptional returns, and we are very thankful for their trust in our university and foundation."

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