ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HERBERT N. WEINGARTEN ENDOWED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND (REVISED)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Herbert N. Weingarten Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund (REVISED). This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Science.

Background

Herbert N. Weingarten was born in 1927 in Detroit. He attended Central High School and received his law degree from the University of Michigan. This scholarship is established to honor Mr. Weingarten’s memory and his interests in science and education.

Mr. Weingarten had an interest in computers long before they became a daily part of our lives and was an early proponent of using computers for office management. Another of his interests was the use of computers for writing and performing music. Because of his deep interest in technology, Mr. Weingarten also studied the evolution of computer design and computer theory.

To combine his lifelong interest in technology and science with his strong beliefs in the value of an education, this scholarship is established in Herbert N. Weingarten’s memory.

Endowment Amount

$32,000
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALFONSO RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN DEBATE

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Alfonso Rodriguez Memorial Endowed Scholarship in Debate. This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts.

Background

Alfonso Rodriguez was born in Anmoore, West Virginia, a small town in the Appalachian mountains, the fifth child of Spanish immigrants, Manuel and Encarnacion. When Alfonso was nine, his widowed father moved his young family to Detroit, hoping to find better opportunities. Alfonso was energetic and ambitious, and went on to obtain bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Wayne State, to serve in the elite Office of Special Services (OSS) during World War II and eventually became Director of Training in the Central Intelligence Agency.

Alfonso always spoke with fondness of his experiences as a debater and speaker at Wayne State. His gift for language and speech flourished under the mentorship of Wayne faculty including Drs. Cartwright, Skinner, Scott, Pritchard and Mrs. Youngjohn. Alfonso credited the reasoning and communication skills he developed in debate and speech with enabling him to surmount challenges and achieve a gratifying and productive life. Competing on the Wayne teams broadened his education in ways that went beyond the skills and knowledge he applied as he grew into a champion debater.

Alfonso’s family and friends have endowed this memorial scholarship to promote speech and debate at the university in the hope that this gift may help a student today enjoy opportunities like those Alfonso so valued.

Endowment Amount

$11,500
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DOROTHY AND J. FRANK CAMPBELL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Dorothy and J. Frank Campbell Endowed Scholarship Fund. This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Education.

Background

In 1999 J. Frank Campbell established the Dorothy and J. Frank Campbell Student Loan Fund in Teacher Education. It is the intention of the donor’s surviving family to convert the existing student loan fund (#053125, #513131) into the Dorothy and J. Frank Campbell Endowed Scholarship Fund for teaching students. Recipients of this scholarship must be full-time or part-time undergraduate students who have achieved junior or senior status and are majoring in teacher education. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required. Awards may be used for tuition and other educational expenses.

Endowment Amount

$11,000
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALBERT D. RUDELMANN, SR., M.D. ENDOVED MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP IN OPHTHALMOLOGY

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Albert D. Ruedemann, Sr., M.D. Endowed Memorial Lectureship in Ophthalmology. The Department of Ophthalmology will invite prominent physicians/educators in the field of ophthalmology to the School of Medicine campus to lecture to undergraduates, graduates, post-graduates, fellows, residents, alumni and faculty.

Background

Renowned surgeon, clinician and educator, Dr. Albert D. Ruedemann Sr. was the first director of Kresge Eye Institute, serving from 1948-1968. His unique talents and love for ophthalmology produced a lifetime of achievements and helped establish the Kresge Eye Institute as one of this nation's leading eye care centers. The purpose of this lecture is to promote the values exemplified by Albert D. Ruedemann, Sr., M.D. as an ophthalmologist and humanitarian.

Endowment Amount

$26,000
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE E. STEPHEN GURDJIAN, M.D. AND L. MURRAY THOMAS, M.D. ENDOWED CHAIR IN NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the E. Stephen Gurdjian, M.D. and L. Murray Thomas, M.D. Endowed Chair in Neurological Surgery in the School of Medicine. This endowment is established to recognize and facilitate scholarly achievement in the Department of Neurosurgery at a level that will bring national and international recognition to Wayne State University.

Background

At Wayne State University, the Neurological Surgery Department continues the tradition of research begun by Dr. E. Stephen Gurdjian and Dr. L. Murray Thomas. The department is dedicated to searching for new knowledge, the refinement of existing knowledge and excellent patient care.

Dr. E. Stephen Gurdjian came to Detroit in 1930 and began a practice at Grace Hospital and Detroit Receiving Hospital. He was dedicated to the advancement of neurosurgery and supported research in the mechanism of skull fracture, cerebral concussion, carotid occlusion and stenosis, vasospasm, and aneurysm management.

In 1946, Dr. Gurdjian established a neurosurgical residency program at Grace and Receiving. In 1948, a fellowship in the Department of Anatomy was added and the program became known as the Wayne State University Neurosurgical Training Program. In 1957, neurosurgery became a department in the School of Medicine with Dr. Gurdjian as the first chairman. In addition, a new research laboratory was opened to support the department.

Dr. Gurdjian’s research focused on the basic mechanisms of head injury. Dr. Gurdjian reasoned that a study of applied forces was in the province of the engineer and, in 1940, began working with Professor Herbert Lissner from the College of Engineering, thus starting the discipline of biomechanics.

Dr. L. Murray Thomas followed Dr. Gurdjian as Chair of the Department of Neurosurgery in 1970, a post he held until 1990. Under his direction, the Gurdjian-Lissner Biomechanics Laboratory was officially named, enhanced, and expanded.

Dr. Thomas is widely recognized for his research in spinal and head injuries. Together with Dr. Gurdjian and in cooperation with Dr. Voight Hodgson, their work
led to the development of protective head devices and sports helmets. With a team of engineers, they applied the techniques of stress coat analysis to the study of skull fracture, both linear and depressed, and with the use of the strain guage were able to study the force-time relations of the damaging event. A paper outlining the cerebral concussion tolerance curve was presented at the 7th Stapp Conference and published in the proceedings by Pattrick, Lissner and Gurdjian. This tolerance curve is used to determine the safety characteristics of automobiles and sports helmets to this day. Subsequent studies won them the American Medical Association’s “Hecktoen Medical Award” in 1967, a most prestigious award.

As the first chair of the Department of Neurological Surgery, Dr. E. Stephen Gurdjian began a tradition of excellence. He was a leader, teacher and researcher who loved his patients. He is remembered as a wonderful role model and mentor -- a legend.

Following in this tradition of excellence, Dr L. Murray Thomas has made his own special mark on the department. He has left a legacy --- breakthrough research in sports helmet safety and the development of automobile safety standards.

Endowment Amount

$425,000
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ANNIE LOUSIE PITTS HANDY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN SOCIAL WORK

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Annie Louise Pitts Handy Endowed Scholarship in Social Work. This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their education in the School of Social Work.

Background

Annie Louise Pitts Handy, a graduate of Harlem Hospital School of Nursing (1948), Wayne State University (BSN, 1954; MSW, Psychiatric Social Work, 1959), and the American Management Association (executive training, 1975), was a public health nurse for eight years and a social worker for 28. During her career, she was a supervisor and field instructor for graduates of the Wayne State University School of Social Work, a training consultant for the State of Michigan, and district manager and administrator of three social service offices. She remembers being a needy graduate student receiving stipends from the federal government. By helping social work students, she wants to give something back to the university that helped her prepare for her career.

Endowment Amount

$10,000