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I am pleased to present to you—our endowed fund donors and stewardship designees—this annual endowment report.

On behalf of the thousands of students, faculty, and staff across the Washington State University system, thank you for your thoughtful investment in WSU's academic, research, and service mission. Endowed funds create a perpetual legacy that helps ensure the forward trajectory of WSU and provide support to critical needs as directed by the endowed fund's Gift Use Agreement.

Your endowed fund, along with more than 2,500 other such funds, collectively make up the WSU Foundation Consolidated Endowment managed by the WSU Foundation's Investment Committee. As of June 30, 2021, the total value of the Consolidated Endowment was \$650,438,123 with a one-year investment return of 30.8 percent. In total, a record \$21.4 million was distributed to support scholarships, faculty positions, research, and outreach programs this past fiscal year.

In this Endowment Activity Report for Fiscal Year 2021, you will find information about the Consolidated Endowment's performance as well as activity related to the endowed fund or funds for which you are the stewardship designee.

If you have questions about the information in this report, please reach out to the appropriate contact on the campus, college, and unit list on the final page of this report.

Thank you for your commitment to Washington State University.

Go Cougs!

**MIKE CONNELL**  
VICE PRESIDENT OF ADVANCEMENT & CEO  
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## NEW ENDOWMENTS

The following list represents newly funded endowments (for funds that reached full endowment level) between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. These funds benefit Washington State University and the future generations of outstanding and deserving Washington State University students and faculty.

#### **ALZOLA FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN PHARMACY**

This endowed scholarship was created by C.A. Leon and Merrie Kay Alzola to support a deserving student in the WSU College of Pharmacy. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who demonstrates strong leadership skills, is involved in professional pharmacy endeavors, and has a desire to pursue a career in community pharmacy.

#### **BETTY M. ANDERSON NURSING LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was created by Erik Anderson and the Anderson family in memory of Erik's mother, Betty Anderson. The scholarship was established to support WSU College of Nursing students and will be awarded to undergraduate or graduate-level students who have made significant leadership contributions to the College of Nursing.

#### **ED AND LORRAINE BARGAGLIOTTI SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was created with a bequest of Lorraine Bargagliotti to provide scholarships to the College of Veterinary Medicine's Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) students. Recipients shall be first- through fourth-year students who demonstrate financial need. In addition, they shall have actively participated as leaders in extracurricular activities and demonstrated a commitment to the profession and acknowledgment of the human-animal bond.

#### **KAYLA NICOLE BONAR ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was created by the family and friends of Kayla Nicole Bonar ('17) in her memory. The scholarship will support students in the Edward R. Murrow College of Communication pursuing a degree in journalism, with a preference given to female students. Additional preference will be given to students who are interested in rural journalism, have demonstrated community service involvement, and participate in the WSU Access Center.

#### **RICHARD AND MARY BOWERS EXCELLENCE ENDOWMENT**

This endowment was established by the estates of Richard and Mary Bowers to support the president of Washington State University at his or her discretion for the highest priorities of the university.

#### **ROSALIE & HAROLD REA BROWN DISTINGUISHED ENDOWED CHAIR IN PLANT PATHOLOGY**

This distinguished endowed chair was created by the Rosalie and Harold Rea Brown Foundation to support a holder of the Rosalie & Harold Rea Brown Distinguished Endowed Chair in Plant Pathology. It was established to advance translational research bridging discoveries from basic science and to support

faculty who are developing applied solutions for producers, directed toward reducing losses caused by plant diseases, thereby improving food security.

#### **M. ELAINE BURGESS GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

This graduate fellowship, created with the bequest of M. Elaine Burgess, PhD, supports graduate students studying anthropology.

#### **M. ELAINE BURGESS GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP IN SOCIOLOGY**

This graduate fellowship, created with the bequest of M. Elaine Burgess, PhD, supports graduate students studying sociology.

#### **KENNETH AND DOROTHY CASAVANT FAMILY SCHOOL OF ECONOMIC SCIENCE EXCELLENCE FUND**

This endowment was created by Kenneth and Dorothy Casavant to provide scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students in the School of Economics. The endowment also supports the Freight Policy Transportation Institute or related transportation research, including international travel for research or to present transportation research findings.

#### **DR. JANE COTE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This endowment was created by Patricia “Trish” Kellogg to honor Dr. Jane Cote at WSU Vancouver in celebration of her retirement. This scholarship will support WSU Vancouver first-generation, full-time college sophomores (or above) pursuing a bachelor of arts in Business Administration. Preference will be given to female students who have made a commitment to participate in mentoring or coaching experiences and have demonstrated financial need.

#### **DEBOER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN ATHLETICS**

This scholarship was created by Herbert and Sharon Deboer to support student-athlete scholarships as a priority. The fund may also be used to support the athletic department deemed most appropriate by the athletic director, should there be no scholarship need for student-athletes.

#### **WILLIAM AND DIANA ERICKSON SCHOLARSHIP**

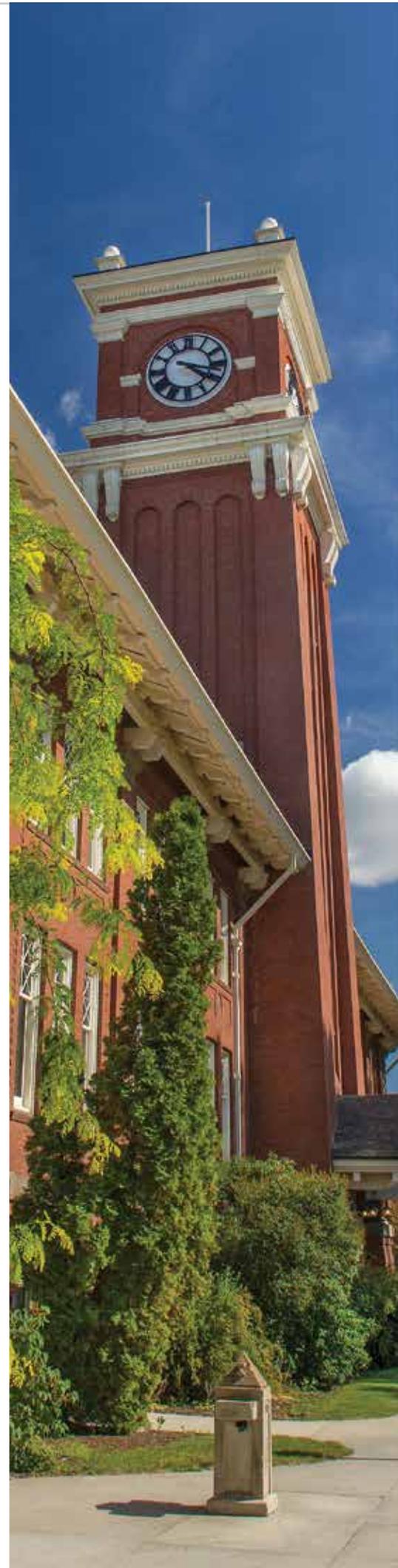
William and Diana Erickson created this scholarship to support WSU College of Education students who are bilingual and biliterate; can teach academic content in Spanish; graduated from a Walla Walla, Washington, area high school; and intend to return to Walla Walla to be teachers. Preference is given to those who will be certified to teach social studies, math, and/or science in grades 6-12. If students are not available who meet these criteria, scholarships will be awarded to first-generation students from a Walla Walla-area high school who fulfill the criteria as closely as possible.

#### **ROBERT AND KATHERINE ESCH FUND FOR SMB FACULTY DEVELOPMENT**

This fund was created by Robert and Katherine Esch to support faculty hiring, retention, and development for the School of Molecular Biosciences.

#### **ROBERT FERGUSON DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP IN ENERGY SYSTEMS**

This distinguished professorship was created by Robert Ferguson to provide leadership in designing, shaping, and developing the Institute for Northwest Energy Futures at WSU Tri-Cities, and to address the emergent 21st-century energy transitions in our region.



**FISHER FAMILY ENDOWED ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP**

This athletic scholarship was created by Brad Fisher to support student-athletes at Washington State University, with first preference given to student-athletes from any Kennewick, Washington, high school.

**MARADEL GALE GENERAL STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP**

Maradel Krummel Gale created this scholarship to support students in their junior year or above who are majoring in Liberal Arts General Studies within the College of Arts and Sciences, have a 3.2 GPA or above, and demonstrated financial need. Other criteria considered will include a demonstrated breadth of courses taken within the social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences.

**SUSAN AND MIKE GILLESPIE, MD ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP AT ELSON S. FLOYD COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**

This scholarship was created by Susan and Michael Gillespie to provide scholarships to improve access and increase opportunities for students from underserved and/or underrepresented backgrounds to attend medical school.

**GMELCH-TREVISAN DEAN'S RESEARCH ENDOWMENT FOR FUTURE EXCELLENCE**

This endowment, created by Walter Gmelch, PhD, supports the successors of Dean Mike Trevisan's scholarly research. If a circumstance arises whereby deans are discouraged from undertaking scholarly research, the funds shall be used to support a faculty member's research of the dean's choosing.

**BRUCE AND LYNN GRIM HONORS SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**

Bruce and Lynn Grim created this scholarship to support students enrolled in the Honors College with preference given to students demonstrating financial need.

**CHRIS HAAF TRAVEL FUND**

This endowment fund was created by Christian and Janet Schlect in memory of Christian Schlects' grandfather, Chris Haaf. This fund will provide annual travel awards for undergraduate or graduate students accepted into a WSU-approved education abroad program, or self-directed learning in Germany or Austria. The fund will support two or more students in the School of Languages, Cultures, and Race; music-related education for one or more students in the School of Music; and fine arts-related education for one or more students in the Department of Fine Arts. If no students are identified by one or more of the above academic units, the College of Arts and Sciences may reallocate the unawarded funds to one of the participating academic units listed.

**MIKE AND KATHY HAMBELTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Mike and Kathy Hambelton created this scholarship with the first preference for students who are incoming freshmen planning to major in the College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS). When the endowment grows large enough, a total of five awards will be made to undergraduate and/or graduate students studying in CAHNRS programs.

**DANIEL AND LINDA HASKINS ENDOWED VETERINARY SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was created by Daniel and Linda Haskins to support students enrolled in the College of Veterinary Medicine's Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program. Preference will be given to students from a rural



background who are interested in large animal medicine (farm animal or equine), and to students who show a commitment to volunteer service, such as mission or outreach groups.

### **EVAN HENNIGER OPPORTUNITY FUND**

Lisa and Michael Henniger created this fund in honor of their son, Evan Henniger, who enrolled in the 2018-2019 inaugural class of WSU ROAR (Responsibility, Opportunities, Advocacy, and Respect), a two-year inclusive post-secondary education program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This fund will support and enhance the WSU ROAR program with first priority for scholarships for students in the WSU ROAR program. The second priority will be for WSU ROAR programming costs. In the event this program, or a successor program, is no longer offered at WSU, the fund's third priority will be scholarships for pre-service teachers admitted to WSU's Teacher Education program who demonstrate a deep commitment and excellence in working with students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### **VIRGINIA N. HILLERS ENDOWED FUND TO SUPPORT RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN NUTRITION EXERCISE AND PHYSIOLOGY**

This endowment was created by Virginia Hillers, PhD, to support educational and research opportunities for nutrition graduate students in the department of Nutrition Exercise and Physiology in the College of Medicine.

### **HUIE-ROGERS RESEARCH ENDOWMENT IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**

This endowment was created by Floyd and Judy Rogers to advance research in computer science in the Voiland College School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. The fund shall pay or supplement the salary of recipients (graduate students, post-graduate researchers, or professors), pay salaries for their assistants, and pay expenses associated with the recipients' scholarly work. Specifically, the endowment will enhance the capability to competitively attract and retain exceptional faculty; support research assistantships for outstanding graduate students; and fund travel for students and faculty to attend major conferences and disseminate research findings. The fund will provide visibility for the school's programs by supporting supplies, equipment, and services, and fund proceeds will be utilized to ensure a significant impact on one or more research projects.

### **HUIE-ROGERS RESEARCH ENDOWMENT IN EDUCATION**

This endowment was created by Floyd and Judy Rogers to advance research in the College of Education. The fund shall be used to pay or supplement the salary of recipients (graduate students, post-graduate researchers, or professors), pay salaries for their assistants, and pay expenses associated with the recipients' scholarly work. Specifically, the endowment will enhance the college's capability to competitively attract and retain exceptional faculty; support research assistantships for outstanding graduate students; and fund travel for students and faculty to attend major conferences and disseminate research findings. The fund will provide visibility for the college's programs by supporting supplies, equipment, and services, and fund proceeds will be utilized to ensure a significant impact on one or more research projects.



### **HUIE-ROGERS RESEARCH ENDOWMENT IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING**

This endowment was created by Floyd and Judy Rogers to advance research in electrical engineering in the Voiland College School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. The fund shall pay or supplement the salary of recipients (graduate students, post-graduate researchers, or professors), pay salaries for their assistants, and pay expenses associated with the recipients' scholarly work. Specifically, the endowment will enhance the capability to competitively attract and retain exceptional faculty; support research assistantships for outstanding graduate students; and fund travel to enable students and faculty to attend major conferences and disseminate research findings. The fund will provide visibility for the school's programs by supporting supplies, equipment, and services, and fund proceeds will be utilized to ensure a significant impact on one or more research projects.

### **HUIE-ROGERS RESEARCH ENDOWMENT IN THE ELSON S. FLOYD COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**

This endowment was created by Floyd and Judy Rogers to be used to advance research in the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine. The fund shall pay or supplement the salary of the recipients (graduate students, post-graduate researchers, or professors), pay salaries for their assistants, and pay expenses associated with the recipients' scholarly work. Specifically, the endowment will enhance the capability to competitively attract and retain exceptional faculty; support research assistantships for outstanding graduate students; and fund travel to enable students and faculty to attend major conferences and disseminate research findings. The fund will provide visibility for the college's programs, by supporting supplies, equipment, and services associated with the research area at an appropriate scale relative to the size of the endowment's annual distribution. Fund proceeds will be utilized to ensure a significant impact on one or more research projects.

### **DR. BRIAN HUNTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is created in memory of Dr. Brian Hunter by Gail Hunter and friends of Dr. Hunter. The scholarships shall be awarded to third- or fourth-year students in the College of Veterinary Medicine's Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program who have shown outstanding academic work and a commitment to their studies, and are in the top 10 percent of their class.

### **MARK JAMES SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was created in memory of Mark James by Linda James to support undergraduate students seeking degrees in the following programs: Department of Crop and Soil Sciences; School of Food Science; Department of Horticulture; and the Department of Plant Pathology.

### **CHRISTOPHER "CJ" AND NANNEA "NAN" JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was created by Christopher Johnson to provide scholarships to students pursuing degrees in foreign languages, with a preference for students studying French who are in their junior or senior year.

### **JAN AND DOUG JONAS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN EDUCATION**

This scholarship was created by Janette Jonas to provide scholarship support for undergraduates studying elementary education who have financial need. Preference is given to juniors or seniors who have made sufficient academic

progress, and to students who intend to incorporate STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) concepts and practices in their classrooms.

#### **BERNICE KENT AND COMPANION ANIMAL FRIENDS ANIMAL DISEASE BIOTECHNOLOGY OPERATIONS ENDOWMENT FUND**

This endowment was created by the Bernice Kent Trust to provide financial support for the infrastructure and programs in the Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology.

#### **BERNICE KENT AND COMPANION ANIMAL FRIENDS VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITAL OPERATIONS ENDOWMENT FUND**

This endowment was created by the Bernice Kent Trust to maintain, repair, replace, and provide technical support for clinical equipment in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

#### **THOMAS R. QUANN & MARY A. KOHLI SCHOLARSHIP**

This endowment was established by Mary A. Kohli to fund scholarships for undergraduate students in the College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS). The scholarships are awarded based on merit, financial need, and service to the community. Preference is given to students who have financial need and/or are experiencing difficult circumstances in completing a college education.

#### **JANE LARIVIERE ENDOWED FUND FOR EXCELLENCE IN WOMEN'S ROWING**

This endowment was created by Thomas and Barbara Wilson to honor the career of Jane LaRiviere, who has played many roles in creating success in the women's rowing program at WSU. This endowment supports the women's rowing program at the discretion of the program's head coach.

#### **DANIEL AND SUSAN LARSON ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FOR MEDICINE**

This endowment was created by Daniel and Susan Larson to support medical students enrolled at the WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine. Alternatively, if and when the enrollment of Idaho residents is allowed at the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine, distributions from the fund shall be used to support students who are Idaho residents.

#### **KIRK LUND, MD, ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship, created by Don and Dena Kopczyński to honor Dr. Kirk Lund, was established to support a student from a rural community in Washington, Idaho, or Oregon.

#### **MARTIN-FLICKINGER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN HONORS**

This endowment, created by Gerri Martin-Flickinger and Reid Flickinger, was established to support WSU Honors College students majoring in a STEM field (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). Preference is given to students in their sophomore, junior, or senior years.

#### **DAVID R. MATTERN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**

This scholarship was created by the David R. Mattern Revocable Trust in memory of David R. Mattern to provide scholarships to WSU students who graduated from Goldendale High School in Goldendale, Washington. Preference will be given to undergraduate students who have financial need and those intending to pursue a degree in agricultural science, natural



science, health science, veterinary medicine, forestry, engineering, biological sciences, or other sciences. This scholarship may be renewable for students who have special circumstances.

#### **LOUISE H. MCALLISTER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN THE ELSON S. FLOYD COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**

This endowment is created by Louise McAllister to support one or more scholarships for students studying to obtain their doctorate in medicine. The scholarship shall be merit- and/or need-based and is renewable.

#### **RUSSELL MCCORMMACH SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was created by a bequest of Russell McCormmach to establish scholarships for undergraduate or graduate students pursuing studies in the humanities, natural sciences, and the fine arts. The scholarships will be awarded to students based on academic achievement, financial need, artistic ability, and their prospects as a scientist or artist.

#### **GARY MUELLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship, created by Vicki Rova Mueller, in memory of Gary Mueller, was established to support a student in WSU's School of Design and Construction (SDC). Preference will be given to a student who has successfully completed the required sophomore interior design courses and is a certified interior design student.

#### **JOHN H. MUNN 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was created by a bequest of Judi Munn to honor John Munn's legacy. The scholarship will be awarded to a junior- or senior-level undergraduate student majoring in Natural Resource Sciences who was also a 4-H member.

#### **NWFCS HONEY BEE AND POLLINATOR INNOVATION FUND**

This endowment was created by Northwest Farm Credit Services (NWFCS) to purchase equipment, upgrade building spaces, and provide a sustainable source of funding for operations and innovation for WSU's Honey Bee and Pollinator program.

#### **NWFCS MANRRS ENDOWMENT**

This endowment was created by Northwest Farm Credit Services (NWFCS) to support Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS). MANRRS is a student organization that promotes academic and professional advancement by empowering minority students studying agriculture, natural resources, and related sciences. This fund will provide scholarships and assist student leaders to participate in conferences and professional development opportunities, in order to expose underrepresented students to all facets of agriculture and natural resources sciences.

#### **GLENN K. OSTERHOUT ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was created by Glenn Osterhout to support medical students studying for a doctorate in medicine. Preference will be given to students from King County, Washington, and the scholarship is renewable.

#### **OUTSTANDING HOUSE OFFICER AWARD**

This endowment was created by anonymous donors to establish the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine's Outstanding House Officer Award. The award



is presented annually to interns and residents who are part of clinical training programs that occur primarily within the WSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital and include primary care responsibilities.

#### **PACHOSA FAMILY FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**

This endowment, created by Dean Robert Pachosa, provides scholarship support to a football student-athlete at Washington State University who graduated from a high school on the west side of Washington state.

#### **HOWARD C. PAYNE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH**

This endowment, created by a bequest of Lawrence Olson, established the Howard C. Payne Award to support one or more undergraduate students pursuing excellence in research.

#### **BERT J. PORTER PHARMACY STUDENT PROFESSIONAL TRAVEL ENDOWMENT FUND**

This endowment was created by charitable gift annuities established by Bert Porter (Pharmacy, '50). The endowment will provide funds to cover student pharmacists' travel expenses to professional meetings in or out of the state of Washington. Priority will be given to those attending Legislative Day, Washington State Pharmacist Association board of director meetings, or any successor organizations' meetings; other professional meetings in the state of Washington; and national professional pharmacy meetings. (Reimbursed expenses will include registration fees, transportation, lodging, and meals up to 50 percent of the cost).

#### **DONALD PORTER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP IN PHARMACY**

This scholarship was created by Donald R. Porter to provide scholarships to students in the professional pharmacy program.

#### **RUTH S. ROBERTS SCHOLARSHIP IN EDUCATION**

This scholarship was created by Don Roberts in honor of his wife, Ruth S. Roberts, to provide one or more scholarships to students studying in the Department of Teaching and Learning. Preference shall be given to students who intend to teach math or science at any grade level, and have a GPA of 3.0 or above.

#### **DONALD W. ROCKSTROM ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

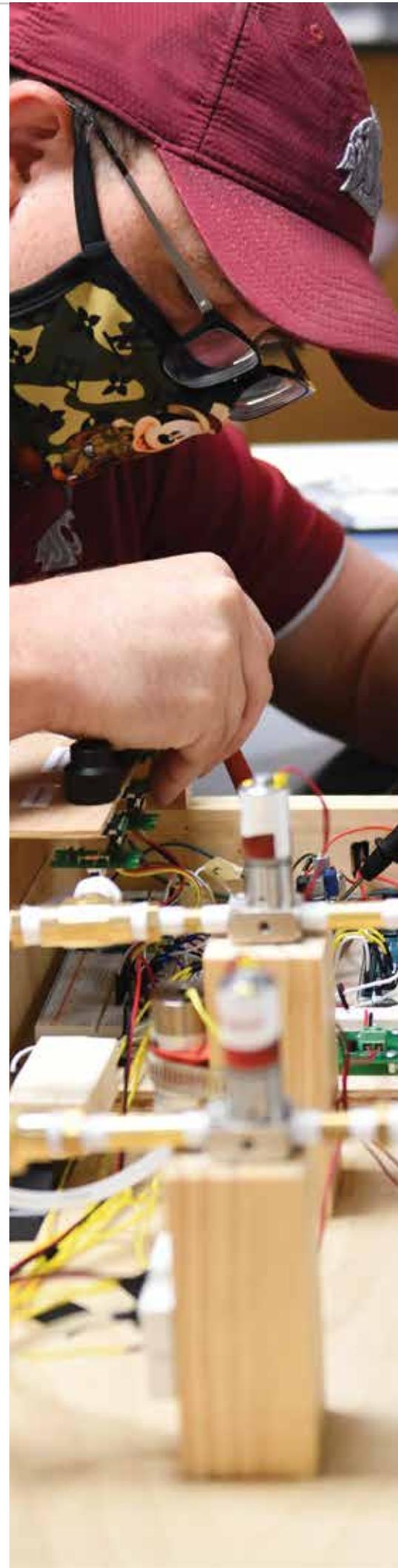
This scholarship was created by a trust of Donald W. Rockstrom to award scholarships to students studying any aspect of fruit tree or edible crop research.

#### **DONALD W. ROCKSTROM ENDOWED TREE FRUIT FUND**

This endowment was created by a trust of Donald W. Rockstrom to support research or scholarships benefiting the tree fruit industry.

#### **PAUL J. CERTA AND LEELA M. SASAKI ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT WSU TRI-CITIES**

This scholarship was created by Leela M. Sasaki and Paul J. Certa to provide one or more scholarships to full- or part-time (six or more credits) WSU Tri-Cities students enrolled in any major. Preference is given to first-generation students; students displaying financial need; students involved in charitable, community, civic engagement, or campus organizations; and those maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA or otherwise demonstrating academic promise. The scholarship is renewable (four-year renewal limit) as long as recipients maintain the above criteria.



### **SEQUOYAH ELECTRIC ENDOWMENT FOR FACULTY AND STUDENT EXCELLENCE**

This endowment was created by Sequoyah Electric, LLC to support student and faculty excellence at the discretion of the head of the Construction Management Program in the Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture.

### **SPARTACUS VETERINARY ENDOWMENT**

This endowment was created by Siddarth Pandit to provide fellowship support to College of Veterinary Medicine graduate students who are researching cancer.

### **JESSIE STRICKLER SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was created by Jill D. Strickler to provide one or more scholarships/awards to any WSU College of Veterinary Medicine resident or intern within the services of oncology, cardiology, soft tissue surgery, radiology, and internal medicine. Any remaining available funds will be awarded to any student within the College of Veterinary Medicine.

### **WILLIAM H. THOMSON SCHOLARSHIP IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

This scholarship, created by William Thomson, supports students who are U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents of the U.S., and are studying in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science on the Pullman campus with a GPA of 3.5 or above.

### **JACK AND MILDRED WHEALDON ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was created by Jack and Mildred Whealdon to provide scholarships to WSU students with a preference given to students who graduated from the Ilwaco High School and those with demonstrated financial need.

### **WOODINVILLE WINE COUNTRY SCHOLARSHIP FOR DIVERSITY IN VITICULTURE AND ENOLOGY**

This scholarship was created by Chateau Ste. Michelle, DeLille Cellars, and Woodinville Wine Country to provide scholarships for undergraduate students majoring in Viticulture and Enology at WSU. Preference will be given to students who have overcome obstacles, such as socioeconomic or educational disadvantages or disabilities; and/or are the first generation in their family to attend college; and/or are members of underrepresented groups at the university.

### **CAROL D. WOODWARD COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE EXCELLENCE ENDOWMENT**

This endowment was created by Carol D. Woodward to support the Good Samaritan Fund, the People-Pet Partnership Program, and Veterinary Clinical Sciences Development.

### **WSU TRI-CITIES ENDOWED INDICATOR GARDEN AND HERITAGE PATH SPONSORED BY COLUMBIA CENTER ROTARY CHARITY**

This endowment was created by Columbia Center Rotary Charity for the maintenance and operations of the WSU Tri-Cities Indicator Garden and Heritage Path.



# BERRY FAMILY PROFESSOR OPENS DOORS FOR YOUTH

STORY BY **ANNEMARIE HUNTER**

Berry Family Distinguished Professor Dr. Brian French is committed to helping young people overcome challenges, achieve their potential, and live happier lives. Psychometrics, statistics, and measurements are the instruments through which French accomplishes these goals.

As director of Washington State University's Learning and Performance Research Center (LPRC) and Psychometric Laboratory, French collaborates with his team to develop educational and psychological assessments through psychometrics. In this field, response-based methodologies, such as questionnaires and tests, are utilized to assess psychological constructs, as well as cognitive and physical capabilities. The results can then be used to create research-based solutions for today's youth.

"Our assessments use a strengths-based approach to help young people in a positive way," said French, who in June completed his term as associate dean for research and external funding in the College of Education.

During the past several years, the Washington Assessment of the Risks and Needs of Students (WARNS) project has been a key assessment tool for French and his team to help youth across the state. WARNS examines youth experiences in six domains critical for healthy development and results help schools and youth providers determine and meet student needs.

In May, French and his team were awarded a \$1.2 million grant by the Institute of Education Sciences to further develop WARNS. With the new funding, the WARNS group intends to expand use of these beneficial assessments nationwide.

"WARNS can start conversations with students that lead to constructive outcomes," French said.

Joan Kingery, an educator and former WSU faculty member, believe WARNS is an invaluable tool for schools and communities nationwide.

"As an educator, I support an assessment that allows us to identify student needs. When we can catch things early, we have opportunities to change the course to a better future for our kids," said Kingery, who is also a donor to the Dean's



Excellence Fund. This fund has supported noteworthy research at WSU, including the WARNS project.

The vision that guides French today was shaped from childhood experiences.

"I grew up in a single-parent home and my mom taught us to use our skills to assist others and better the world around us," French said.

Through his work, French improves life not only for middle and high school students, but also mentors his own students.

"It's a joy to help students develop and go on to fulfill their vision," he said. "The door was opened for me, so I see it as my job to hold that door open for others."

French also recognizes and acknowledges there are others outside of the lab who have contributed to this success.

"I have a deep sense of gratitude for donors who give to WSU," he said. "Donor support allows us to carry out work that would not be possible otherwise. Most recently, I'm thankful for the Berry Family Distinguished Professorship.

"It has helped me support my students in their development, offer workshops, write textbooks with colleagues in Spain to support Spanish-speaking scholars, and advance the WARNS system. The generosity and confidence the Berry Family has placed in me and my work is honored and appreciated."

# LIFELONG COUG OVERCOMES TREPIDATION TO BECOME A DOCTOR

STORY BY ANNEMARIE HUNTER

Lars Neuenschwander has been a Cougar from the day he took his first breath.

A WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine student, Lars was born on campus at Pullman Memorial Hospital. Eighteen years later, he returned to attend Washington State University. In 2019, he achieved a double degree in Spanish and Bioengineering and will graduate from the College of Medicine in 2024.

However, a medical profession was not always part of Lars's plans. In fact, he had to overcome a piercing fear to pursue medicine.

"I didn't grow up with a passion for medicine or think a medical career was for me," he said. "In fact, I had a terrible phobia of needles and wondered if I could get past it."

However, encouraged by his parents who always set an example for exploring life, Lars kept an open mind about his future.

"My parents actually met each other during a typhoon on a ferry from Shanghai to Hong Kong," he said. "Their experiences, after years of travel and life abroad, inspired me to stay curious."

Lars knew there were certain attributes essential to the career he would choose, and he was also committed to helping others. Though apprehensive about his fears, Lars began to consider a medical profession and started volunteering for medical organizations. One of those opportunities, at a hospital in Costa Rica, propelled him into a passion for medicine.

"I remember seeing a surgeon console a child by holding him," Lars recalled. "I watched an anesthesiologist comfort another patient before an amputation. Their patients' struggles were their struggles. Their patients' success was their success. I came back to the States knowing there was nothing else I wanted to do."

"Medicine wasn't love at first sight. In fact, I chose something I had avoided and ended up falling in love with it."

Lars has excelled at WSU and has been awarded numerous scholarships, including the Elson S. Floyd Medical Student Scholarship.

"Scholarships helped me focus on my studies by alleviating the financial burden," Lars said. "My goal is to give back once I become a doctor."

Lars's vision for giving back includes serving Spanish-speaking communities.

"I've seen parallels between the challenges in underserved communities in Washington state and Central America," he said. "I believe we could use similar solutions for these challenges."

Lars sees medical innovation as key to those solutions and has progressed his ideas into action through collaborative research with faculty and peers.

"Lars is the kind of student who goes the extra mile," said Dr. Georgina Lynch, College of Medicine assistant professor. "He demonstrates diligence and shows great teamwork."

Lars has helped advance Dr. Lynch's research in earlier detection of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). In 2020, they co-founded Appiture Biotechnologies, Inc. Through funding received from the Jones Milestone Accelerator and Greater Spokane Incorporated, the startup is creating a more streamlined process for early screening and diagnoses of ASD.

"Lars's aptitude for developing technology, and his inquisitive nature, are the perfect combination to move his goal forward." Dr. Lynch said.





# WITH RESILIENCE AND FAITH, NURSING STUDENT ACHIEVES HER LIFELONG DREAM

STORY BY **ANNEMARIE HUNTER**

A single mother of two young sons, Leanne Nixon graduated in May 2021 with a bachelor of science from Washington State University’s (WSU) College of Nursing. Leanne initially pursued her nursing degree in 2012. However, while in the midst of this program, Leanne battled a methamphetamine addiction that threatened her life, dreams, and future.

“My life was destroyed within a matter of months,” Leanne said. “I lost my home, my kids, my car, and dropped out of school. WSU tried to help me, but I refused their help. I was homeless and hopeless for roughly five years, using more and more meth to numb the pain I felt for how badly I’d screwed up my life.”

During this time, Leanne became pregnant.

“When I became pregnant with my son, Gage, I knew I couldn’t bear to lose another child. It would have literally killed me,” she said. “So, I went and spoke to my counselor at WSU about my dream of becoming a nurse and the intense sadness I felt that wouldn’t be able to fulfill this dream.”

Her counselor encouraged Leanne to reopen the door to her dream, and her academic advisor, Laura Wintersteen-Arleth, was there to help her through the process.

“Leanne had to reapply for school and if accepted, would essentially start nursing school all over,” said Wintersteen-Arleth, a Teaching Associate Professor who retired from the College of Nursing in May. “She did get accepted because I think her desire and commitment came through in the interview.”

Leanne completed her program with flawless grades and received numerous scholarships, including the Inge Hendron Endowed Scholarship and the Spokane Central Lions Club Nursing Scholarship.

“I wouldn’t have been able to graduate without scholarships,” she said. “This was my second attempt at nursing school, and the scholarships were essential to afford my schooling.”

Leanne credits Wintersteen-Arleth with both helping her pursue her dream and learning to trust her own inner strength.

“Laura’s door was always open,” Leanne said. “And she was there to encourage and guide me.”

When Leanne began her second nursing program in 2019, she was burdened with doubt and apprehension.

“I worried after being out of school for so long,” she said. “Plus, after five years of meth use, I wondered if my brain was going to be too damaged.”

There were other challenges, too.

“Nursing school is tough on its own, but worrying about finances and kids at the same time was extremely challenging,” she said.

Despite the challenges, Leanne achieved her goals. During the program, Leanne focused her learning on psychiatric care and, in July, started a psychiatric nursing position in Spokane. Her future plans include becoming a psychiatric nurse practitioner.

Leanne credits hope and faith for helping her survive the past and build her future.

“In 2013, I lost my hope and that was my downfall. As a nurse, I want to treat my patients with dignity and compassion while providing them hope. Hope gives you the desire to live, even if you’re in a horrible circumstance. If you have hope, you can get through.

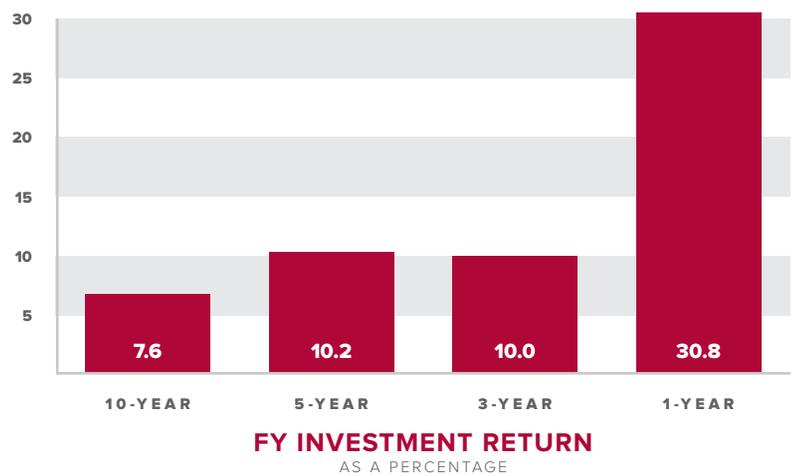
“Even during the meth, I knew God was there and loved me unconditionally. He had His hand on me the whole time.”



# INVESTMENT REPORT AND COMPARATIVE ENDOWMENT PERFOR

## 2021 FISCAL YEAR PERFORMANCE

For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021, total WSU Foundation endowment pool assets increased \$151 million from \$499 million to \$650 million. Total return for the Foundation's endowment during Fiscal Year 2021 was 30.8 percent. Additions to the endowment during this period totaled \$26.22 million, and the WSU Foundation distributed \$21.4 million from the endowment in support of programs across Washington State University.



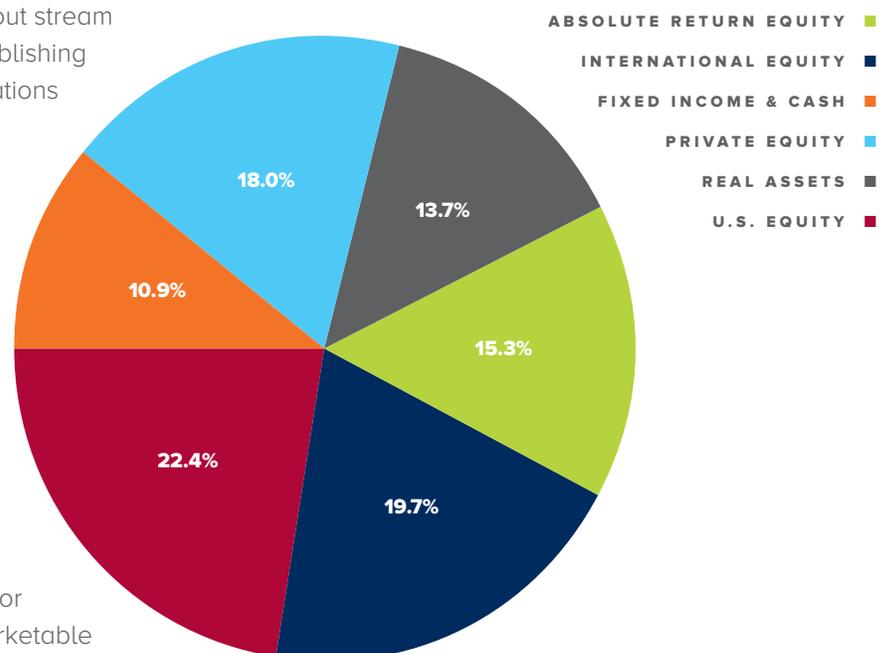
## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The investment objectives of the Washington State University Foundation's Endowment Fund reflect its long-term nature. It is recognized that the desire to grow endowment gifts and to produce a large, stable, and predictable payout stream involves tradeoffs that must be balanced in establishing the investment and spending policies. Considerations that shape the endowment's objectives include:

- Producing a relatively predictable and stable payout stream to WSU's programs that are supported by endowment funds;
- Increasing the inflation-adjusted value of the endowment in the long term, while assuming only moderate risk;
- Balancing the support of present and future generations of students and faculty.

The WSU Foundation seeks to achieve these investment objectives by diversifying across major asset classes (e.g., marketable equities, non-marketable investment, absolute return, fixed income), as well as within each asset class (e.g., investment style, capitalization, industry).

## ENDOWMENT ACTUAL ASSET ALLOCATION





# MANANCE

## INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

As of June 30, 2021, the WSU Foundation Endowment's total asset value was \$650,438,123. Total return during Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) was 30.80 percent. The five-year return is 10.20 percent; and ten-year return is 7.60 percent.

WSU FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT RETURNS			
DATE	1-YEAR	5-YEAR	10-YEAR
6/30/2011	20.00	4.40	5.60
6/30/2012	0.00	0.70	6.10
6/30/2013	10.00	2.40	6.90
6/30/2014	15.70	10.50	6.90
6/30/2015	2.30	9.40	6.20
6/30/2016	-1.40	5.10	4.80
6/30/2017	12.80	7.70	4.20
6/30/2018	8.00	7.30	4.80
6/30/2019	4.20	5.10	7.80
6/30/2020	-2.00	4.20	6.70
6/30/2021	30.80	10.20	7.60

## INVESTMENT RETURN COMPARISON

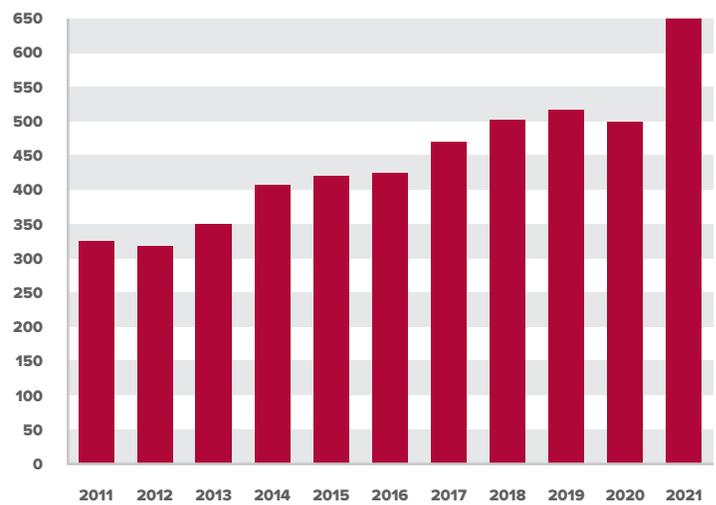
## ENDOWMENT MANAGEMENT AND FEES

In accordance with WSU Foundation bylaws, this Endowment Fund is managed by the Investment Committee, a sub-committee of the WSU Foundation Board of Directors. The Investment Committee is responsible for investments, reinvestments, and general management of the endowment. The committee establishes policies for investing capital, monitoring and reviewing investment performance, establishing appropriate benchmarks, and managing the investments to maximize the endowment's financial potential while minimizing risk. Pavilion, a Mercer Practice, serves as the Foundation's investment consultant.

Every year, the WSU Foundation distributes 4 percent of the endowment fund's 36-month rolling average to benefit WSU as designated by the General Use Agreement. Additionally, there is a 1.5 percent fee charged annually to the endowment fund's 36-month rolling average to cover investment management fees, custodial costs, and consulting.

For more information about the WSU Foundation's fee structure, visit [foundation.wsu.edu/fees](https://foundation.wsu.edu/fees).

## ENDOWMENT FUND 10-YEAR VALUE



## ENDOWMENT ACTIVITIES

The WSU Foundation consolidates all funds available for long-term investment in its Endowment Fund, with the exception of funds restricted by law or by special donor limitations. This fund is the investment pool for approximately 2,568 privately endowed funds supporting a wide variety of education, research, and service programs across Washington State University.

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