President's Club
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Dan & Paula Alefs
Dan and Paula take great pride in supporting Wichita State, an institution they think enhances the quality of life in Wichita in many different ways. They contribute primarily to WSU’s athletic programs, including by donating two motorcycles to the annual Gregg Marshall Auction to raise money for the men’s basketball program. The couple has been owners of Alefs Harley-Davidson the past 10 years.

Dan grew up in Great Bend and spent many years in the oil industry before opening his own motorcycle retail store with Paula, a native of Spearville. Paula attended Wichita State for a time and also studied graphic design at the University of Kansas. Her father and son also have attended WSU.

The Alefs have four grown children and five grandchildren. They have many active hobbies such as boating, hiking and “racing anything fast.” They are season-ticket holders to WSU men’s basketball and get a kick from the abundance of friends who volunteer to help fill their seats.

Britt M. & Marilyn O. Brown
Britt and Marilyn believe Wichita State plays a pivotal role in the success of the Wichita community, and they want to do what they can to strengthen that role. It’s little wonder they feel so passionately about the city — Britt’s great, great-grandfather, Col. Marshall M. Murdock, was the founder of the Wichita Eagle in 1872. His father, Britt Brown, was the paper’s publisher for many years and a prominent community leader.

Britt and Marilyn established the Britt M. Brown Scholarship in Business to give students with financial need a better chance to live up to their potential. Britt graduated cum laude from Wichita State in 1974 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in administration and economics. He is an investment executive at UBS Financial Services, which he joined in 1992. He also formed Brown Investment Group in 1999. In 2012, he was named one of Barron’s America’s Top 1,000 Financial Advisors.

Marilyn graduated from Friends University with a bachelor's degree in human resources management. She is a champion show rider of American Saddlebred horses. Britt and Marilyn have three children and four grandchildren.

Charlie & Helen Brown
Charlie and Helen have endowed two scholarships at Wichita State in memory of their daughter, Kathy, who was 45 when she passed away in 2012 of complications stemming from lupus disease. The Browns have created the Kathryn C. Brown Scholarship in Business and the Kathryn C. Brown Scholarship in Health Professions. Kathy was working toward her accounting degree at WSU when she died. “It was her goal to obtain that degree despite all the obstacles thrown in her way,” says Charlie. The Browns also wanted to support nursing students as a way to show their deep appreciation for all of the nurses who cared for Kathy during her illness.

Charlie and Helen have both taken classes at Wichita State. Charlie audited some of the same business classes that his daughter took, and they sometimes competed to see who would get better scores on tests. Helen took several courses in music and vocal performance.

Charlie got a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Oklahoma and an MBA from the University of Utah. He spent the early part of his career with Chevron, then took a job in 1977 with Koch Industries in Wichita. He is now retired. The Browns also have a grown son.

Capps Manufacturing Inc.
It’s not all that unusual to see Barney Capps, president and founder of Capps Manufacturing, driving around his company’s sprawling factory floor in a golf cart decked in Shocker yellow and black. Capps Manufacturing has been a loyal supporter of WSU athletic programs for many years. Barney started the business in his garage part time in the 1960s. In 1983, he left his full-time job to run what was then Capps Machine.

Today, Capps Manufacturing, headquartered at 2121 S. Edwards in Wichita, operates in more than 300,000 square feet and employs 180 people. The company has a complete fabrication and assembly facility for aircraft products, manufacturing items for most of the major aircraft companies. Ron Capps, Barney’s son, is vice president and co-owns the company with his father.

Central Steel Inc.

Central Steel Inc. is a steel fabricating company founded in Wichita in 1970 by Robert Aaby. Today it is owned and operated by Robert’s grandsons, Les and Stewart Aaby, who are brothers. Central Steel supplied the steel for several WSU building projects, including the renovation of Koch Arena, Eck Stadium and Shocker Hall.

Stewart earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in management from Wichita State in 1987 and his wife, Dina, received a BBA in international business from WSU in 1986. Their two daughters attend Wichita State.

The Aaby family has been lifelong fans of Shocker athletics, holding season tickets to men’s basketball. Their support to Wichita State is through the Shocker Athletic Scholarship Organization. Stewart and Dina also contribute to the W. Frank Barton School of Business Annual Fund.

Charlie & Cindy Claycomb

For about five years in the late 1980s and early 1990s, if you saw Charlie on campus you also saw Cindy right next to him. That’s because the two took every class together — 57 credit hours — while they were getting their MBAs in the W. Frank Barton School of Business. One of their favorite memories from that time is getting in free to WSU baseball games after night classes.

Charlie earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Wichita State in 1971 and an MBA in 1991. He is retired from a career in information technology at various places, including Boeing, Sedgwick County and Metropolitan Life Insurance. Cindy received a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1979 and an MBA in 1991. She got her doctorate from Oklahoma State University. Cindy is director of WSU Ventures and assistant to the president for strategic planning. She served as interim dean of the Barton School of Business from 2013-2014 and also was a marketing professor. Her corporate experience includes various management and analyst positions with Pizza Hut and Boeing.

Cindy and Charlie support many WSU athletic programs as well as the Barton School and KMUW 89.1. They have donated to the Miró conservation project and also are members of the WSU Foundation’s Society of 1895. They have one grown daughter and three grandchildren. They enjoy traveling, bicycling, hiking and attending Shocker games.

Kerry & Merci Crisp

Kerry and Merci have supported Wichita State athletics for many years, giving primarily to the Shocker Athletic Scholarship Organization as well as to the unrestricted fund. They are members of the WSU Foundation’s Society of 1895. Kerry served on the Ablah Library’s 21st Century Campaign Committee.

A graduate of Wichita State, with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in administration of justice, Kerry says the relationships he built as a student have served him well throughout his career. He is retired from Spirit Aerosystems, where he was vice president of human resources before his
last year as vice president of labor relations. He worked for the Wichita Police Department and was interim chief when he left in 1989 to take a job as director of security at Boeing.

Merci retired in 2008 from the Wichita Eagle, where she was an internal auditor. Kerry and Merci have four grown children and 13 grandchildren. They consider Wichita State vital to their extended family’s success. Their son, Brad, earned a master’s degree from Wichita State and is fire marshal for the Wichita Fire Department. Kerry and Merci live in rural Butler County.

**Jeff & Kelley DeGraffenreid**

Jeff and Kelley have many reasons to support Wichita State. Not only are they both alumni, but they also view education as the key to creating vibrant, livable communities. And they’re passionate about Shocker athletics, too.

Jeff earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from WSU and a law degree from Washburn University School of Law. He is deputy general counsel for Spirit AeroSystems. Kelley received a master’s degree in political science at Wichita State, after getting a bachelor’s degree from the University of Kansas. She is a freelance writer and photographer.

Jeff has many fond memories of the great faculty members he had at Wichita State, as well as extracurricular activities with Beta Theta Pi fraternity, Student Government Association and the Student Activities Council. He is a life member of the WSU Alumni Association and served as its board president from 2002-2003. In 2001, he received the WSU Alumni Association’s Young Alumni Award. Jeff also serves on the WSU Foundation National Advisory Council. He has served on the boards of the Shocker Athletic Scholarship Organization as well as the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association.

Jeff and Kelley give generously to Shocker athletics and also support the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, whose advisory board Jeff serves on. Both are active in the Quivira Council of Boy Scouts of America. They enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, backpacking and cycling. They never miss WSU men’s basketball home games and often travel to watch the team on the road.

**Richard K. & Kimberly D. Dinkel**

By contributing philanthropically to Wichita State, Richard and Kimberly hope they can help highlight what a great educational choice it is in Kansas and the region. As graduates of Wichita State, they describe it as a university with an exceptional campus, excellent faculty and strong relationships with Wichita-area businesses.

Richard earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting from Wichita State. He is the controller and chief accounting officer for Koch Industries. Richard serves on the WSU School of Accountancy advisory council and on the Koch Global Trading Center advisory board. He has worked closely with the Financial Accounting Standards Board and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He also has been on the boards of Starkey Inc., the Salvation Army and Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Kimberly received a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Wichita State. She works as a children’s program coordinator for the Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas. Richard and Kimberly contribute primarily to Wichita State’s athletic programs. The couple has two sons. They enjoy outdoor activities and traveling, especially on weekend trips to Table Rock Lake with their family.

**Jay C. & Kristen Ewy**
Jay and Kristen cherish the memories of their student days at Wichita State, especially making friends who have lasted a lifetime and attending sporting events. Today, they maintain strong ties to WSU through their financial gifts as well as their enthusiastic support of athletics.

Kristen obtained a bachelor’s degree in the physician assistant program in 1995. While at Wichita State she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She works today as a physician assistant for Kansas Physicians Group. Jay is a 1993 graduate of Wichita State with a Bachelor of Business Administration. He founded Docuplex Printing in 1998 with his father, Jerry, a 1970 graduate of Wichita State. Jay served on the board of directors of the Shocker Athletic Scholarship Organization (SASO) for six years and was president for one term. He also served on the Intercollegiate Athletic Association board for three years.

Docuplex contributes extensive printing work for the WSU athletics department. Jay and Kristen also donate to SASO and the Coach’s Club. They have two children.

**James P. Harris, Ph.D., & Patricia G. Wyatt-Harris, M.D.**

Wichita State is the place Jim and Patty first met, and Ablah Library was especially important to them as their relationship developed over studying and socializing. It’s one reason they established the James Harris and Patricia Wyatt-Harris Library Fund for WSU University Libraries. They also have endowed a scholarship and they contribute generously to KMUW 89.1, the annual funds for the College of Engineering and Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and various athletic programs.

Jim earned a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from the University of Kansas, then got a master’s degree and a doctorate in that field from Wichita State. Along with his father and brother, he cofounded Diamond J, a company that designs and manufactures aircraft engine instruments. After 25 years there, he became a high school physics and astronomy teacher at The Independent School.

Patty received a bachelor’s degree in biology from WSU. She attended medical school at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita, graduating in 1981. She completed her obstetrics and gynecology residency at Wesley Medical Center. Patty is currently practicing gynecology at College Hill Ob-Gyn, where she has been a partner for 30 years.

Jim and Patty are big fans of Shocker basketball at Wichita State. They are grateful to WSU for helping to build a good foundation for their careers

**Joe & Harriet Harris**

Like so many other graduates of Wichita State, Joe and Harriet put themselves through school while also working and raising a family. As a result, they didn’t participate much in college activities, but they have a strong allegiance to WSU. The university helped prepare them for rewarding careers and has been a source of pride to them. Currently, they are season-ticket holders to men’s basketball, generously supporting athletics as well as the College of Education Annual Fund.

Harriet received her bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Kansas State University and her master’s degree in education from WSU in 1977. She taught in the Haysville School District as an elementary teacher and reading specialist until her retirement from teaching in 2001.

Joe received his bachelor’s degree from WSU in secondary education in 1969 and a master’s degree in educational administration in 1977. He taught high school for 10 years before entering private business in 1979 as a production manager and later part owner of Precision Pattern Inc. Joe retired in 2003.
The Harrises enjoy traveling and fishing in various locations around the world. They have fly-fished in Scotland and for the past 20 years have traveled to Alaska to fish there. The couple has two children and six grandchildren.

The Inn At Tallgrass

The Inn at Tallgrass has provided hotel rooms for the WSU athletics department for nearly three decades. Says owner Don Kennedy: “As a locally owned business, we believe we should support our home-town university and its athletic teams.”

The Inn at Tallgrass is an extended-stay hotel established in 1985. With season tickets to WSU athletic events, hotel representatives enjoy taking clients to Shocker games. Over the years, the Inn has provided accommodations to student athletes who are being recruited to Wichita State. It also has been a home-away-from-home for coaches during their relocations to Wichita.

Annie & Chase Koch

Annie and Chase are excited to see the direction Wichita State is moving as it focuses on giving students real-world education and emphasizes innovation and collaboration. They believe the quality of talent coming out of Wichita State will create more value for the community and for area employers, including Koch Industries, which employs about 3,600 people in Wichita, many of them WSU graduates.

Chase, who earned a bachelor’s degree in business marketing from Texas A&M, is president of Koch Agronomic Services LLC. Annie received a bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of Kansas and worked in the neonatal intensive care unit at Wesley Medical Center. She cares for the couple’s two young sons now.

Though they didn’t attend Wichita State, both Annie and Chase grew up in Wichita and first met at a WSU basketball game, so the university is near and dear to them. They provide generous support to WSU athletics.

Roger McCoy & Kathy Gann-McCoy

Roger and Kathy are proud to say that, between them, four of their six children have graduated from Wichita State University. Roger is a 1959 graduate of what was then the University of Wichita, earning a bachelor’s degree in geology. He says he chose Wichita State because of the good reputation of its geology department and the opportunity to work and train in the oil industry while attending WSU. Roger is a petroleum geologist who founded McCoy Petroleum Corporation in 1970. He is currently chairman of the company.

Roger and Kathy support Wichita State primarily through the Shocker Athletic Scholarship Organization. They also have contributed to the geology department, most notably by generously supporting the A.L. Abercrombie Professorship in Geophysics. All three of Roger’s sons graduated from Wichita State. Kathy attended the University of Wyoming and has three children; one is a WSU graduate. Between them, they have 18 grandchildren.

Philip R. & Cassandra McKee

Phil and Cassandra believe that the support of those who came before them helped them earn degrees at Wichita State and go on to successful careers. That’s why they feel an obligation to do the same for students who come after them. They have made significant contributions to the mathematics department in the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, as well as to WSU athletic programs.

Cassandra earned her bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Wichita State in 1978. Phil received a bachelor’s degree in mathematics in 1978 and a bachelor’s degree in computer science in
1979. He went on to get an MBA from Southern Methodist University in 1982. Phil is the founder, president and CEO of TurboChef and Appliance Innovation Inc.

Phil and Cassandra live in the Dallas area but maintain their connection to Kansas with various agricultural investments. They have one daughter, who currently is working as a domestic policy advisor for a 2016 presidential candidate.

**Mosby Lincoln Foundation**

The Mosby Lincoln Foundation seeks to carry forward the charitable example set by Olive White Garvey and Olivia Garvey Lincoln by contributing toward initiatives that enhance the quality of life in the Wichita area. At Wichita State University, the foundation recently provided a powerful gift that will enable the Ulrich Museum of Art to digitize the university’s art collection, one of its top priorities. The Mosby Lincoln Foundation also gave a substantial donation to the project to restore and conserve the Miró mosaic on the façade of the Ulrich Museum. That project is set for completion in fall 2016.

Other major projects supported by the foundation were improvements to the Coleman Tennis Complex and contributions to the James Sutherland Garvey International Center Endowed Fund.

**Nick & Susan Onofrio**

The years Nick and Susan spent as WSU students were active and positive, with many memories made of watching football games, going to homecoming, learning from great professors and making lifelong friends. “Our time at WSU was an important part of our lives as young adults and helped prepare us for the coming years,” Susan says.

Nick and Susan were married in 1964, a year before they graduated. Nick earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in economics and Susan received a bachelor’s degree in psychology. Nick worked for 15 years with the Coleman Company, then purchased GT Midwest, a wholesale distributor of industrial products. He is semi-retired from the company. Susan is an officer of the company.

Nick and Susan have been avid basketball fans for more than 50 years, and their giving to Wichita State is primarily to the university’s athletic programs. They view WSU as an integral part of the community, and its success vital to the city’s growth. The couple has two grown children and five grandchildren.

**Steven F. Rospond, D.D.S.**

Noting that he got his degrees from Creighton University, Steve says, “I may have been educated a Blue Jay but I definitely bleed black and yellow!” Steve earned a bachelor's degree in biology and a doctor of dental surgery at Creighton. He participated in cross country and track and field while in high school and college, so he understands the demands and stress of trying to get a college education while participating in athletic competition. Steve generously supports WSU men’s basketball and baseball programs.

Steve has his own dental practice in Derby and previously was director of dental services for Hunter Health Clinic in Wichita. He was born in Chicago. He has four children, including 10-year-old Sage, who has been a ball girl for WSU men’s basketball several times. Steve says he’s proud to be able to contribute to the success of Wichita State athletics.

**Stinson Leonard Street LLP**

The law firm of Stinson Leonard Street gives both time and financial resources to Wichita State. Besides supporting KMUW 89.1 for many years and co-sponsoring the annual Economic
Outlook Conference since 2005, the firm’s members serve WSU in a variety of ways. One sits on the WSU Foundation’s Planned Giving Council. Another is a member of the Wichita Area Outlook Team, a partner with the WSU Center for Economic Development and Business Research. One attorney has judged the annual Shocker New Venture Competition.

Stinson Leonard Street considers Wichita State a vital part of the community and one of the many reasons Wichita is a great place to live and do business. It believes that a healthy and strong WSU benefits all.

Stinson Leonard Street was the result of a merger in 2014 between Stinson Morrison Hecker and Leonard, Street and Deinard. Today, the firm has nearly 500 attorneys in 14 offices across the United States. In Wichita, Lynn Preheim is the firm’s managing partner. The Wichita office provides a broad range of legal services to local and national corporations, the aviation industry, financial institutions, oil and gas companies and small businesses and individuals. The office supports many of Wichita’s charitable organizations, and provides pro bono support.

**Thomas Transfer & Storage Co. Inc.**

One of the service-oriented goals for Thomas Transfer is to help provide children with opportunities for a high-quality education. That’s why the company donates to organizations that support kids, including the Kansas Kids @ Gear Up program, which works to prepare middle and high school students for college. Thomas Transfer recently donated furnished office space to the program, which is administered by Wichita State.

Thomas Transfer is family owned and operated by the fourth generation of the Thomas family. The company was established in 1945 in Emporia. It expanded its service area to Wichita in 1983 and is a preferred vendor for Wichita State for assisting in facility moves.

**Leroy & Trish Unruh**

When they established the LeRoy and Trish Unruh Endowed Scholarship in Business, the Unruhs were motivated by a desire to help WSU students get their degrees with as little debt as possible. Over the past 10 years, they’ve enjoyed getting to know award recipients. “They have been the type of students we wanted to help,” LeRoy says.

LeRoy chose to enroll at Wichita State after a high school teacher suggested he pursue a career in accounting. He has fond memories of attending football and basketball games, making friends and learning from respected faculty. LeRoy earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting in 1971, leading to a career on the audit and tax staff at Arthur Andersen & Co.

Trish earned a bachelor’s degree in dietetics from Northern Arizona University and a master’s degree in public health from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is a nutritionist for the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department.

LeRoy and Trish have two grown children. In retirement, LeRoy volunteers for a number of organizations, including the Boy Scouts and Mid America Running. He and Trish enjoy vacationing as often as they can at Glacier National Park.

**UMB Bank**

UMB Bank has long been a supporter of Wichita State and its programs, including a recent generous gift commitment to the Shocker Athletic Scholarship Organization and the Champions Club. The financial holding company believes that it’s important to contribute to a university that educates the future leaders of Wichita and aids in the economic development and innovation of our region.

UMB Financial Corporation is a diversified financial holding company headquartered in Kansas City, Mo. It operates banking and wealth management centers throughout Missouri, Illinois,
Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Arizona and Texas, as well as two national specialty-
lending businesses. UMB entered the Wichita market in 1996 and currently has two branches and 26
associates employed in the community.

Cari Clayton, senior vice president of commercial lending for UMB Bank in Wichita,
received both her bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in business administration from WSU.
UMB Bank in Wichita also has seven associates who have received their bachelor’s degrees or
master’s degrees from Wichita State.

John & Gail Wadsworth

As graduates of Wichita State, John and Gail are grateful for the education they received, but
also for the fun activities in which they participated. “Being involved in university activities while
receiving a great education has benefited us our entire lives,” they say. John earned a bachelor’s
degree in mechanical engineering and Gail received a bachelor’s degree in elementary education,
both in 1979.

Today, they own Piping & Equipment Co. Inc., a specialty contractor that builds refineries
and power plants. They also own JAW Investments, a real estate investment company. Gail also
works as a mentor and English tutor in the WSU Athletic Student Services Center.

John and Gail grew up in Wichita and enrolled at WSU because of the excellent reputations
of its colleges of education and engineering. John was on the WSU crew team and recalls fondly the
competition and camaraderie with other athletes. The couple tries to give back to Wichita State by
supporting the College of Engineering as well as athletic programs, including by establishing the
Wadsworth Family Student-Athlete Scholarship. John and Gail have two daughters, both of whom
graduated from WSU and played volleyball here. They are season-ticket holders for WSU basketball,
baseball and volleyball.

T. Michael Young

Mike earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting in 1967 from
Wichita State, after attending night classes for three years while working full-time and raising a
family. Though he wasn’t able to engage in many typical college experiences, he still has fond
memories of his time as a student. “One of the great things about WSU is that it does cater to all
students and provides an atmosphere where each person can decide how they want to experience
the university,” he says. “It was perfect for me.”

Today, Mike is a partner in The CapStreet Group LLC, a private equity firm based in
Houston. He serves on the WSU Foundation National Advisory Council and is a member of the
Foundation’s Society of 1895, which honors those who have established deferred gifts to Wichita
State. Mike has given generous support to Wichita State’s efforts to build a new facility for the W.
Frank Barton School of Business, believing that a modern teaching environment will better prepare
students for tomorrow’s business world. Mike also contributed to the Koch Global Trading Center
in the Barton School. Mike lives in Houston and has two grown children.

ZE Power Group Inc.

ZE Power Group is a technology company providing customers with software and services
that transform decoupled and fragile data-related routines into streamlined, transparent, secure and
automated business processes. The company, headquartered in British Columbia, Canada, developed
an award-winning data management software called ZEMA. It has provided the software to Wichita
State to be used by students in the Koch Global Trading Center, a simulated trading facility located
in Clinton Hall. ZE Power Group’s donation of the software is part of its corporate commitment to
support academic research and promote education.