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

CARDUCCI FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Carducci Family 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

It is the intention of the donors, Michael A. Carducci ‘88, M.D., his spouse, Mary K. Carducci, and his sister, Teresa J. Carducci-Whitehurst ‘89, M.D., to create the Carducci Family Endowed Scholarship in the School of Medicine.

The endowment is established with a pledge of $30,000 from Dr. Michael A. and Mary K. Carducci, and Teresa J. Carducci-Whitehurst, M.D.

Endowment Amount
$30,000
Submitted by: Susan Burns, Vice President
Development and Alumni Affairs
President, Wayne State University Foundation

CORVIAS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Corvias Endowed Scholarships at Wayne State University.

This scholarship fund is established to provide assistance to students in financing their on-campus housing at Wayne State University.

Background

Corvias is a company built on commitment and care. The name Corvias is rooted in the Latin phrase "by way of the heart." The name serves as a daily reminder for Corvias' officers to lead with their hearts, speak from their conscience, and improve local communities - and society at large - through every one of their partnerships.

This fund is established with a $500,000 pledge from The Corvias Foundation.

Endowment Amount
$500,000
Submitted by: Susan Burns, Vice President
Development and Alumni Affairs
President, Wayne State University Foundation

HOWARD FINCK MEMORIAL ENGINEERING ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Howard Finck Memorial Engineering Endowed Scholarship Fund in the College of Engineering.

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

Background

Karen Finck has established this endowment in memory of her late husband, Mr. Howard David Finck, a 1995 graduate from the College of Engineering, with a generous gift of $25,000.

Endowment Amount
$25,000
Submitted by:  Susan Burns, Vice President  
Development and Alumni Affairs  
President, Wayne State University Foundation

FORTIN FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Fortin Family Endowed Scholarship.

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

Dr. Paul Fortin graduated from the Wayne State University School of Medicine in 1986. He completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of Michigan and a fellowship in foot and ankle surgery at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Fortin is the Chief of Foot and Ankle Services at William Beaumont Health System and a Professor at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine.

Mrs. Kimberly Fortin, the spouse of Dr. Paul Fortin, is a successful realtor in metro Detroit. Dr. Fortin's daughter, Dr. Chelsea Fortin, is a 2015 Wayne State University School of Medicine alumna. She is completing her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the Cleveland Clinic. The Fortin family is grateful for the medical education they received at the Wayne State University School of Medicine. They are establishing this scholarship to offset the financial burden associated with attending medical school.

This fund is established with a $25,000 pledge from the Fortin family.

Endowment Amount

$25,000
Submitted by: Susan Burns, Vice President
Development and Alumni Affairs
President, Wayne State University Foundation

CHARLES H. GERSHENSON TRUST ENDOWMENT FUND
(FUND FUNCTIONING AS AN ENDOWMENT)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Charles H. Gershenson Trust Endowment Fund (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) in the Law School.

This fund is established to nurture academic life in the Law School by supporting faculty and visiting fellowships, research and scholarly activities.

Background

The Charles H. Gershenson Endowment Fund was established in June 1990 to support faculty scholarship by President David Adamany and the Charles H. Gershenson Trust.

It is the recommendation of the Donor Trustee, Maurice S. Binkow, to establish the Charles H. Gershenson Trust Endowment Fund (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) at the Law School.

This fund is established with a transfer of $1,400,000 from the corpus of the Charles H. Gershenson Endowment Fund.

Endowment Amount

$1,400,000
Submitted by: Susan Burns, Vice President
Development and Alumni Affairs
President, Wayne State University Foundation

WALTER GRIGORAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
(FUND FUNCTIONING AS AN ENDOWMENT)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Walter Grigoras Memorial Scholarship (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) in the College of Education.

This 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

Walter Grigoras was a native Detroiter, having attended Keating Elementary, Foch Intermediate and Southeastern High School. In 1956, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in History, graduating in the last class of Wayne University before it became a state institution. He was granted a Master of Science in Education from Wayne State in 1959.

He became an outstanding social studies teacher in the Detroit Public Schools, spending most of his career at Mumford High. Mr. Grigoras was a gifted teacher who had a positive influence on countless students during his career. He traveled extensively, visiting over 100 countries and all seven continents.

This fund is established with a gift of $27,534.05 already received from the estate of Walter Grigoras.

Endowment Amount

$27,534.05
Submitted by: Susan Burns, Vice President  
Development and Alumni Affairs  
President, Wayne State University Foundation

MORT HARRIS MED-DIRECT ENDOVED SCHOLARSHIP  
(MORT HARRIS MED-DIRECT SCHOLARS)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Mort Harris Med-Direct Scholars program at Wayne State University.

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

Entrepreneur and philanthropist Mort Harris has committed $10 million to establish the Mort Harris Med-Direct Scholars program at Wayne State University. The program recruits the very best high school students with a passion for addressing health disparities among our nation’s most vulnerable populations, simultaneously admitting them into an undergraduate program and Wayne State’s School of Medicine with full scholarships.

This fund is established with a $10,000,000 pledge from Mr. Mort Harris.

Endowment Amount

$10,000,000
THE HELPING INDIVIDUALS GO HIGHER (H.I.G.H.) PROGRAM ENDOWMENT FUND
(FUND FUNCTIONING AS AN ENDOWMENT)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Helping Individuals Go Higher (H.I.G.H.) Program Endowment Fund (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) at Wayne State University.

This fund is established to support the mission of the H.I.G.H. Program, which is primarily to assist at-risk students in overcoming personal and financial obstacles so that they may complete the academic requirements needed to graduate with their degrees from Wayne State University.

Background

The Helping Individuals Go Higher (H.I.G.H.) Program helps financially stressed students at Wayne State University reach their goal to graduate. The program provides resources for students-in-need, such as housing support, textbooks and other school supplies, clothing, transportation and child-care assistance. The mission of the program is to ensure that no student abandons their dream of earning a degree solely because of housing or financial challenges.

This endowment will be established with a transfer of $150,000 in gifts already received.

Endowment Amount

$150,000
JAMES KASKAS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the James Kaskas Endowed Scholarship in the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

This 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

Dr. James Kaskas earned his BA, MA and Ph.D. degrees in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Wayne State University. After earning his doctoral degree, Dr. Kaskas taught at the Detroit Institute of Technology, where he spent nearly 20 years. Dr. Kaskas finished his teaching career at the University of Michigan Dearborn, where he taught for over 10 years. Dr. Kaskas believes in the importance of higher education and has established this scholarship to support students in the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

This fund is established with a $25,000 pledge from Dr. James Kaskas.

Endowment Amount

$25,000
Submitted by:  Susan Burns, Vice President  
             Development and Alumni Affairs  
             President, Wayne State University Foundation

          KNOPPER FAMILY ENDOWED RESEARCH FUND

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Knopper Family Endowed Research Fund in the School of Medicine Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology.

This fund is established to promote vision research in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

Background

It is the intention of Karen L. Knopper to further the vision research of Linda Hazlett, Ph.D., Vice Dean of Research and Graduate Programs, Chair of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, and Distinguished Professor.

It is Ms. Knopper's hope that the funds will enhance the reputation and national recognition of the department and the school. She views Wayne State University as a hallmark of Detroit and wants to ensure the institution's legacy continues.

This fund is established with a $375,000 pledge from Karen Knopper.

Endowment Amount
$375,000
RITA & STANLEY LEVY AND RATNA & VAMAN NAIK ENDOWED SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES UNDER THE DOME LECTURE

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Rita & Stanley Levy and Ratna & Vaman Naik Endowed Science and Humanities Under the Dome Lecture in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

This fund is established to bring speakers, especially faculty from sciences and humanities, to share their exciting research with the public in an informal setting.

Background

The donors, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley (Rita) Levy and Professors Ratna and Vaman Naik, wish to establish a lectureship in the sciences and humanities that will commemorate their friendship and long association with Wayne State University. The vision for the "Sciences and Humanities Under the Dome" Endowed Lecture in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' Planetarium is to bring speakers, especially faculty from sciences and humanities, to share their exciting research with the public in an informal setting and open for discussion.

This fund is established with a $50,000 pledge from Stan Levy and Ratna Naik.

Endowment Amount

$50,000
RACHMALE DETROIT ENGINEERING SCHOLARS PROGRAM ENDOWED FUND

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Rachmale Detroit Engineering Scholars Program Endowed Fund in the College of Engineering.

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 Engineering.

Background

The Rachmale Detroit Engineering Scholars Program is intended to serve as a bridge from high school to career success, by ensuring that the highest performing students from Detroit schools choose Wayne State to pursue their careers in innovation and engineering.

This fund is established with a $1,000,000 pledge from Avinash and Hema Rachmale.

Endowment Amount

$1,000,000
JOHN M. RAMOCKI, M.D. FUND IN SUPPORT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY SURGICAL EDUCATION (FUND FUNCTIONING AS AN ENDOWMENT)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the John M. Ramocki, M.D. Fund in Support of Ophthalmology Surgical Education (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) in the School of Medicine.

Background

John M. Ramocki, M.D., was an exceptional physician and excellent educator. He was a board-certified ophthalmologist and practiced for more than 30 years at the Kresge Eye Institute and John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, in addition to other clinics in the Metro Detroit area. He served as an associate professor at Wayne State University School of Medicine. During his career he received the American Academy of Ophthalmology Honor Award and was a seven-time recipient of the Kresge Eye Institute Resident Teaching Award. Dr. Ramocki was instrumental in the surgical training of countless KEI residents, many times assisting in their first cataract surgery. Dr. Ramocki was a three-time graduate of Wayne State University: M.D. ('81), Residency ('85) and Fellowship ('86).

This fund is established with a transfer of $30,000 from the John D. Ramocki, M.D. Fund.

Endowment Amount

$30,000
TROTT FOUNDATION LAW SCHOOL ENDOWED SUPPORT FUND

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Trott Foundation Law School Endowed Support Fund.

This fund is established to support operations of the Law School.

Background

Kathleen (Kappy) Trott is a 1998 graduate of Wayne Law. Two of Kappy and Dave Trott’s children were born while Kappy was attending law school—providing the additional challenge of raising three children under five while keeping up with coursework. Kappy has used her law degree as an advocate of children. She has been a magistrate in the 45th District Court, president and longtime trustee of CARE House of Oakland County, as well as working as an Assistant Attorney General in the Child and Youth Services Division.

This fund is established with a $100,000 pledge from Kathleen Trott.

Endowment Amount

$100,000
GERALD TUCHOW LAWYERS FOR HUMANITY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Gerald Tuchow Lawyers for Humanity Endowed Scholarship.

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

Background

Gerald Tuchow was a lawyer and humanitarian who dedicated his life to making the world a better place by using his legal education to help those in need and to fight for the poor, disadvantaged and injured. He lived by the values of integrity, responsibility and compassion.

To memorialize Gerald Tuchow, the donors, Matthew Tuchow and Marilyn Tuchow, wish to establish this scholarship with a pledge of $25,000.

Endowment Amount

$25,000
Submitted by:  Susan Burns, Vice President  
Development and Alumni Affairs  
President, Wayne State University Foundation

FLORENCE N. WARNOCK ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Florence N. Warnock Endowed Scholarship in the College of Nursing.

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

Background

It is the intention of the donor, Ms. Judy Warnock, to create the Florence N. Warnock Endowed Scholarship in memory of her mother, an alumna of the College of Nursing.

The endowment is established with a pledge of $25,000 from Ms. Warnock.

Endowment Amount

$25,000