Steve and Becky Austin
Steve and Becky believe that Wichita State is an important part of their community, and supporting WSU is a way to strengthen that community. They are enthusiastic supporters of WSU Athletics and have season tickets to men’s basketball.

Becky graduated from Wichita State in 1992 with a Bachelor of Business Administration. She serves on the board of the northwest YMCA. Steve earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Creighton University in 1992. In 2001 he received his nuclear pharmacist certificate from Purdue. He is the owner of Nuclear Enterprises Radiopharmacy, Infusion Pharmacy and All Angles Collision Repair. Steve and Becky have two children. They live in Wichita.

Barbara and Pete Bassi
After years of traveling to countries around the globe, Barbara and Pete decided they wanted to make study abroad more affordable for Wichita State students. By endowing the Barbara and Pete Bassi Study Abroad Scholarship, they hope more students will be able to learn first-hand how connected today’s world is.

Barbara, who serves on the WSU Foundation’s National Advisory Council, is a 1972 graduate of Wichita State. As a WSU student, she worked for several years in the office of then-President Clark Ahlberg. She also was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Barbara looks back with fondness at her student days. “The education I received gave me a solid foundation for long-term personal growth and development,” she says.

As chairman of Yum International, an operator of fast-food restaurants around the world, Pete Bassi worked in many diverse countries, often accompanied by Barbara. He was the featured speaker in the James P. Schwartz Lecture Series at WSU in 2013. Barbara and Pete live in Newport Beach, California, but still travel extensively in retirement.

Dr. Quincalee Brown and Dr. James P. Simsarian
Quincalee’s connections to Wichita State are strong and enduring. Not only did she graduate from the University of Wichita in 1961, but her parents, three aunts and two cousins also were alumni. Quincalee taught at Wichita State for six years and coached the debate team that won the National
Debate Championship in 1968. Some of her favorite college experiences were participating herself in debate and speech. With that in mind, she recently endowed a generous scholarship for debate students at Wichita State.

Quincalee earned a doctorate from the University of Kansas, then moved in 1973 to the Washington, D.C., area, where she lives today. Her career included positions as director of the Montgomery County Commission for Women in suburban Washington; executive director of the American Association of University Women; and executive director of the Water Environment Federation.

Though retired, she is an active board member of the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, which is involved in the study of Native American cultures. She has been married for 38 years to James Simsarian, director of the Multiple Sclerosis Program at the Neurology Center of Fairfax, Virginia. James, who received his medical degree from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, is in the full-time private practice of neurology.

Cindy and John Carnahan
Cindy and John believe that Wichita State is the well-spring that produces many of the young talent who will write the future chapters of our community. They support WSU to help today’s students become tomorrow’s leaders.

Cindy graduated from Wichita State in 1973 with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education. Today, she is president of The Carnahan Group, a real estate brokerage company associated with J.P. Weigand and Sons. John graduated from the University of Missouri School of Dentistry. He is a clinical instructor in the Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at Wichita State, as well as a dentist in private practice.

Cindy and John support many areas of Wichita State, including the College of Education, the Ulrich Museum of Art and WSU Athletics. They are season-ticket holders to men’s basketball and life members of the WSU Alumni Association. Cindy has served on the alumni association’s board of directors and the Ulrich Museum Advisory Board.
Cindy, a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, is proud that her mother also graduated from WSU when it was the University of Wichita and was head cheerleader. One of Cindy’s best memories from her own student days is being active in her sorority, which taught her leadership skills and how to get involved. Cindy and John have a son.

Stephen A. Cross Sr. and Becky G. Cross
By supporting Wichita State University, Stephen and Becky hope they are giving WSU students a better chance of achieving their educational dreams. Stephen and Becky give generously to WSU Athletics and are season-ticket holders to men’s basketball.

Steve is a financial advisor with Cross Financial Group. Becky is an insurance consultant. They have two grown sons and three grandchildren.

Kenny and Sue Doonan
Kenny and Sue are avid fans of Shocker athletics, holding season tickets to both men’s basketball and baseball. Their support of baseball includes contributions to the Indoor Practice Facility at the Eck Stadium complex.

Kenny is owner and general manager of Doonan Truck & Equipment of Wichita. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business from Fort Hays State University in 1972. He and Sue live in Wichita and have three grown children.

Dondlinger Foundation Inc.
The Dondlinger Foundation has been a champion of Wichita State for more than 35 years, focusing on WSU athletics, among other areas. From supporting the Roundhouse Renaissance to the current expansion and renovation of Charles Koch Arena 15 years later, it also contributes to men’s basketball and the baseball indoor practice facility.

Founded in 1954, the foundation is managed today by brothers Nick and Tom Dondlinger. Its mission has an emphasis in the Wichita area supporting education, youth programs, health care, the arts and especially programs that help at-risk children. In addition to WSU, recent areas of support
include The Wichita Children’s Home, Kansas Humane Society, American Red Cross, Botanica and Catholic Charities.

Nick also is a director with Dondlinger and Sons Construction Co. and Tom is president. In the community, Nick serves on the board of directors of the American Red Cross-Wichita and is a member of the Association of Prison Ministry and Knights of Columbus Council 691. Tom is chair of the Goodwill Industries of Kansas board and serves on the boards for the Wichita Community Foundation and Commerce Bank of Kansas. At WSU, he chairs the Leadership Council for Athletic Facilities, a volunteer group helping to raise money for two of the WSU Foundation’s current fundraising priorities.

Tony and Cathy (Consolver) Durano

By supporting Wichita State, Tony and Cathy hope they can help provide today’s students with the same kind of opportunities they had while students in the 1980s. Tony earned a bachelor’s degree in geology in 1985 and Cathy received a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and a master’s in educational administration. Tony has had a long career as an agent for State Farm Insurance Company, while Cathy is a clinical educator for the WSU College of Education.

Both Cathy and Tony were active in Greek life while at Wichita State, Cathy with Delta Gamma sorority and Tony with Delta Upsilon fraternity. Cathy is currently president of her sorority’s alumnae chapter in Wichita and both she and Tony are advisors to Delta Upsilon. They were named Outstanding Advisors for Delta Upsilon International three years ago.

The Duranos give generously to WSU athletics and are season-ticket holders for men’s basketball, rarely missing a game. They also have endowed a scholarship for students majoring in elementary education. They are Society of 1895 members, having designated a gift from their estate to Wichita State.

Tony and Cathy are proud that both of their children chose to attend Wichita State. Lauren earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in economics and marketing in 2014. Alex is a senior majoring in finance.
Great Plains Ventures Inc.

Members of the Great Plains Ventures family have always been proud of their contributions to Wichita State, but it was one of their latest gifts that truly resonated in their hearts. A pledge to support one of 25 labs in the Experiential Engineering Building on the WSU Innovation Campus will allow the company to name the Entrepreneurial Engineering Lab in honor of Charles Peer. In 1968 Mr. Peer founded his own business, Aerospace Systems and Components, which evolved into Great Plains Ventures. With this pledge, Great Plains Ventures became the first donor to the Experiential Engineering Building. Peer’s children, Susayn Brandes and Marque Peer, play integral roles at the company as CEO and vice president of real estate and development, respectively. They also have other ties to WSU — Susayn is a 1981 graduate; her son, Joshua, is a 2009 graduate; and her daughter, Myndy, returned to college this fall. Marque attended WSU.

The company also supports the Kansas Best robotics event at Wichita State and has created the Charles D. Peer Entrepreneurship Scholarship and the Great Plains Ventures Employee Family Scholarship/Fellowship.

In 1995, Great Plains Ventures received the Wichita Chamber of Commerce-Over the Years Award.

Great Plains Ventures Inc. is a holding company for Great Plains Industries Inc., Aerospace Systems and Components Inc. and Powder-Tech LLC. The manufacturing businesses employ about 350 people and remain privately held. Additionally, Great Plains Ventures owns commercial rental properties as well as the Chisholm Lake Apartments and the Aloft Hotel, which will open in 2017.

Carl and Pamala Hanna

When Carl and Pam first started attending Wichita State basketball games with their young children years ago, their seats were near the top row of the arena. Through many years of being season-ticket holders, they have managed to get much closer to the game!

Carl and Pam own Hanna Heating and Air Conditioning Inc., a family business where their three sons also work. Carl is semi-retired at Hanna and works actively at his cattle operation in the Flint Hills. Pam continues helping to run their company.
Pam graduated from Wesley School of Nursing in 1975 as a registered nurse, after first attending Wichita State to obtain the hours necessary to enter the Wesley program. She and Carl generously support WSU Athletics.

In her spare time, Pam enjoys spending time with her family, reading and gardening. Carl enjoys caring for his cattle and land, riding horses and competing in roping and cutting competitions. They have seven grandchildren, ranging in age from 3 to 23.

Shelli A. Herman

Shelli describes her four years at Wichita State as special, life-shaping and extraordinary. Her fondest memories involve leadership positions with the Student Activities Council and the Student Alumni Association. She was an active member of Delta Gamma sorority and served as choreographer for her team’s first-place performances in Hippodrome. She was a member of Panhellenic Council and a Student Government senator during her senior year. Also special to her was being named a Senior Honor Woman.

Shelli’s experiences at WSU were made possible in part by the scholarships she received, for which she was deeply grateful. That is why she created the Shelli Herman Leadership and Achievement Scholarship, to pay it forward to talented students now and into the future. Shelli also has supported the work of the WSU Center for Combating Human Trafficking.

Shelli graduated magna cum laude from Wichita State in 1988. She went on to earn a master’s degree in Higher Education Administration from Bowling Green State University. Today, she is president and founder of Shelli Herman and Associates Inc., a retained executive search firm based in Los Angeles.

Shelli serves on the WSU Foundation’s National Advisory Council and is a lifetime member of the WSU Alumni Association. She has two stepchildren with her husband, Dr. Stewart Gleischman.

Hyatt Regency Wichita

As a leading global hospitality company, Hyatt’s purpose is to care for people so they can be their best. Worldwide, its employees embody the values of respect, integrity, humility, empathy, creativity
and fun. Hyatt believes these are values shared with all Shockers and supporters of Wichita State University.

For the past 20 years, Hyatt Regency Wichita has supported Wichita State’s Athletic Department through the Student Athlete Scholarship Organization and the Champions Club. It also has given to the Economic Outlook Conference and supported university areas, including Student Affairs and the WSU Alumni Association with gift-in-kind donations.

Hyatt Regency Wichita works to create long-term relationships within the communities in which its employees work and live and this is evident by its commitment to and support of WSU.

**John S. Fretz Family Charitable Trust**

A combination of his upbringing and his college experiences influenced John Fretz to support Wichita State and, in particular, engineering students with a farming background. John was the adopted son of Catherina and Glen Fretz, who farmed in western Kansas and lived through the Dust Bowl years. After Glen’s death, Catherina returned to the Pratt area where she was raised.

Ted Loomis, trust officer to Catherina and John, recalled a memory he has of reporting to Catherina on her wheat crop one year. After making a positive examination of the fields, he told her to expect additional income that year. After politely listening, her response was simply, “Young man, I will have you know that I don't have any wheat until the wheat is in the elevator!” After that, he gave Catherina or John the farm report only after the grain was in the elevator.

John graduated from WSU in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in engineering, majoring in computer engineering. He retired after a long career with The Boeing Company. John never married, so to carry on the Fretz name he created the John S. Fretz Family Charitable Trust, which provides funds equally to WSU’s College of Engineering and the Pratt Public Library. At WSU, he supported the college’s Dean’s Fund for Excellence and endowed the John S. Fretz Family Scholarship for Engineering with the goal of helping a student from a Kansas farm family. John was a life member of the WSU Alumni Association.

**Jeff M. and Corey E. Johnson**
Jeff likes to joke that he is president of the “Hawks for Shocks” club. Although he graduated from the University of Kansas, he and Corey strengthened their ties to Wichita State when Mark Turgeon — Jeff’s college roommate — became WSU’s head basketball coach in 2000. They remain season-ticket holders and are generous supporters of WSU athletics.

Jeff earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1988 from KU. Today, he is president of Flint Hills National Golf Club and an investor-partner in Jimmy John’s restaurants and River City Brewery. Corey received a bachelor’s degree from Oklahoma State University and a master’s degree in health administration from the University of Oklahoma.

Jeff and Corey are excited about the direction Wichita State is going, especially the focus on becoming an Innovation University. They support WSU because they believe it is important to the economic well-being and quality of life in the Wichita area. They are proud that their link to Wichita State goes back to Jeff’s grandparents, Jack and Geraldine Rathbone, who also gave generously to support the university. Jeff and Corey live in Andover and have three children.

Tom and Katherine Kirk

Tom and Katherine are excited to see the direction Wichita State is heading, especially its ambitious effort to become an Innovation University. Tom, a 1982 graduate of Wichita State, is a wealth advisor in the asset management business. His career in the financial services industry began in the 1980s in Wichita. A native of Australia, Katherine is a graduate of Pepperdine University. She is a professional golfer who plays the LPGA tour and serves on the LPGA board of directors.

A member of the WSU Foundation’s National Advisory Council, Tom also serves on the Leadership Council that is helping to raise money for a new facility for the W. Frank Barton School of Business. The new complex will be located on the Innovation Campus. Tom and Katherine also have supported the Koch Global Trading Center in the Barton School. Tom and Katherine are season-ticket holders to men’s basketball and contribute generously to WSU Athletics. They live in Wichita.

Nelson S. and Bette D. Ladd

Nelson received a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in physics in 1961 and 1962, respectively, from the University of Wichita, now Wichita State University. He worked for one year
as a physics instructor at Wichita State, then accepted a scholarship at Arizona State University in 1963. After one year there, he began a 25-year career as a senior physicist with Goodyear Aerospace in Arizona. Nelson retired as a physicist in 1988 and founded Nova West Land and Development Co. Inc. He has established the Nelson S. Ladd Physics Scholarship at Wichita State.

Nelson and Bette were married in 1976. Bette earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Winona Teachers College in Minnesota. She received a master’s degree from Arizona State University in 1980 and was a public school teacher for 31 years, retiring in 1996. She has two adult children and one grandson. Nelson and Bette are strong believers in the power of education. The Nelson S. Ladd Physics Scholarship is one way they strive to offer educational opportunities for young people.

**Derry A. and Kay D. Larson**

As alumni of Wichita State, Derry and Kay are proud of their ongoing connections to the university. Not only did their two daughters and sons-in-law graduate from WSU, but Derry’s accounting business, Larson & Company, has 13 WSU graduates on its roster of 23 employees.

Derry earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Wichita State in 1970 and founded his company in 1982. He’s also a partner in a CPA firm in Denver. Kay received a bachelor’s degree in education and a master’s degree in logopedics, both from Wichita State. She is retired from a career as a speech and language therapist with the Wichita public school district.

One of Derry’s favorite memories of his student days is the relationship he formed with business professor Fran Jabara, who continued as a friend even after graduation. Kay has many happy memories of married life as a WSU student.

Kay and Derry have been season-ticket holders to WSU men’s basketball for more than 30 years. They are life members of the WSU Alumni Association. Married now for 52 years, Derry and Kay have three children and eight grandchildren, one of whom is a student at Wichita State.

**Roger L. McClure**

Through his support of Wichita State, Roger hopes he can help young people get their start in life just as WSU helped shape his own life. Roger graduated cum laude in 1967 with a bachelor’s degree
in music education, but his service in the Air Force immediately following graduation led him to a
career as a pilot. While in Vietnam he was a navigator and weapons systems officer on KC-135
Stratotankers and F-4 Phantom fighter-bombers. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross
for his service. Today, he is retired from a long career as a commercial pilot with Continental
Airlines.

While at Wichita State, Roger was a founding member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity chapter
on campus. The great memories and friends he made with his fraternity prompted him to endow a
scholarship for WSU students who are SAE members. He also endowed a scholarship for piano
students in the College of Fine Arts. His other favorite memory of Wichita State is attending
Shocker basketball games in the early to mid-1960s, a period of great success for the team.

Roger is a member of the WSU Foundation’s Society of 1895 and a life member of the WSU
Alumni Association. He lives in Cape Town, South Africa, where he bought a retirement home and
enjoys traveling, music and playing his grand piano. He occasionally visits Wichita to see friends and
family members.

**Rick and Ashlie McKay**

Rick and Ashlie are strong supporters of WSU Athletics and season-ticket holders to men’s
basketball, baseball, softball and volleyball. Ashley is an alumna of Wichita State, earning a
bachelor’s degree in general studies in 1991. Rick received a Bachelor of Business Administration
from Friends University.

Ashlie and Rick worked for Pizza Hut for 15 years, then purchased a promotional entity from
PepsiCo called Promo Depot and developed it into their own independent business. Today, Promo
Depot provides promotional products to companies such as Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Sonic, KFC and
more.

**Ihssane and Michelle Mounir**

Ihssane and Michelle believe that Wichita State provided the values and experiences that helped
them accomplish their goals in life. Through their philanthropic support, they hope to help today’s
students achieve personal and professional success, as well.
Ihssane graduated from Wichita State with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in aerospace engineering. He began his career with Boeing in Seattle in 1997 as an aerodynamics engineer. Currently, he is senior vice president of sales and marketing for Northeast Asia. Michelle grew up in Overland Park and chose Wichita State because of its excellent music program. She earned a bachelor’s degree in music and a master’s in accounting. After 10 years in the accounting field, she is dedicated full-time to raising the couple’s four children.

Michelle and Ihssane met when she was his resident assistant at Fairmount Towers residence hall. Throughout their student days, they enjoyed spending time on campus and attending all of the home basketball games. Today, Ihssane serves on the advisory board of WSU’s College of Engineering. He also is a member of the WSU Foundation’s National Advisory Council. He and Michelle have established several funds in the College of Engineering to benefit students and faculty. Ihssane and Michelle live in Issaquah, Washington.

**Mark and Stacy Parkinson**

It’s important to Mark and Stacy to help students at Wichita State experience some of the enriching activities they had while in college. That led them to endow a fund that gives students generous stipends to enable them to work as interns in Washington, D.C. Mark and Stacy grew up in Kansas but now live in our nation’s capital, where Mark is president and CEO of American Health Care Association. Stacy is an attorney who also volunteers at Newseum, a museum dedicated to the First Amendment rights to free expression.

Known as Kansas’ first Shocker governor, Mark graduated from Wichita State in 1980 and earned a law degree from the University of Kansas. As a WSU student, he participated in the debate program and went to the national debate tournament in 1977 and 1979. His appreciation of debate prompted him and Stacy to endow a scholarship for WSU debate students. Stacy attended Wichita State but earned three degrees, including a law degree, from KU.

The WSU Alumni Association honored Mark in 2010 with its Alumni Achievement Award. Mark and Stacy are Society of 1895 members at Wichita State. They have three children.
Eric Sexton, Ph.D., and Kathy Sexton

Eric and Kathy describe themselves as proud alumni who try to give back to Wichita State for the high-quality education they received here. Eric received his bachelor's and master's degrees from WSU in 1987 and 1992, respectively. He earned a doctorate from the University of Kansas in 2002. Kathy also earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Wichita State in 1989 and 1992, respectively.

Eric recently ended 26 years of service to WSU, having worked directly for four presidents in five different positions, most notably as director of athletics. Kathy is in her 11th year as city manager of Derby and previously served as assistant county manager for Sedgwick County.

Eric and Kathy are life members of the WSU Alumni Association, and Kathy is past president of its board of directors. They are season-ticket holders in volleyball, softball, baseball and both basketball teams. Support of the men's golf program has been a particular passion, given Eric's lifetime love of the sport and his stint on WSU's team as a student. Kathy has served on the Hugo Wall School's advisory board and is a guest lecturer in its public administration classes.

The Sextons support a wide array of programs and facilities at Wichita State, from athletics to KMUW public radio to the campaign to build the Marcus Welcome Center. They were recipients of the Alumni Association’s Young Alumnus Award in 2003.

Jay and Debbie Smith

Wichita State is special to Jay and Debbie for many reasons, but one of the most important is because it’s where they met – in an English 101 class. Both were the first in their families to attend college. Jay earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in accountancy in 1979. While at WSU, Jay was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society, Senior Honor Men and Delta Upsilon fraternity. Debbie, a member of Delta Gamma sorority, has both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from WSU in communication science and disorders.

Today, Jay is president and chief operating officer of Intrust Bank of Wichita. He has worked for Intrust since 1991 in several roles, including vice president of finance, executive vice president, chief financial officer and vice chairman. Debbie is an active community volunteer. Jay and Debbie give to
Wichita State in several ways, including by donating to the campaign to build a new facility for the W. Frank Barton School of Business. Jay also is co-chair of the volunteer committee that is helping to raise funds for that project.

Debbie and Jay believe that their WSU experience created both memories and opportunities they could not have imagined as young people. They hope that students graduating from Wichita State today and in the future will leave with the same sense of optimism and hope they had upon graduation.

Jay and Debbie are life members of the WSU Alumni Association and Jay also serves on the WSU President’s Council. They have three children.

**Southeast Family Health Care**
Southeast Family Health Care, led by Dr. J. Michael Patton, provided a full spectrum of primary care for more than 30 years. Now semi-retired, Dr. Patton works as a hospitalist in the Wichita area. Dr. Patton’s wife, Mary, a physician’s assistant, also provided health care and managed the clinic. With a firm commitment to education, the practice employed several Wichita State cooperative education students and served as a family practice clinical rotation site for WSU physician assistant students.

Avid sports fans, the Pattons adopted Shocker sports after moving to Wichita in 1981 and have been longtime season-ticket holders for men’s basketball and baseball. They also attend music productions and other events on campus. For more than 20 consecutive years, Southeast Family Health Care has given financial support to the Student Athlete Scholarship Organization, the All American Club, Battery for Baseball, Shock Docs-Training Room Enhancement Fund and Shocker Golden Girls.

**James P. and Elizabeth M. Summers**
A lot of hard work brought Jim and Elizabeth to the life they lead today, owners of a winery in Napa Valley, California. Before buying the winery, Jim worked in corporate finance with major banking firms in San Francisco and New York, then founded a private finance house in San Francisco. Elizabeth worked in mortgage banking for State Street and Citibank in San Francisco.
Jim earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics in 1970 from Wichita State and an MBA from the University of San Francisco. Elizabeth received a bachelor’s degree in finance from California State University at Hayward.

Elizabeth and Jim strive to give back to the institutions that provided them with career opportunities and rich personal experiences. At Wichita State, they have endowed a faculty fellow position in memory of Jim’s brother, Kim, who died when he was a college student. They also support WSU Athletics and they are well-known for donating wine from their vineyard in custom-made bottles. The wine is used for gifts, events and as fundraising items.

Jim recalls with great fondness the experiences he had as a student at Wichita State, especially working at the college radio station and in the printing office in the basement of Morrison Hall. The Summers have a daughter, Andie, who they hope will join the family business soon.

**The Sunderland Foundation**

The Sunderland Foundation was established in 1945 by Lester T. Sunderland, president for 33 years of the Ash Grove Cement Company. According to his great-grandson, Kent Sunderland, it was Lester’s wish to invest some of the company’s revenue in supporting communities where the company operated. One of its focuses is on higher education. Several capital projects at Wichita State have benefitted from the foundation’s generosity: construction of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry building, renovation of the Rhatigan Student Center and the new construction of the Experiential Engineering Building on WSU’s Innovation Campus. The Sunderland Foundation’s name will be displayed on the lower level of the engineering building in recognition of the donation.

Kent Sunderland is president of the foundation’s board of trustees and vice chairman of Ash Grove Cement Company. He is joined on the board by two of his daughters and one nephew, making for five generations of philanthropy in the Sunderland family.

**Dr. Betty Troutman and Dr. John Kready**

Finding WSU basketball fans more enthusiastic than Betty and John would be a challenge. Not only do they support the program financially, along with women’s basketball and volleyball, but they also
have established a scholarship for WSU athletes who have an interest in the health professions. They’re proud that the first recipient of their scholarship was Fred Van Vleet.

Betty earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Wichita State in 1978 and a medical degree from the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. In recent years, her interest in the field of medical aesthetics has led her to start her own business in Wichita called Laser and Medical Aesthetics.

John received a bachelor’s degree in secondary education from Emporia State University and a medical degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine. He has been in private practice as a family medicine physician for 31 years, retiring in 2014. He is active in helping Betty launch her new business.

Betty is a member of the WSU Alumni Association. She and John are season-ticket holders to men’s and women’s basketball, as well as volleyball. They began attending basketball games together soon after they met in 1980 and have a passion for the mission of WSU Athletics to develop educated, responsible and productive young men and women. Betty and John have a son, who is a student at Wichita State majoring in geology.

**John L. Tush**

One of John’s favorite memories at Wichita State is learning in an aerospace engineering class that one of his assignments was to fly a small plane. At the airport, he was the first in his group to volunteer to fly the plane, even though he’d never been in a small aircraft before. He managed to take off, fly and land the plane safely. That experience, he says, helped convince him how far his education could take him.

John graduated in 1988 with a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering. Today, he is the co-owner and director of engineering services at CertTech LLC, an engineering products and services firm in Lenexa.

John says that supporting Wichita State not only gives him an ongoing connection to his hometown, but it also is a way to give today’s students the same kind of opportunities he had. John has
endowed a scholarship supporting engineering students. He’s a member of the WSU Foundation’s National Advisory Board, and also serves on the College of Engineering Industry Advisory Board. John has season tickets to men’s basketball and enjoys traveling to Wichita to attend games regularly.

**Marc and Debbie Vincent**

Marc and Debbie have fond memories of their student days at Wichita State, especially being active in the Greek system — Marc with Delta Upsilon and Debbie with Gamma Phi Beta. Marc graduated in 1978 with a bachelor’s degree in health care administration and earned a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Science in Public Health from the University of Missouri. He is a principal in the investment management firm of Redstone Advisors Inc. in Wichita. Debbie earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Wichita State in speech language pathology. She worked as a speech language pathologist before retiring to raise her family.

Marc and Debbie are longtime season-ticket holders to WSU men’s basketball and baseball. They give generously to WSU Athletics. They have three grown children.

**Waste Connections Inc. Kansas**

The Wichita State Athletics Department has benefitted from the generosity of Waste Connections of Kansas during the past 17 years. Areas of support have included the Roundhouse Renaissance Campaign, Battery for Baseball, the Champions Club, Men’s Basketball Margin of Excellence and the Student Athlete Scholarship Organization. Staff members also have attended the WSU Alumni Association’s Rockin’ the Roundhouse fundraising event in addition to providing auction items.

Waste Connections, founded in 1997, prides itself on being a reliable, affordable, energy-conscious and environmentally minded trash and recycling company in Wichita and nationwide. Its 375 full-time employees at multiple locations throughout the state of Kansas work to meet the core operating values of safety, customer service, integrity and employee satisfaction.

**Tony and Sherl Weatherbee**

Saying that Tony and Sherl are Shocker fans is a bit of an understatement. They have traveled to every preseason men’s basketball game under Coach Gregg Marshall, as well as every postseason NCAA game. They have followed the baseball team to all its postseason games. Their daughter,
Staycey, attended Wichita State and was a Shocker cheerleader. Sherl’s parents started taking her to
games when she was just 6 months old, and she attended football games with her father for 12 years
in a row, missing only one home game during that time.

Though neither Tony nor Sherl are WSU alumni, they feel a strong affinity to the university and
want to help WSU students build successful lives and careers. When Sherl’s father died five years
ago, she and Tony created a scholarship for student-athletes in his honor. They also give generously
to WSU Athletics and are members of the Champions Club, Coaches Club and All America Club.

Since 1989, Tony has been the owner of Tony’s Drywall Inc. Sherl is the bookkeeper for the
business. Tony and Sherl have three children and three grandchildren.

WSMH Inc.-FOX/My TV Wichita
Since WSMH Inc. is in the communications field, it is only appropriate that the company’s focus is
to help promote Wichita State to its multiple communities. Consecutively giving for more than a
dozen years, WSMH Inc. supports the Student Athlete Scholarship Organization and the WSU
Alumni Association with gifts-in kind. WSMH Inc. launched in 1984 and became a Fox-affiliated
station in 1986.