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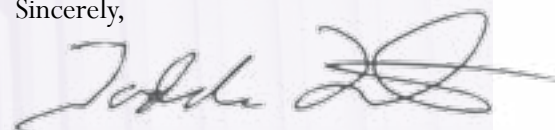
Dear Friends of Western:

Having just completed my first full year as president of the WIU Foundation board, I am continually impressed by your ongoing loyalty and generosity. The community of WIU donors—alumni, friends, and businesses—is reflective of the University itself: dedicated to maintaining academic excellence and preserving the welcoming and nurturing environment that Western is known for.

I recognize that there are many causes worthy of your support, and it means a great deal that you continue to identify WIU as an important philanthropic priority, particularly in these challenging economic times. The fiscal situation in the state of Illinois means that we increasingly rely on private support to advance our mission. Your gifts thus have all the more impact on our University community and are all the more meaningful. Unfortunately, it does not appear the crisis Illinois is facing will be corrected any time soon; therefore, your enduring commitment to the financial assistance of WIU is paramount.

Your support makes a real difference, every day, on both the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses. On behalf of our students and their families, our faculty and staff, I thank you again for your investment in the future of our graduates.

Sincerely,



Todd Lester
President
WIU Foundation Board

Message from Foundation Board President



Major Gift Highlights

2010-2011 Foundation Year in Review:

- \$2.8 million gift of land to support the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature.
- \$600,000 planned gift from John and Becky Murphy to support arts and sciences scholarships for students with financial need.
- A \$200,000 planned gift from Jim and Syndy Conger to support their study abroad scholarship and a \$25,000 gift to endow the Syndy M. Conger Essay Award in the Department of English and Journalism.
- \$105,000 from the Moline Foundation is support of the WIU-QC Engineering Program.
- \$100,000 pledge from Bob and Blenda Ontiveros to fund scholarships for Hispanic students at the Quad Cities campus.
- A pledge of up to \$100,000 from Don and Sharon Tomnitz to match contributions to the Western Illinois University College of Business and Technology (CBT) to establish a scholarship for military veterans.
- \$79,000 from the Hunt and Diane Harris Foundation for the WIU-QC Riverfront Campus.
- \$75,760 in scholarship support from the estate of John P. (Jack) Daniels, professor of management
- \$60,000 in scholarship support from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.
- \$50,000 from Bituminous Casualty Corporation for the Quad Cities Riverfront Campus.
- \$50,000 gift from Olga “Kay” Kennedy for the Department of Biological Sciences.
- \$50,000 commitment from LinguiSystems for the WIU-QC campus daycare center.
- \$50,000 gift from LaVern and Nola McEntire to support engineering scholarships.
- \$50,000 from the estate of Mary Waterman for WQPT-TV.
- \$43,987 from the estate of Carolyn Pensinger in support of the WIU Art Gallery and Jack Pensinger Scholarship.
- \$40,000 commitment from the Illinois Soybean Association for crop production scholarships.
- Friends and family of late Representative Rich Myers contributed more than \$33,000 to establish Rich Myers Agriculture Scholarship.
- \$25,000 gift from retired Western Illinois University College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) Dean Nick DiGrino and his wife, Susan, to establish the Nicholas Joseph DiGrino Scholarship in Special Education in memory of their son.
- \$25,000 commitment from Rodney and Bertha Fink to establish the International Student Scholarship for female students from emerging or developing countries.
- \$25,000 from John & Sarah Garvey toward their \$100,000 commitment in support of hiring and retention of faculty members in the accountancy department.
- \$25,000 commitment from Susan and Clifford Haka to establish a scholarship in mathematics.
- \$25,000 gift from Elizabeth Kaspar to establish the Dr. Elizabeth Kaspar Lecture for Women’s History Month.
- \$25,000 gift from Gerald and Linda Patton to establish the Patton Minority Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences.
- \$21,350 from Charlie Carey for various scholarship and athletic initiatives.

Foundation Year in Review

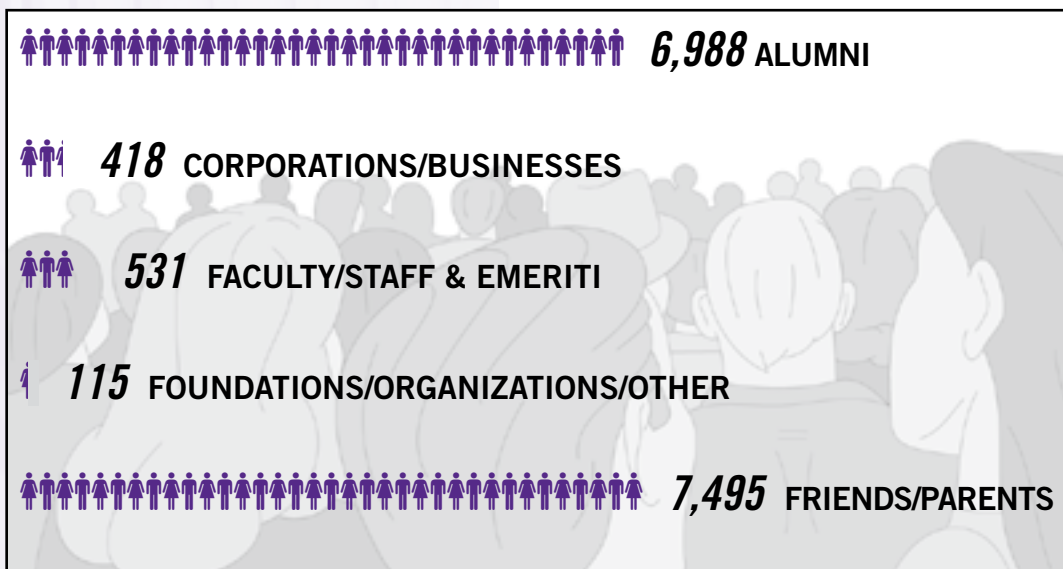
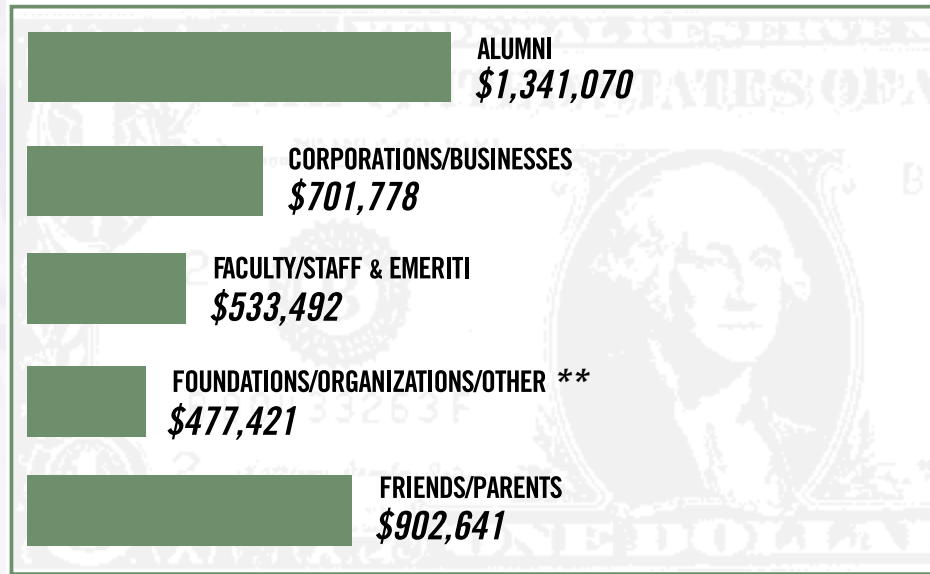
On behalf of the entire Western Illinois University community, the WIU Foundation thanks all of the generous individuals who made contributions to the University this past year. The following report highlights financial information, programs and services, and contributions to the Western Illinois University Foundation covering the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

- Private support received through the WIU Foundation, including cash gifts, gifts-in-kind pledges, and testamentary/deferred gift commitments totaled \$8,377,327.
- The WIU Foundation processed 29,737 gifts from 15,547 alumni, friends, parents, faculty and staff members, corporations and business, foundations, and other organizations.
- The average alumni contribution for all purposes was \$191.91.
- WIU Foundation expenditures in support of the University for all purposes totaled \$5,976,894.
- Contributions to the endowment added \$858,874 to the WIU Foundation's permanent asset base.

TOTAL DOLLARS CONTRIBUTED BY CATEGORY—FY11*

* Income only; outstanding pledges not included. Includes \$235,955 of gift-in-kind income.

** Does not include \$1,005,494 in outside scholarship donations for student support.

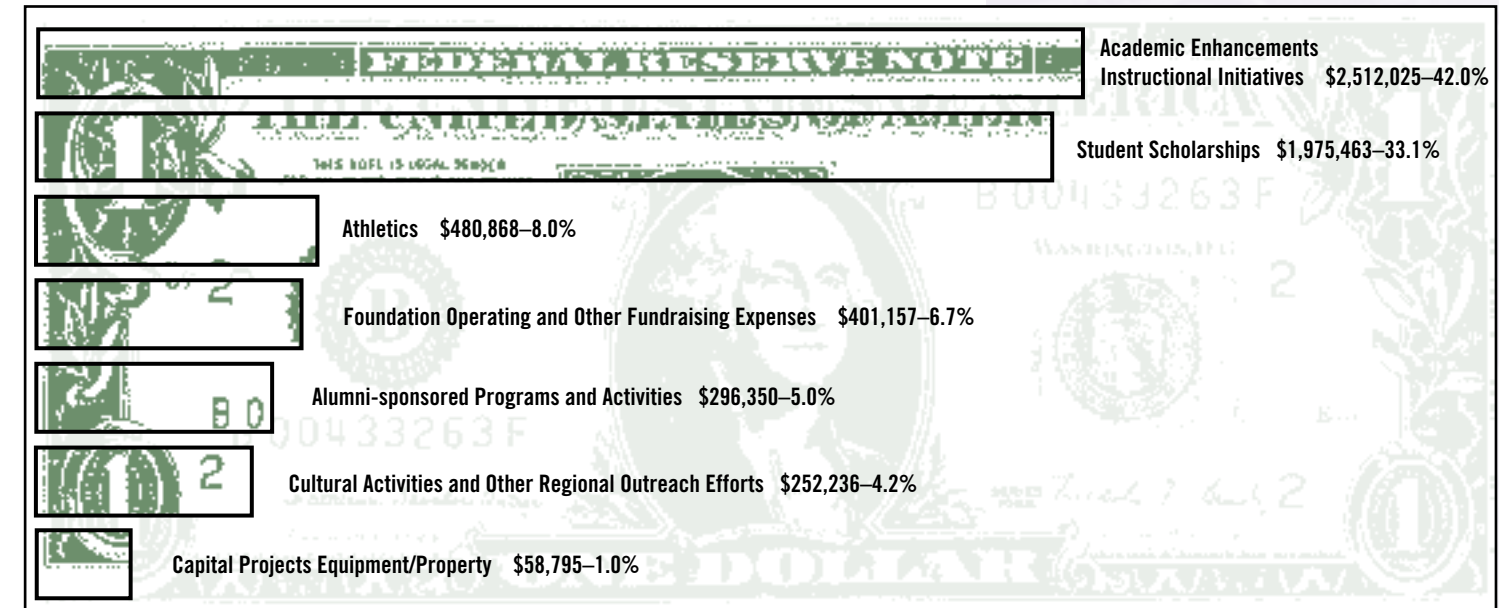


NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS BY CATEGORY—FY11*

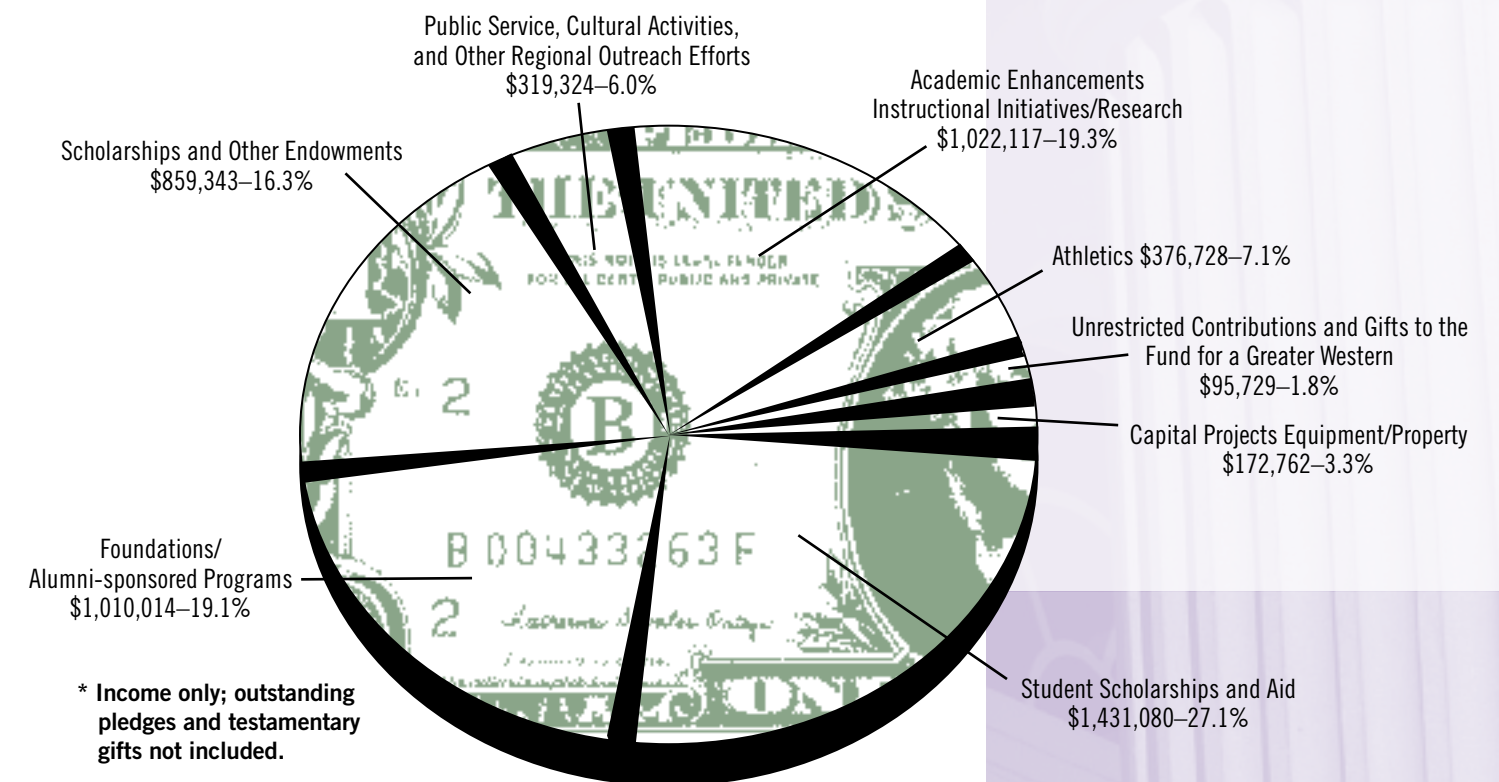
* Does not include 500 employees who are included in the alumni count, or the 317 parents included in the alumni count.

Financial Summary

EXPENDITURES BY PURPOSE—FY11



CONTRIBUTIONS BY PURPOSE—FY11



* Income only; outstanding pledges and testamentary gifts not included.

Includes all gift-in-kind and contribution income, including outside scholarship donations.

Annual Fund

The Western Illinois University Annual Fund allows our valued alumni, parents, friends, faculty and staff to support Western students with yearly gifts directed to the area of their choosing. From funding scholarship programs and enhancing learning opportunities to supporting schools, colleges and departments across our two campuses, annual gifts have a direct impact on current and future Leathernecks.

Over 10,000 individual donors unite each year in bridging the gap between tuition dollars and the actual cost of a Western education by giving an annual gift. With a strong base of donors who are committed to providing annual gifts to Western, we maintain and build upon our high level of academic excellence and service to students. Donors contributed more than \$2 million through the FY' 11 Annual Fund.

Corporate matching gifts (received from companies that match their employees' charitable contributions) also add to the overall Annual Fund total, allowing our donors to double, and sometimes triple, their contribution.

Donors also may contribute unrestricted gifts to the WIU Foundation's Fund for a Greater Western. Unrestricted gifts are especially significant, as they allow the Foundation to direct funds where the needs and opportunities are the greatest and to advance our mission and core values.

Each and every gift is both needed and appreciated at Western; it represents a commitment to our University and our students. We thank you for participating in the Annual Fund and helping us make Western a stronger and more vital community. ♦



Scholarships

A highly-funded scholarship program at Western Illinois University attracts the talented and promising students to the University, rewards academic achievement, and makes a Western education more affordable to qualified students. Through scholarship opportunities at Western, many students are able to complete their education and meet academic and career goals. The Western Illinois University Scholarship Program awards hundreds of named scholarships to students on an annual basis. Individuals or heirs choose to perpetuate their families' names and values by establishing either annual or endowed scholarships through the WIU Foundation. What follows are highlights of the support and generosity in Fiscal Year 2011 that have enhanced the Western Illinois University Scholarship Program, one of the finest regional university scholarship programs in the Midwest.

- The WIU Foundation distributed 3,600 awards totaling more than \$2 million in scholarships this past year. Including institution-based aid and room scholarships, more than \$3 million was awarded to WIU students in Fiscal Year 2011.
- Scholarship awards represented more than 33% of the Foundation's total expenditures for the year.
- New contributions added \$859,000 to the endowment for scholarships, assistantships, research, and similar areas.
- Donors to the WIU Scholarship Program include alumni, parents and relatives of WIU alumni, students, current and retired faculty and staff members.

The following new scholarships were established through the WIU Foundation in Fiscal Year 2011. We thank the individuals, corporations, and foundations whose generosity made these scholarships possible.

- Dimitri Andrianacos Memorial Scholarship in Economics
- Shane & Terra Bennett Scholarship
- Albert & Dorothy Burgard Scholarship in Elementary Education
- Delta Zeta Scholarship
- Nicholas Joseph DiGrino Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Rodney & Bertha Fink International Scholarship



Terri Hare, Director of University Scholarship Activities

- First Farm Credit Foundation Agriculture Scholarship
- Michael Harold Gorsuch Scholarship
- Janice Sue Grady Scholarship
- Susan & Clifford Haka Scholarship in Mathematics
- George Huseman Scholarship for Geography
- Louise Huseman Scholarship for Language Arts
- Illinois Soybean Association Crop Production Scholarship
- V. Diana Kline Scholarship/Professorship
- LaVern & Nola McEntire Engineering Scholarship
- Willis & Helen Meek Scholarship in Economics
- Keith & Marcia Judickas Broadcasting Scholarship
- John E. Murphy Scholarship Endowment
- Richard P. Myers Memorial Fund for Agriculture Scholarships
- Jack Pensinger Athletic Scholarship
- David & Susan Reem Scholarship for Excellence
- Sheila Grone Roehlke Scholarship
- Sharon K.S. & Donald J. Tomnitz CBT Scholarship
- Dr. Reef Waldrep Journalism Scholarship
- Jerry Wamsley Scholarship in Athletics

Major and Planned Gifts

Conger Study Abroad Endowment

James and Syndy Conger are gentle and soft-spoken people. Following careers at Western Illinois University, they quietly returned to Iowa City, a town they had grown to love during graduate school. Contrary to their personal demeanors, their involvement with and legacy to Western is big, loud and boisterous.

The Congers recently committed a portion of their estate (currently valued at \$200,000) to benefit the Drs. James F. and Syndy M. Conger Endowment for Study Abroad, established in 2001. In addition, they are in the process of endowing the Dr. Syndy Conger Graduate Essay Award in the Department of English and Journalism in the amount of \$25,000.

Jim and Syndy first met in Germany in the 1960s as undergraduates studying abroad.

“We met very romantically,” said Syndy. “We were both studying in Tübingen, learning German. It was so picturesque and a very special time in our lives.”

Their relationship grew through their shared experience away from home, and what Jim refers to as “estrangement of the everyday.” Everything, from the food to the language to the completion of household chores, was different than in the United States.

“Tokens were required to use the stove and take a shower, we had no idea what we were doing,” he said. Each aspect of each day was a brand new experience.

At the conclusion of the study abroad experience, both returned to the states for graduate school. Although Jim had planned to attend the University of Kansas, he transferred to the University of Iowa, where Syndy was a student. They married in 1967 and were both teaching assistants during the Vietnam era.

“TAs at that time were caught between the faculty and the students [in terms of the war, demonstrations on campus, etc.],” said Jim. “The mood was ugly.”

Then in 1972, they came to Western. Syndy joined the English department faculty, and over the years directed the graduate program and served as chair. Upon her retirement in 2002, the department established The Syndy M. Conger Essay Award to recognize the best academic writing in the Master of Arts program.

“Not many awards exist for graduate students,” explained Syndy, “and English graduate students are typically not encouraged to develop their

academic (as opposed to creative) writing. I’m very pleased that the award recognizes academic writing and is a testimonial to the fact that people who are teachers love to continue to discover.”

Syndy and Jim are in the process of endowing the award so student recipients will receive a \$1,000 honorarium each year into perpetuity.

“I have always found language and the use of language magical. It is magical to look at black and white squiggles on a page and have a new world open up, to be able to use sentences,” Syndy continued. “Language is a miracle for those who can understand it.”

Jim began work with international programs at Western, and was a founding faculty member for Western’s English as a Second Language (WESL) program.

“There was not much ESL experience around the Midwest at that time,” said Jim. “We built the international programs from scratch.”

In the early 80s, he received an award to study how to develop an international student exchange program, for which he returned to the same part of Germany where he and Syndy studied.

“I initially started a successful exchange program with German students, and this worked well for some years,” said Jim. “WIU did not have a study abroad office at the time, so my colleagues and I began to lobby for it. In 1996, we were finally given the opportunity, thanks largely to then Dean Linda Stickney-Taylor, former President Donald Spencer, and the late Senator Paul Simon.”

The goal, according to Jim, was to create a visible international study program for Western, balanced between hosting international students and sending Western students out of the country to study. “Studying abroad completely changes your perspective, on your own country and your own life,” said Syndy. “We are determined that the opportunity exist for others.”



James and Syndy Conger

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“We are totally committed to the study abroad experience,” said Jim. “It had a huge effect on our lives, and we would like to help hard-working, inspired students without a lot of means to have this life-changing opportunity.

“It is so important for Americans to go to other countries,” Jim continued. “It is an important kind of quiet diplomacy, where young

people meet other young people, displacing fear and trepidation and replacing it with diplomacy.”

The Congers’ generosity will preserve this diplomacy for students at Western Illinois University. ♦

Ontiveros, Group O Entrepreneur Establishes Endowment

Robert Ontiveros, chairman of Group O, headquartered in Milan, (IL), knows a thing or two about creating and seizing opportunity. And recently, Ontiveros created an opportunity for Hispanic students at Western Illinois University in the form of a generous scholarship endowment.

Ontiveros was born in Moline in 1938, the second of 12 children. He graduated from Moline High School, then immediately enrolled in Moline Community College (now Black Hawk), graduating in 1960. From there he went to the University of Cincinnati for a year and a half. Short of money his last semester, he left school to marry his sweetheart, Blenda Lou Crummer, and return to his home.

“I think having been brought up so poor and having to work all the while I was in school gave me a ‘real world education’ as well as book learning,” said Ontiveros. “I was not a good student, barely above a ‘C’ average. However, looking back, what I gained was the ability to network and make life-long friendships.”

Indeed, Ontiveros’ firm, Group O Companies, which he started by literally knocking on factory doors more than 30 years ago, is now a multimillion-dollar enterprise with four separate businesses and is the ninth largest Hispanic owned business in America.

“I never would have dreamed that we’d (the company) grow to where we are today,” Ontiveros says about Group O’s success. “But I do think growing up in an environment where maybe you wouldn’t think I’d be successful made a difference. Throughout my life, whenever I’ve been successful it was when someone had thrown a stumbling block in front of me, and I climbed right over it. I think it gives you a stronger character and work ethic. To be successful, you overcome these things.”

Throughout his career, Ontiveros has seized the opportunity to rise to every challenge with integrity and an entrepreneurial spirit. Respected



Robert Ontiveros

for his value-focused way of doing business and philanthropy in the region, he is now creating an opportunity for Western students. Bob and Blenda Ontiveros have committed \$100,000 to establish a scholarship endowment for full-time Quad Cities students with demonstrated financial need. Preference will be given to students of Hispanic origin. Five scholarships will be awarded each academic year.

“The only way out of poverty is education and learning the new technologies of our current world. It’s an ever-changing world, and I think I can make a difference by providing these scholarships,” Ontiveros said.

“The Ontiveros Scholarship is a tremendous gift for WIU-Quad Cities,” said Joe Rives, Vice President for the Quad Cities, Planning and Technology. “Western is the only Illinois public university, and only Midwestern public university, cited by The Education Trust for successful graduation rates for Hispanic students. The Ontiveros Scholarship will strengthen Western’s success while transforming the lives of the individual recipients. We are grateful for, and humbled by, Bob and Blenda’s generosity and vision.”

“As a local business owner, I fully appreciate the economic impact that WIU brings to our local economy,” said Ontiveros. “WIU’s beautiful new campus on the banks of the Mississippi River makes the Quad Cities a truly strong learning center for higher education, enabling us to compete in the global marketplace.”

“My intent,” he continued, “is to make the best use and help the most we can with this endowment.” ♦

Tomnitz CBT Challenge

Each year, WIU's College of Business and Technology (CBT) bestows the honor of Distinguished Alumni on a graduate who demonstrates exemplary leadership and outstanding career success. Donald J. Tomnitz, vice chairman, president and chief executive officer of D.R. Horton Incorporated, earned the distinction in 2010.

Tomnitz attended the ceremony to accept the award in April 2010. It was his first visit back to campus in 37 years. After earning his Master of Business Administration in finance in 1975, and teaching for three quarters while his wife, Sharon (MS.Ed. '76), finished her degree, Tomnitz worked in the banking industry, real estate, and various divisions within the D.R. Horton Company, "America's Homebuilder." He was also a captain in the U.S. Army for four years between his undergraduate and graduate degrees.

The Tomnizes found their visit to WIU so refreshing that they began to conceptualize a scholarship program. Consistent with Don's innovative business reputation, this was no ordinary scholarship gift. The couple decided to build a scholarship endowment as a "challenge" to other CBT donors.

CBT's annual fund appeal this year offered the "Tomnitz Match." Don and Sharon generously matched all financial contributions to CBT up to \$100,000, directing their share to the Sharon K.S. and Donald J. Tomnitz Scholarship Award Endowment. As CBT contributions are received, the Tomnizes deposit an equal amount in their scholarship endowment.

The Tomnitz Scholarship will be awarded annually to a U.S. military veteran majoring in any discipline within CBT.

"We established the scholarship as a challenge in order to permit others to participate at any financial level," said Don. "The goal was to create as large a scholarship fund as possible, so we could assist as many military veterans as possible."

"We both obtained master's degrees at WIU in the mid-1970s," explained Sharon. "Don used the Vietnam Era Veteran's Scholarship and I was awarded an academic scholarship my first year of graduate



Don and Sharon Tomnitz, center, with Gordy (left) and Diane (right) Taylor

school. These scholarships provided both of us the opportunity to achieve a higher level of education and better prepare us for the future. We established our scholarship at WIU to provide others, specifically U.S. military veterans, the same opportunities we were afforded. We strongly believe in the motto of paying it forward."

"The quality of the College of Business and Technology and the counseling/guidance department was excellent," said Don. "Each program taught the theory, but most importantly, were able to relate it to reality. Further, the professors in both programs were very approachable and each had a keen interest in those of us who were seeking to master the material."

"The Tomnitz Match and the Tomnitz Scholarship have energized CBT's fundraising efforts this year," said CBT Dean Tom Erekson. "Alumni nationwide responded early and generously to their departments' annual appeals, so that our totals are ahead of previous years. A few donors have come forth with larger than usual annual gifts, \$10,000 to \$30,000, in order to leverage the Tomnitz Match."

"All areas benefit from this," Erekson continued. "Individual programs are receiving private support, and all the while the Tomnitz Scholarship continues to grow. CBT is grateful to the Tomnizes for their generosity and for the unconventional approach they have taken to helping the College." ♦

LinguSystems Founders Support Establishment of WIU-QC Childcare Center

Rosemary Huisingh ('70, '75), and Linda Bowers, co-founders and co-owners of LinguSystems (East Moline, Illinois), made a \$50,000 commitment to the WIU-QC campus daycare center.

"We support education, especially when it comes to caring for our youngest citizens," said Bowers. "The parents of children who will attend the preschool will probably be students at WIU. Top quality daycare and preschool are critical for them. WIU's preschool will be that and will give hands-on experience to early childhood education majors."

"Additionally," she continued, "we want these parent-students to stay in our QC communities. A well-educated workforce is attractive to current and future businesses." ♦



Linda Bowers and Rosemary Huisingh

ISA Crop Production Scholarship Announced

The Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) committed \$40,000 to the education of future plant researchers at WIU. Scholarships will be available to new freshmen and transfer agriculture science majors with minors in agronomy or plant breeding.

"Our goal is to invest in a program that supports students interested in crop sciences and who can ultimately fill much-needed industry positions," said Ron Moore, ISA chairman and soybean farmer from Roseville, (IL). "Global population growth is going to create greater demand for food and a greater need to produce more food per acre."

"Students often overlook what can be exciting and well paying career opportunities in crop sciences," he continued. "We hope to help attract talented young people to address the challenge of feeding the world." ♦



Cindy Dooley, chair of the curriculum and instruction department, with Susan and Nick DiGrino

DiGrinos Honor Son with Special Education Scholarship

In honor of their son, Nick and Susan DiGrino of Macomb established the Nicholas Joseph DiGrino Memorial Scholarship for Special Education Majors.

Nick DiGrino, former dean of the College of Education and Human Services, recently retired after 35 years of service to Western Illinois University. Susan DiGrino is director of environmental health at the McDonough County Health Department. Their son died in 1983. Nick recalled that, at the time, a family friend cross-stitched a sampler for them that read, "His song will be sung, if we do the singing."

"I have remembered and thought about that saying over the years," said Nick. "This scholarship represents one more opportunity to sing Nicholas' song." ♦

Kaspar Gift Endows University Libraries Lecture Series

Elizabeth Kaspar, a member of the former educational foundations department (now educational and interdisciplinary studies), contributed \$25,000 to endow a permanent lecture series for University Libraries during Women's History Month.

"Creating a lecture series to highlight accomplished women by bringing them to Western means a great deal to me," Kaspar said. "I think it is important for our students, especially our women students, to be inspired by women who have excelled in their fields. Too, I want them to be reminded that they can be or do anything they want. Since March is Women's History Month, it is the most appropriate time for the lectures to take place." ♦



Brad Bainter, vice president for advancement and public services, President Al Goldfarb, Phyllis Self, dean of University Libraries, and Elizabeth Kaspar (seated)

WIU-Quad Cities

WIU-Quad Cities Update

Western Illinois University has been a presence in the Quad Cities since 1912. The continued growth of WIU-Quad Cities is a result of strong collaboration between the University, numerous individuals, businesses, and government agencies.

This fall, WIU-QC welcomes new freshmen that are dually enrolled, taking classes at the University and Black Hawk College at the same time. New programs include combined bachelor's/master's degrees in Liberal Arts and Sciences, the RN-BSN degree completion program online, the supply chain management undergraduate degree, and supply chain concentration in the Masters in Business Administration.

An agreement reached in FY11 determined that WIU-QC, in partnership with St. Ambrose University, will co-host the Quad-Cities Graduate Study Center. WIU was a charter member of the 10-institution consortium that was formed in 1969 to provide graduate educational opportunities to the Quad Cities region and beyond. The center was formerly housed at Augustana College.

The growth of WIU-Quad Cities has resulted in new facilities. The new, state-of-the-art WIU-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus will host classes starting this January, and will support all College of Business and Technology classes, all other undergraduate classes, Student Services, and University administration.

Planning for Phase II of the Riverfront Campus will be completed in January. The campus anxiously awaits release of previously appropriated construction funding to continue the project. As the campus grows, the WIU-Quad Cities' 60th Street facility will supplement activities at Riverfront Campus.

One of the newest additions to WIU-QC, WQPT-TV Quad Cities public television is a strong and active member of the communities it serves. WQPT-TV is accessible to more than half a million viewers in eastern Iowa and Western Illinois. Completely self-supporting, WQPT raises nearly \$600,000 annually from individual members, grants, and local funds.



Businesses and agencies supporting WIU-QC during Fiscal Year 2011 include:

- Bituminous Casualty Corporation
- Community Foundation of the Great River Bend
- Doris & Victor Day Foundation
- Harris Family Foundation
- Holabird & Root, LLC
- Illinois Construction, Labor & Management Council
- LinguSystems
- McCarthy-Bush Foundation
- Mid American Energy Foundation
- Midland Information Resources
- Modern Woodmen of America
- The Moline Foundation
- RIA Federal Credit Union
- Royal Neighbors of America
- Scott County Regional Authority

Together, these businesses and agencies contributed nearly \$400,000 in FY11 for purposes ranging from scholarships to academic program support and assistance for development of the Riverfront Campus. WIU-Quad Cities continues to build on the funding momentum led in Fiscal Year 2009 by the most generous gift of \$1 million by the John Deere and Moline Foundations.

"The number and diversity of the private and public investors in WIU-Quad Cities, and those who have helped with the progress of the Riverfront Campus, reinforces the community's commitment to the betterment of both the regional economy and educational landscape of the entire Quad Cities region," said Joe Rives, vice president of Quad Cities, planning and technology. "We are very grateful for the outpouring of support that we have received, and we will continue to work hard to ensure that WIU-Quad Cities remains the public choice." ♦

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