ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOB ALLISON (ALLESEE) ENDOWED CHAIR IN MEDIA

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Bob Allison (Allesee) Endowed Chair in Media.

This endowed chair is established to recognize and facilitate scholarly and professional achievement in the Department of Communication’s Media Arts and Studies program at a level that will bring national and international recognition to Wayne State University and the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts.

Background

Bob Allison, whose given name is Bob Allesee, began his broadcasting career 59 years ago. In 1962, his show Ask Your Neighbor made its debut on WWJ Detroit, where it remained for 16 years until the station switched to an all-news format. He also played the Twin Pines Milkman on Milky’s Party Time from 1962-1968. Thirty-one years and several stations later, Allison still is a Detroit radio fixture. Ask Your Neighbor airs on WNZK-AM (690) as relatively the same show, focusing on household hints and unique recipes. Currently Bob Allison also plays piano for the Detroit Rotary Club weekly and DAC Beaver meetings, has performed with the Warren Symphony and performs for many charitable events throughout the year.

Allison has been a board member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Advisory Board of Focus Life, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan, Oakland Community College (current), and past president of Variety Club. He also works with the Salvation Army, Fun Arts and Rec, Far Conservators, the American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, the Michigan Heart Association and other charitable groups. He has been a member of the Detroit Rotary Club with perfect attendance for 40 years, the Adcraft Club, the John W. Smith Oldtimers, the Broadcast Pioneers, the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Screen Actor’s Guild, the Detroit Athletic Club, the Renaissance Club and Oakland Hills County Club.

Allison lives with his wife Maggie. They have six adult children and 12 grandchildren.

Endowment Amount
$1,500,000.00
Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Anthony and Joyce Danielski Kales Endowed Scholars Awards in the College of Engineering.

This scholars awards fund will recognize meritorious scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in Biomedical Engineering.

Background

Drs. Anthony and Joyce Kales have been inspired to establish these scholars awards in honor of Professor Albert King because of his many exemplary contributions throughout his career to Wayne State University and the field of biomedical engineering. Professor King is a long-time director of the Bioengineering Center and the Chair of the nationally recognized Department of Biomedical Engineering. He is an internationally renowned expert in biomechanics and automobile safety and is a pioneer in recognizing the need for research in blast neurotrauma for returning combat soldiers. He has numerous publications, many of which are in leading scientific journals. In recognition of his many outstanding scientific contributions in biomedical engineering, and his leadership in this important field, he is a member of the highly prestigious National Academy of Engineering.

Endowment Amount
$100,000.00
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KRESGE EYE INSTITUTE ALUMNI CLUB ENDOWED FUND

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Kresge Eye Institute Alumni Club Endowed Fund.

This fund will support residents in the field of ophthalmology with equipment, supplies, books, research and travel support for educational conferences.

Background

The Kresge Eye Institute Alumni Club was established to support resident-oriented programs, equipment in the Kresge Eye Institute clinic, books and software. The Alumni Club represents an important investment in the future of eye care in the Detroit metropolitan region through the training and support of the highest caliber of ophthalmology residents.

Endowment Amount
$60,000.00
Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Irene Rivais Endowed Scholarship (Fund Functioning as an Endowment).

This scholarship fund will recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education at Wayne State University.

Background

Irene Rivais was born in St. Albans, Vermont on July 13, 1922. She received her Bachelor’s Degree in Education in June 1956 and her Master’s Degree in Humanities in June 1961, both at Wayne State University. She was a teacher and also served in the Coast Guard. She never married, and she had no children. In 1982, she created her Last Will and Testament and provided for scholarships for graduate students at Wayne State University. She died in San Diego, California on October 12, 2007. As a result of her generous gift, Wayne State University will establish this scholarship in her name.

Endowment Amount

$130,000.00
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GERALD AND ANN SMITH ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Gerald and Ann Smith Endowed Scholarship.

This scholarship fund will recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Education.

Background

Drs. Gerald and Ann Smith have been lifelong advocates for youth. Their work with public school systems has lead to positive change within the lives of young people. They believe effective leadership in schools is the key to excellence in schools. This endowed scholarship will play a role in preparing future instructional leaders and administrators for leadership roles in urban school settings.

Endowment Amount
$10,000.00*

*grandfathered
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GUY STERN ENDOWED CHAIR IN EXILE AND HOLOCAUST STUDIES

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Guy Stern Endowed Chair in Exile and Holocaust Studies.

The Guy Stern Endowed Chair in Exile and Holocaust Studies is established to recognize faculty scholarly achievement and to attract an outstanding teacher-scholar who has published and taught about the Holocaust and is qualified to present the common aspects of exile throughout history. The chair holder will inspire younger colleagues and generations of students to better understand the impact of the Holocaust as well as that of exiles who have flourished in their newly chosen country.

Background

Guy Stern is the sole surviving member of a Jewish family from Hildesheim, Germany that was lost in the Holocaust. As the oldest child and only son, his parents sent him to America where he found his way to St. Louis and resumed his education as a high school student. Like other exiles from Europe in the late 1930s, young Mr. Stern brought with him to America a set of skills that were later to prove invaluable to him and his new homeland. Among his most deeply held goals was a desire to return to Europe to fight in the war against the Nazis. The U.S. Army established a special training base at Camp Ritchie in Maryland to prepare exiles, many of whom were Jewish, to be spies, interrogators and translators. Mr. Stern became a “Ritchie Boy,” and his experiences with the Army are now available for all to appreciate in the form of Christian Bauer’s documentary movie, The Ritchie Boys. Soldier Stern won the Silver Star for his innovative interrogation techniques created and applied from D-Day through the Battle of the Bulge.

Dr. Stern is credited with having created the academic discipline called, “Exile Studies,” which focuses attention on the contributions of authors, poets, playwrights and others who have been forced to leave the country of their birth. This leadership role, when considered with Dr. Stern’s many years of scholarship, teaching excellence, and cooperation with German institutions of higher education has resulted in a decision by Wayne State University to create the Guy Stern Endowed Chair in Exile and Holocaust Studies.

Endowment Amount
$1,500,000.00
Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Dr. Harvey S. Wilks Endowed Scholarship.

This scholar awards fund will recognize meritorious scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Background

Dr. Harvey S. Wilks (June 6, 1940 – July 4, 1998) was gifted intellectually and artistically. He graduated from Bronx High School of Science, City College of New York and Downstate Medical School, Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Wilks served proudly during the Vietnam War as a medical doctor in a MASH unit. Following the completion of his military service, he studied to be a forensic pathologist. His last career was as the Deputy County Medical Examiner for Wayne County, Michigan. Dr. Wilks was a devoted husband and father to three children. This scholarship is established in his memory to assist students in the Anatomic Pathologist’s Assistant program.

Endowment Amount
$25,000.00