Miró conservation fundraising campaign declared a success

The efforts by the WSU Foundation and the Ulrich Museum have raised $2.2 million for the Miró conservation project. The $1.2 million raised by the campaign, plus $1 million from the Ulrich’s own endowment and $600,000 from the Fred Jones Jr. Fund, exceed the $1 million campaign goal.

A major campaign to the WSU Foundation and the Ulrich Museum set to raise $2.2 million – an amount that will restore and conserve 16 paintings by one of the Girona, Spain, artist’s best-known works. The campaign, which ended on Oct. 31, 2013, was the largest fundraising effort in the museum’s history.

"We are very pleased that our Miró conservation campaign is coming to a successful conclusion," said Director Bob Workman. "We are very happy to work with our long-time partner, the WSU Foundation, and with our visitors and contributors. Together we have accomplished something truly remarkable and unique."}

The campaign, which began in September 2012, raised $2.2 million to repair and conserve 16 paintings by Spanish artist Joan Miró. The project will be the first major conservation effort of its type in the United States. The paintings were donated by the Miró family and will be on display at the Ulrich Museum in fall 2014.

"It was a natural fit for us to support the Ulrich's conservation efforts," said Workman. "It is a rare and wonderful opportunity to work with our friends at the museum and the WSU Foundation to ensure the future of some of the greatest works of art from the 20th century."

"The Ulrich Museum is fortunate to have such a committed and generous group of donors," said WSU Foundation President and CEO Richard Irwin. "This success story is a testament to the efforts and support of our donors and friends."

"It is a wonderful gift from the Miró family that will be enjoyed by many future generations," said Workman. "The Ulrich Museum is grateful for the support of our donors and friends who have helped make this possible."
Rhatigan Student Center: a high-profile venue for naming opportunities

Gifts to support the newly renovated building will also help raise the funding barrier on students.

The key required rezone areas of the Rhatigan Student Center is only half built, but already students are having difficulty, whether eating, dining, referring to front-line services, and having regular contact with others.

In fact, the RCS is pulling part of the university's heart from it's heart; from novice users, through to the upgraded and high-profile student assets, and to the larger and larger student facilities.

The RCS is located in the center of the University of Wichita State. Their vision is to create a state-of-the-art student center that will be the heart of campus life.

Rhatigan Student Center (RSC) is a name that brings pride to Wichita State University. The RSC is a place where students can come together to study, socialize, and enjoy various activities.

The RCS is open to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors of Wichita State University. The RCS is the heart of campus life and a place where students can relax, study, and socialize.

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A journalism frontier awaits first recipient of Hubbard-Hattom scholarship

Shelby Reynolds is eager to contribute her industry to a new horizon. She is the first recipient of the Hubbard-Hattom Scholarship. She is the daughter of the late journalist and publisher, Parish Hubbard Hattom. In his memory, the Wichita State University Foundation established the scholarship to provide financial assistance to aspiring journalists.

"I'm excited to see where journalism is going to be making me," says Reynolds, a sophomore at Wichita State University. "There's so much to explore, so many options. I want to play a role in how digital media and social media are changing the face of journalism."

Reynolds, a first-generation college student who grew up in Wichita, is the grandchild of the late journalist Parish Hubbard and his wife, Theresa Hattom. The couple started the journal "The Western Whig," which later became the "Wichita Beacon."

"We both remember what it was like to be students, having a hard time paying for books, and other bills," Reynolds said. "We talked about it and decided, 'It's time to do something to help other young people in that situation.'"

Both Hubbard and Hattom received scholarships while at WSU, but they also worked part-time jobs while pursing their degrees. Though both remembered some moments of remarkable discipline and working to fund their college educations, they feel a sense of obligation to their alma mater.

"We decided we could raise part of our tuition to help others on your campus," Reynolds said. "We sacrificed a lot back then, so what's a little more sacrifice now? Hopefully it'll make a big difference for a current student."

That's especially the case for Reynolds. Her family has limited ability to help finance her college education, so scholarship assistance is invaluable, she said.

"To get this scholarship is a lot of the stress off of me and my family," said Reynolds, who works part-time at a pizza restaurant and loves to help people in her community.

"Don't know how I would have gone to college if I didn't have this on my own finances. College was especially important to my dad. He wants me for what he never had, which is an education.

Reynolds recalls always enjoying writing. She was the editor of her school newspaper at Wichita Northwest her junior and senior years.

"I've always been a big reader and thought I would be an author someday," she said. "Then I decided I wanted to be a journalist, even though I really had no idea what that meant — that one of the few I'm making a newspaper and interviewing people. That's scary."

She's not sure where her journalism education will take her, but she knows she wants to write, whether it's a few controversial columns or a book. "I'm a magazine or for one of the many digital publications that are experimenting with new ways to tell stories.

"There is much to think about in journalism right now, but one thing I'm confident is that there will always be a need for people to tell stories and share information," Reynolds said. "I want to be a part of that."
Michael Heaston’s support of WSU libraries speaks volumes about his love of books

His most recent gift enabled University Libraries to acquire its millionth book

When Michael Heaston’s love of American history collided with his passion for collecting, an unusual and rewarding career was born.

Houston, former curator of Special Collections for WSU Libraries, is a nationally known rare books dealer with his own business in Ravenna, Ohio. In 2006, he received a bachelor’s degree in history and a master’s degree in history in 1969. Heaston has shared his success generously with his alma mater, giving primarily to University Libraries and the history department.

That spirit of philanthropy made news in September when Houston funded the acquisition for University Libraries of its millionth volume — a reference in its own right, but especially enduring because of the prestige of the piece. The acquisition was a rare printing of the Wyantentine Constitution for the state of Kansas.

"It is the foundation for the great state of Kansas and the freedoms we know today," Houston said of the Wyantentine Constitution. "I hope students, faculty, university administrators and officers of Wichita will be proud that this is the most important Kansas document is held in Abilish Library."

Although the handwritten Constitution of the state of Kansas is held in the Kansas State Historical Society, the copy acquired by University Libraries is one of only three known versions in the United States. The Newberry Library in Chicago and Harvard University Libraries in Cambridge, Mass., also own other printings.

Houston’s love of collecting began as a child. He would hunt for family medals with his childhood job in Wichita and, while a student at East High, touring the countryside around Wichita looking for postcard postcards of Kansas and stamps and coin plus books with his friend Bill Dunmyer.

“We traveled in a 1949 Packard which Bill’s father gave us,” Houston said. “It was great fun until we were swindled from behind. We jumped out to check the damage and the hump of the Packard just had a dent. The other car, not so lucky. Packards were built like tanks.”

While at Wichita State, he was influenced in his love of history by the late Ross Taylor of the C. American Studies department and, as a graduate student, by William Urson, distinguished professor of history emeritus.

“Dr. Urson held the greatest respect among students, directing my thesis and fostering my interest in the American West,” Houston said. “I’ve been collecting books about the West and have been selling them since 30.”

He made a significant gift in 2009 to support the Craig Miller and William Urson Fund for Graduate Students in the history department. His belief in the importance of a great university library prompted several more substantial gifts.

“Books are the foundation stones for universities and for the culture of mankind,” Houston said. “Libraries need donor support or angels, as many university administrations and endowment associations do not provide sufficient funding to establish a great library system.”

University Libraries is grateful for people like Houston and all others who support its pursuit of excellence, said Don Dilts, dean of University Libraries. “His recent master planning study for WSU students identified the University Libraries as the heart of the WSU campus.

“When friends of Wichita State are considering where to send philanthropic dollars,” Dilts said. “The University Libraries is one area that has immediate impact for all students and faculty at WSU. Mike Houston has been such a great supporter, and I hope others might see the value is how far funds can go by example.”
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Sculpture program created by Dorm Timmerman
flourishes under WSU’s watch

Timmerman contributed $350,000 to ensure the program’s survival

When Dorm Timmerman decided that it was time to step back from the program she founded to help fifth-grade schoolchildren design an appreciation for art, she

Timmerman’s contribution will guarantee that the program will continue.

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Wichita State students have pledged more than $500,000 to match a $30,000 challenge grant from Parks and Berry. Donors have matched more than one new photography by Kansas artist Gordon Parks.

With a $30,000 commitment from the Student Government Association and $300,000 in private gifts, the funding campaign to match the "Gorining" gift has been completed, said Elizabeth King, president and CEO of the Wichita State Foundation.

"It's both gratifying and humbling to see how people have responded," she said. "They've participated more than the necessity of Gordon Parks and his significance not only to Kansas but also in the larger place in the world of art."

Wichita State and the United Museum of Art hope to complete the acquisition of the photography on the written word by Ulrich Director Bob Worman. Once the works are processed, installed and framed, the museum will prepare for an exhibition of the entire Gordon Parks collection in early 2009, she said.

"It is a genuine sense of pride in seeing the important achievements of Gordon Parks," Worman said. "It's a matter of recognizing and celebrating economic and social challenges to do a leadership role in not only the Civil Rights movement through his photography, but also in the art world and the tremendous people through his writing, choreography and art."

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Worman recalled that when he was a Wichita State student in the '70s, 18K voted to support the purchase of the John Maynard book, "It remains proof of that fact is that, even if I'm ever to come for help to make this happen.

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Mary Herrin: Wichita State University leader, alumna and donor, and now board chair for the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO). She has multiple perspectives on higher education and uses them strategically in each position. Herrin graduated from WSU with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting in 1972 and was a member of Mortar Board and the WSU Spirit Squad, and was a Senior Honor Woman. In 1976, she graduated with a Master of Science in accounting. She currently serves as WSU’s vice president for administration and finance.

Herrin created an endowed scholarship in her parents’ names, the Ethel and Glenn Herrin Music Scholarship, to honor their commitment to education and her own love of music. She has been a loyal donor to WSU, not missing a year since before 1981 with multiple annual gifts to campus areas from business to baseball, but her primary support is to the music scholarship and the Shockers Athletic Scholarship Organization (SASO). Herrin is a WSU Foundation Society of Dmg member and is a President’s Club Life Member.

“Supporting the WSU Foundation presents me with the opportunity to give something back to the university that helped prepare me for the future,” said Herrin, “as well as honoring my family and other individuals who contributed to making my college experience a reality.”

Herrin, as a member of the President’s Service Award and the Alumni Recognition Award, Herrin has also received the Kansas State University’s designation for more than 25 years of service to WSU, she serves on the SASO Board of Directors, as treasurer of the WSU Intercollegiate Athletic Board, as director of WSU Athletics, and vice president and treasurer of the WSU Union Corporation and on the board of Music Associates.

“From another perspective, serving as an employee at a higher education institution provides you with a realistic view of the resources it takes to operate a campus,” Herrin said. “State support and tuition provide just a portion of the funding needed to support a university’s budget. This makes contributions to the WSU Foundation for support of students, faculty, staff and the campus itself a vital component of the funding package.”

Herrin was recently featured in the Business Officer magazine published by NACUBO, which represents chief business and financial officers from more than 2,000 colleges, universities and higher education service providers across the country and around the world.
Professional fundraising group honors James J. Rhatigan with prestigious award

It would never occur to James J. Rhatigan that his accomplishments in securing money for Wichita State or his belief in the “ethic of caring” for others should somehow be award-worthy.

Whether he’s finding scholarship money for a deserving student, championing a faculty member’s work, helping his church grow or counseling a colleague or friend, Rhatigan is doing what suffices him personally and professionally: Helping others succeed.

This month, the Wichita chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals recognized his contributions to Wichita, his community and the nation by bestowing on him its Distinguished Community Service Award. The award was presented Nov. 12 at a luncheon attended by about 300 people as part of the organization’s National Philanthropy Day events.

“I value the idea of community, so to receive an award that recognizes the importance of community is greatly appreciated,” said Rhatigan, consultant for the WSU Foundation. “I’m fortunate to have a job I find rewarding, one that keeps me engaged while finding resources for others.”

His introduction at the AFP awards ceremony drew a standing ovation. In his remarks, Rhatigan said that community is not just a place on a map but a matter of the human spirit.

“Childhood is where the seed of community is introduced and takes root,” he said. “As we grow older and gain experience, we see the value of connection, interaction, cooperation and collaboration, which lead to community and community.”

Rhatigan was selected for the award not only for his successful record in helping to raise more than $8 million for Wichita State during the years, but also for his commitment to two guiding principles. They are, in his own words, an “ethic of caring” for others and a belief that the “small wins” in one’s life do as much good — or more — than the most heroic feats people dream about.

This personal and professional code of conduct has come to symbolize a man known throughout his community — and nationally — for his devotion to young people, to the life-changing power of education and to thoughtful engagement that inspires others.

“This is such a fitting award for a man who has always placed community above himself, whether it’s a community of students, this university, this state, his church, or his colleagues,” said Elizabeth King, president and CEO of the WSU Foundation. “His influence and mentoring have touched the lives of hundreds of people who are making a meaningful difference in our world.”
Record turnout for Faculty of Excellence Luncheon

Elizabeth King, president and CEO of the WSU Foundation, had difficulty quieting the attendees to begin the 2013 Faculty of Excellence Luncheon program because of the many conversations between donors and the faculty recipients of their gifts — a great problem to have.

With more than 75 participants at the Nov. 15 event at the Marcus Welcome Center, this was the largest turnout in recent history.

In King’s welcoming remarks she said, "A great university has to have a great faculty. We are very appreciative to our donors who support our great faculty and for recognizing that investing in faculty means investing in students.”

WSU President John Bardo gave a brief campus overview with an update on the shuttle service, residence hall, which is to be inhabited by Aug. 6, 2014; and the growing quality and quantity of students applying for fall 2014 — up nearly 30 percent. One asset in the recruitment of the best and the brightest, according to Bardo, is the honors college, the first in the state of Kansas. Bardo thanked the donors for supporting WSU faculty whom he likened to gem stones that he found when returning to WSU. "When ... put in a ring, they sure do bling.”

Other speakers included Bill Moore, WSU Foundation Board of Directors chair, and Tony Vizzi, vice president for academic affairs. Stanley Longhofer, the Stephen L. Clark Chair of Real Estate and Finance and director of the Center for Real Estate, was the guest faculty speaker. He addressed the importance of academic research as a catalyst for general economic growth in the region and used his work as an example of how the larger community benefits from having a research institution in the area.

The event concluded with the musical performance of Surman Jankusauskas, WSU assistant professor of clarinet, performing Fireworks and Geoff Dalbelo, WSU director of jazz studies and assistant professor of saxophone, and Justin Scarrard performing Sonatas for Saxophone and Piano — both pieces composed by Alexander Schnitke. The evening ended with a gong from WSU professor of music theory, composition and technology.
New twists for scholarship event

The event that pairs donors with their scholarship recipients is going to have a new look and feel this year. In the past the WSU Foundation has hosted a scholarship event for each college. This year, on Feb. 26, all donors and students will come together for an evening of food, conversation, entertainment and education.

“We realize our donors have the potential to attend other events during the year in addition to this one and we are trying to be more considerate of their time commitments,” said Stacie Williams, WSU Foundation director for special events. “In addition, some of our donors have funds that cross colleges, so they may be attending more than one scholarship event.”

Students, too, may have scholarships from more than one college and this would be a good way to minimize their time away from classes, internships or jobs.

There are additional benefits for donors and students by merging events.

Both will receive a broader university message, learning about what is happening across campus.

“What I’m most excited about,” Williamson said, “are the activities planned for the convocation. Students will be able to showcase their work with hands-on displays and demonstrations for all attendees.”

For instance, physical therapy students might bring a skeleton and a plinth (the table on which a patient lies) to demonstrate what they have learned in class, education students might hold mini-teachers with smart boards, a modified version of what they are doing as student teachers.

“This is an opportunity for donors to experience what their students are learning and will put into practice after graduation,” said Williamson. “These activities, combined with great conversation during dinner, will allow donors to fully engage and interact with their students and vice versa.”

During the program, which will be encored by students, guests will hear from students of all disciplines and be entertained by student performers. They also will hear from WSU leadership, including WSU President John Bardo and Elizabeth King, president and CEO of the WSU Foundation. Formal invitations will be mailed to donors and other guests in January.
Annual business lecture featured Peter Bassi

Peter Bassi, retired president and chairman of Yum Restaurants International, was the featured speaker for the James P. Schwartz Memorial Lecture Series sponsored by the W. Frank Barton School of Business on Nov. 7 at Abode Venues.

More than 186 Wichita State students, faculty, staff and community members listened as Bassi’s presentation, How to Take It Up a Notch, offered suggestions through numerous global examples in hopes of providing attendees a new perspective on how to be more effective.

Bassi retired from Yum in 2005 and during his last eight years he was president and then chairman of Yum Restaurants International, responsible for more than 13,000 restaurants scattered across more than 100 countries and generating more than $600 million in operating profit in 2005 (this same business exceeded $3.5 billion in profit in 2012). Prior to Yum, Bassi had a wide range of roles in PepsiCo/Yum, including both finance and general management positions working for Pepsi-Cola, Pepsi International, Frito-Lay, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell in addition to the international restaurants’ businesses.

He currently sits on three boards: Al’s Restaurants where he is the lead independent director, Pobelle Sandwich Works where he chairs the audit committee and Anseres, the largest independent restaurant operator in Eastern Europe.

Barbara Bassi, Peter’s wife, is a 1977 graduate from WSU’s College of Education, majoring in secondary education-business education. While a student, she was a member of the Student Activities Council.

James P. Schwartz was a 1962 graduate of the University of Wichita and a 1964 graduate of Harvard. He worked for the Pizza Hut Corporation. Following his death in 1973, the James P. Schwartz Endowed Memorial Lecture Series was established to honor his life, work and commitment to business education.
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