

**Submitted by: Susan Burns, Vice President
Development and Alumni Affairs
President, Wayne State University Foundation**

THELMA ELIZABETH ROBERTSON CLARK ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Thelma Elizabeth Robertson Clark Endowed Scholarship in the School of Medicine.

This fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the School of Medicine.

Background

Thelma Elizabeth Robertson Clark was the mother of Jacquelyn R. Watson, M.D. Mrs. Clark was a lifelong promoter of education and the opportunities to succeed in life that education provides. She taught elementary school for 40 years in the Battle Creek Public Schools. Inspiring children with her enthusiasm for learning, she impacted the world in a lasting and positive way. Mrs. Clark passed away at age 93 and even in the last year of life she displayed her love of teaching by sharing with her health care workers all that she had learned about the world through reading and traveling on six continents. It is in this spirit of a quest for knowledge, of striving to better the world and of giving others opportunities that this scholarship has been named in memory of Mrs. Clark.

This fund is established with a gift of \$50,000 from Jacquelyn R. Watson, M.D. and Mr. Rick Watson.

Endowment Amount

\$50,000

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GEORGE AND NANCY GALSTER URBAN STUDIES
AND PLANNING ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the George and Nancy Galster Urban Studies and Planning Endowed Scholarship in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Department of Urban Studies and Planning.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Background

George and Nancy Galster have previously established the Galster Endowed Award in Urban Studies and Planning (Revised 2011) and the George and Nancy Galster Urban Studies Endowed Scholarship (2012). The donors have requested, and the university agrees, to dissolve the aforementioned funds and establish a single fund to be known as the George and Nancy Galster Urban Studies and Planning Endowed Scholarship in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning.

This fund is established with approximately \$37,919 currently in the Galster Endowed Award in Urban Studies and Planning (corpus account 060220-6013F1) and the George and Nancy Galster Urban Studies Endowed Scholarship (corpus account 060527-601G2B). The total amount of the combined transfers may vary slightly depending on the market values of the endowments on the date the transfers are made.

Endowment Amount

\$37,919

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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DANIEL KEYES FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Daniel Keyes Family Endowed Scholarship in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Background

Renowned author and educator, Daniel Keyes (1927 – 2014) taught at Wayne State University in the early to mid-1960s. His novella *Flowers for Algernon* was published in the Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction and won the Hugo Award for best short fiction in 1960. Keyes expanded the novella into a novel with the same title which tied for the Nebula Award for best novel in 1966. In 1968, the novel was made into a movie starring Cliff Robertson, who won the Academy Award for best actor in the film *CHARLY*. *Flowers for Algernon* went on to sell more than five million copies and to become a staple of English classes. Its sales continue strong to this day.

From Wayne State, Keyes went on to become an English and creative writing professor at Ohio University. Keyes described empathy as the ability to sense and feel what others are feeling and spoke publicly about the desire for and challenges of teaching empathy as he believed this was a critical component in the effort to combat violence and disconnection in society.

His daughters, Leslie and Hillary Keyes, hope that through the recipients of this scholarship, Wayne State will be a part of the effort to cultivate a more empathic view of the world and create a lasting ripple effect of kindness and compassion.

The fund is established with a gift of \$25,000 from Leslie and Hillary Keyes.

Endowment Amount

\$25,000

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**HANK AND JOY KUCHTA ENDOWED CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND
MATERIALS SCIENCE PH.D. SCHOLARSHIP**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Hank and Joy Kuchta Endowed Chemical Engineering and Materials Science Ph.D. Scholarship.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their graduate education in the College of Engineering.

Background

Henry M. (Hank) Kuchta graduated from Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in 1980. He was a partner in the creation of Northern Tier Acquisitions Co. (NTR) in 2006 and retired from Northern Tier Energy (NTE) as president and chief executive officer in 2013.

Kuchta began his career in various refining, engineering and financial positions, including assignments overseas with the Exxon Corporation. After 12 years with Exxon, he joined the Tosco Corporation in 1993, serving in several commercial and refining positions and advancing to vice president of corporate development until 2001. Following Phillips Petroleum's acquisition of Tosco in 2001, Kuchta served as business development manager until 2002 when he was appointed executive vice president of refining for Premcor, Inc., a refining and petroleum products company. At Premcor, he became chief operating officer in 2002 and president in 2003, holding both titles until 2005.

The donors, Hank and Joy Kuchta, establish the fund with a gift of \$370,000.

Endowment Amount

\$370,000

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STEVE AND TERI KURMAS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Steve and Teri Kurmas Endowed Scholarship.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science in the College of Engineering.

Background

Steven E. Kurmas earned a bachelor of science and a master's in chemical engineering from Wayne State University and is a licensed professional engineer. He was elected to the Wayne State University College of Engineering Hall of Fame and also received the Distinguished Engineering Alumnus Achievement Award in 2001.

After a career in the field of energy highlighted by increasingly responsible leadership positions, he now serves as vice chairman of DTE Energy, a Detroit-based diversified energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. At DTE Energy, Kurmas is responsible for coordinating and executing several key strategic initiatives, including the implementation of a new customer service system, co-leading the nuclear excellence effort and providing executive coordination to ongoing energy legislative efforts in the state of Michigan.

Kurmas serves on the boards of directors of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce and YMCA Southeast Michigan. He is treasurer of the board of directors of the Engineering Society of Detroit and the Michigan Economic Development Foundation. He was elected as a director of NextEnergy and the National Association of Manufacturers in 2011, appointed to the National Nuclear Accrediting Board in 2012, and joined the boards of directors for the Michigan Manufacturers Association and the American Gas Association in 2013.

The fund is established with a three-year pledge of \$100,000, one-third of which was received by the university in 2016.

Endowment Amount

\$100,000

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DRS. EVANGELINE D. AND PABLO A. MOJICA ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Drs. Evangeline D. and Pablo A. Mojica Endowed Scholarship.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their graduate education in the School of Medicine.

Background

Drs. Evangeline and Pablo Mojica were classmates at the University of Santo Tomas Medical School in Manila, Philippines. They graduated in 1956 and moved to Michigan, completing their residency training in psychiatry at the former Pontiac State Hospital. Dr. Pablo Mojica served as chief of staff there for a short time and was head of the Department of Psychiatry in the 1970s. He was also on staff at Pontiac General Hospital during this period and provided services in local social services clinics. Drs. Mojica lived and practiced in Michigan until the late 1970s, relocating to California where Dr. Pablo Mojica practiced in the California Mental Health System, retiring from the Camino Nuevo Community Clinic in 2015 after having helped patients for 56 years.

Drs. Mojica left Michigan with fond memories and gratitude for the opportunities they were provided. The experience of working with the Detroit area's underserved population has motivated Drs. Mojica to create an endowed scholarship that will inspire generations of compassionate medical students who display high integrity and a desire to provide care to the underserved and marginalized.

The fund is established with a two-year pledge of \$50,000, one-half of which was received by the university in 2017.

Endowment Amount

\$50,000

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DRS. JAY AND MARIANNE VICTOR ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Drs. Jay and Marianne Victor Endowed Scholarship.

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

Background

The Victors have lifelong connections to Detroit as they have benefitted from the educational opportunities provided by the Detroit Public Schools and Wayne State University.

During their 35-year careers, they served the Detroit area, he as a dermatologist and she as a psychologist. They believe the current efforts to revitalize Detroit are exciting but the long-term success depends on better education of its children. TEACHDetroit is an innovative program which aims to prepare teachers for this challenge and it deserves our support.

The fund is established with a gift of \$45,000 from Drs. Jay and Marianne Victor.

Endowment Amount

\$45,000