‘We are Wichita State’ campaign exceeds expectations

Contributions impact WSU family immediately

The three-year “We are Wichita State” fundraising campaign, which began July 1, 2004, and successfully came to a conclusion June 30, 2007, exceeded its $35 million goal with a total of $48,146,025 of current and endowed funds for students, faculty and staff of WSU.

As a result, student, faculty and staff support from endowed scholarships, fellowships and faculty/staff funds will increase by nearly $1.5 million each year. Many lives already have been touched by these charitable gifts and many more will be impacted in the years to come. The financial assistance means that Shockers will have one less hurdle to clear on the path to their success.

Oct. 4 was a full day of celebration. That's when the formal announcement was made at a news conference attended by local media and WSU faculty and staff.

The festive atmosphere continued with a reception for faculty and staff. That evening the President's Club event shared the stage with the campaign, as more than 400 donors gathered to honor new life members of the President's Club and to hear the announcement of the campaign’s success.

“This has been an exceptional campaign,” said Elizabeth King, president and CEO of the WSU Foundation, at the evening event. “We are proud and overwhelmed at the loyalty to WSU—but not surprised. Wichita State's family thrives near and far and their dedication to the university’s livelihood is poignant.”

To learn more about some of the lives touched by the campaign already, please continue reading their stories on the following pages.
The WSU Foundation received $10,000 or more from these individuals, corporations, foundations and estates between June 1 and August 31, 2007. The projects funded are listed with their names. We appreciate their contributions.

As of July 1, 2007, the minimum amount for major gifts was increased. Therefore, Major Gift Highlights in subsequent issues of the Horizon will be listed at $15,000 or more.

Darlene '72 & Bob Anderson
- Bob & Darlene Anderson Heskett Center Fitness Support Fund
- Bob & Darlene Anderson Strike 'em out Endowed Baseball Scholarship
- Diana Anderson Endowed Medical Technology Scholarship

Mickey '45 & Pete '42 Armstrong
- Current Unrestricted Fund (General)

Richard A. Batchelor '66
- Richard A. Batchelor Endowment for Art Acquisition
- Unrestricted Reserves (General)

R. Larry Beamer & Deborah G. Haynes '76 Foundation
- Deborah G. Haynes Fairmount Fund for Faculty (Fairmount College of Liberal Arts & Sciences)
- Deborah G. Haynes & R. Larry Beamer Endowed Scholarship Fund (General)

Mary '62 & Mike '63 Beatty
- Mike & Mary Neil Beatty Endowed Fellowship in Accounting

Nancy & Doug Blackman
- GIK - SASO

Shirley Blume '47
- George D. & Shirley Scott Bloom Endowed Scholarship (General)

Boeing Wichita Employees Credit Union
- GIK - Student Affairs

Boge Iron & Metal Co. Inc.
- Allen Boge Endowed Scholarship (General)

Ilene & H. Russell Bomhoff
- H. Russell Bomhoff Endowed Scholarship in Engineering

Bradbury Company Inc.
- Men's Basketball

Dixie '68 & Bruce '70 Bridges
- Harold & Pauline Ashton Endowed Baseball Scholarship

Charlotte Brown
- Jack & Charlotte Brown Endowed Scholarship in Business

Major Gift Highlights

For more information about becoming a member of the Society of 1895, please contact Michael Lamb, vice president for planned giving and development services at (316) 978-3804 or mike.lamb@wichita.edu.

Alumna’s initiative leads to creation of new scholarship

Etya Fremont, a May 2007 WSU Emory Lindquist Honor's program graduate, was determined that a scholarship be created in honor of her late pediatrician and mentor, Dr. G.D. Robinson. After Robinson's passing in December 2005, a memorial fund was established at WSU, but Fremont wanted to see the fund rise to the level of an endowed scholarship.

“He was an influential person in my life and helped me through some tough times,” said Fremont. “This fund was the least I could do to give back to him. He gave so much to the community. Dr. Robinson frequently offered pro bono services to families that couldn't pay. He never turned down a client, nor was he ever ‘too busy’ to squeeze in an emergency phone consultation. As a pediatrician, he gave his time to the children and parents of Wichita.”

Fremont began contacting those who knew Robinson, asking them to help her reach the endowed level. Her efforts were successful, and this summer culminated in the formation of the Dr. G.D. Robinson Scholarship, which is available to community-service minded, Emory Lindquist Honor's Program juniors.

Robinson graduated from the University of Wichita in 1950 with a degree in biological sciences and went on to graduate from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1954. After completing a one-year internship and serving in the U.S. Army in Korea for two years, Robinson began his practice in 1957, where he continued until his retirement in 1999.

In addition to those he saw in his private practice, Robinson influenced many others through his involvement with WSU, where he helped establish the learning disability program, behavioral disorders program and school psychology program in the College of Education.

“I was impressed with how Etya's admiration for Dr. Robinson motivated her to take on such a task,” said Terre Johnson, vice president for development at the WSU Foundation. “She did everything she said she was going to do.”

Fremont's determination has ensured that students for generations will have an opportunity to benefit from the Dr. G.D. Robinson Scholarship and, more importantly, benefit from his life experiences and philosophies.

A young Etya Fremont is seen by the late Dr. G.D. Robinson, a man who would continue to influence her as pediatrician and mentor.
When Russ Widener, professor of trombone, received a call asking who to contact about support for his program, he was eager to help. He also thought about what he would do with a few extra dollars; perhaps he would get a couple of compact discs to share with his students or get the audio speakers he needed for his teaching studio.

However, the anonymous donors were thinking bigger than that. They gave $100,000 to create two faculty fellows for Widener and Tom Fowler, associate professor in music education/director of jazz.

Widener and Fowler were chosen as recipients of the fellows because they had enriched the life of the donors’ son, who had studied under both professors.

“Needless to say, I am overwhelmed, yet grateful for the opportunity to be part of this incredible experience,” said Fowler. “The faculty fellow will mean the realization of ideas, projects and plans that, until now, were only dreams.”

The opportunity will help expand and stabilize the jazz program. For Fowler, the faculty fellow helps make long-range planning a reality.

Through many years of research, Widener has digitally recorded his students and manipulated those recordings to demonstrate performance problems and solutions. His students also learn from participating in the International Trombone Association’s Internet broadcasting of performances. The faculty fellow will allow Widener to continue these innovative projects.

“I feel extremely honored to be offered such generosity,” said Widener. “This faculty fellow enables me to purchase equipment that will greatly enhance the quality of my research and the benefits my students will enjoy.”

Dr. Rodney Miller, dean of the College of Fine Arts, was moved by the donors’ kind gift.

“Faculty fellows are critical because they are used in ways that will best enhance the college, be it equipment, scholarships or professional development,” he said. “This gift demonstrates both the generosity of our donors and the excellence of our faculty, while greatly benefiting students.”
Major Gift Highlights

Laverne Gates
- Harold P. “Hal” Gates Memorial Fellowship (College of Health Professions)

William Graham Charitable Trust
- William L. Graham Scholarship (General)
- Margerie Lois Graham Scholarship (College of Fine Arts)

Hawker Beechcraft Corporation
- Kansas BEST (College of Engineering Dean’s Circle)
- Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering Department
- Engineering Open House
- Aerospace Engineering Design Build Fly Competition

Hayes Company Inc.
- Hayes Company Faculty Fellow in Business

Frank & Betty Hedrick Scholarship Fund
- Frank E. & Harriet E. “Betty” Hedrick Scholarship (General)

Johnson Controls
- SASO
- Eck Stadium Skyboxes

Anita ’53 & Larry ’53 Jones
- Larry Jones Faculty Fellow in Business
- Larry Jones Faculty Fellow in Corporate Governance
- Anita Jones Faculty Fellow in Fine Arts

Kansas Scottish Rite Foundation
- Scottish Rite Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic

Jacqueline ’01 & Sammy H. ’01 Kouri
- Eck Stadium Skyboxes

Irma Lindquist Estate
- Irma Lann Lindquist School of Nursing Endowed Student Emergency Fund
- Emory Lindquist Faculty Award Fund (College of Education)

Lubbers Brothers Ford-Mercury
- GIK - SASO

Barbara & John ’99 McCune
- Baseball Indoor Practice Facility

Kay ’72 & John ’72 Morse
- Baseball Indoor Practice Facility

The successful journey of the ‘We are Wichita State’ fundraising campaign (July 1, 2004-June 30, 2007)
campaign for students, faculty and staff (July 1, 2004-June 30, 2007)

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Charles Brungardt: Passing it on

In 1979, Charles L. Brungardt became the first WSU freshman to receive the A.J. and Jean Bachus Scholarship. An honor student, Brungardt graduated in 1983 with a bachelor of arts in Spanish and received a four-year teaching fellowship to the University of Iowa, where he earned his master’s in 1985.

“Mrs. Bachus and her husband were my role models in generosity,” said Brungardt. “I hoped to someday follow in their footsteps and do the same for someone else.”

Brungardt, who has a similar desire to support higher education, is now a project manager for Pearson Government Solutions near Iowa City, Iowa. He began giving back to Wichita State immediately after graduation through the annual fund and, in 2002, established the Charles L. Brungardt Endowed Scholarship for students majoring in Spanish. His goal for the fund is to see it grow as large as the Bachus scholarship.

Brungardt’s ambition to make a real impact on the lives of WSU students continued during the “We are Wichita State” campaign, when he established a planned gift through his estate.

Abraham Jacob Bachus, a native of Russia, came to Wichita in 1937. He founded A.J. Bachus Company, which dealt in scrap metals, but was equally successful in real estate and investment ventures. He and his wife, Jean, decided they wanted to do something for the community by supporting WSU. Bachus believed in the value of education, even though he was unable to attend college.

In 1979, they established the A.J. and Jean Bachus Scholarship, which was at that time the university’s largest scholarship awarded purely on academic merit.

“He was able to live his dream of a college education through the achievements of our students,” said Mrs. Bachus of her husband.

By continuing the Bachuses’ legacy of giving, Brungardt has created one of his own at WSU. He wants this legacy to be two-fold: to help someone else receive a degree from WSU and to act as a challenge for others to support the university.

The ‘We are Wichita State’ campaign is over, but the dreams continue

The seeds planted during the past three years of the “We are Wichita State” campaign will continue to impact lives for years to come. Each semester, new students walk through our doors hoping for a quality education and dreaming of success for the future. And each semester, faculty and staff hope for better ways to enhance the university experience for those students, helping them to achieve those dreams.

WSU is the answer to their hopes. Your support can be the answer to their dreams. Continue giving to the WSU Foundation.

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Dustin Self graduated from WSU this past May with a Bachelor in Business Administration and minors in marketing, management and entrepreneurship. What was his motivation?

Self was a three-year recipient of the Capitol Federal Savings Scholarship in Business and credits his ability to do so much to the faith that Capitol Federal placed in him.

“Capitol Federal gave me an opportunity to do more than what I would have been able to do if I’d had to work more or worry about loans,” said Self. “I’m so grateful for that and I plan to make them proud of me.”

In addition to attending academic classes, Self was a senior student in the WSU Kung Fu Club and will return this fall to help instruct.

To gain business experience, Self continues to work part-time for a real estate office managing properties with subcontractors, learning office administration duties and fine-tuning his organizational skills.

A firsthand, personal real estate experience occurred when he purchased his first house at the end of his senior year and began remodeling it.

Self was introduced to John B. Dicus, president and CEO of the Capitol Federal Financial Company and Capitol Federal Savings Bank, at the annual scholarship luncheons.

“Each luncheon John Dicus visited with me about my academic progress,” said Self. “I was so pleased with his continued interest and encouragement. I received correspondence from him. It was so personal and demonstrated to me how he actually cared.”

The Capitol Federal Foundation began funding scholarships at WSU in 2002 and has generously agreed to continue for at least the next five years, ensuring that future students will benefit from that same faith.

“Establishing scholarships is the most encouraging way to give students the confidence to attend school,” said Self. “Reducing students’ financial burdens is the most beneficial thing private donors can do to urge students to keep going.”
Brothers Ken and David Wells have many ties to Wichita State, including time as students and as builders of the Marcus Welcome Center through their company, Key Construction. Consequently, it was a natural extension of their involvement to create a scholarship in entrepreneurship for the “We are Wichita State” campaign.

“We’re proud of our work on campus and we always look forward to the opportunity to improve the facilities,” said Dave ’82. “But we want to help students, too —we remember what it was like to go to school and still have dreams of building our business. It was tough sometimes.”

That’s why they created the Key Construction Endowed Scholarship in Entrepreneurship, which will be awarded to a student from the Wichita area majoring in entrepreneurship in the W. Frank Barton School of Business. The scholarship will be reserved for those students who have financial need.

“The cost of tuition keeps rising,” said Ken. “It makes it hard for students to work, keep up with their studies and really focus. And if you have dreams of your own business, like we did, it can pull you away from finishing school. We want students to be able to finish their education, so they’re really prepared for the work of being an entrepreneur.”

“This campaign will really help students and we need that —we need good, smart people to continue to grow businesses in Wichita and Kansas,” said Dave. “If our scholarship helps students keep reaching for that dream, that’s the best thing we can do for WSU.”

Like the Marcus Welcome Center, the Key Construction Endowed Scholarship in Entrepreneurship becomes a permanent part of Wichita State, a lasting legacy and tribute to a family who believes in the mission and future of the university.