

New Gift Commitments

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Colleagues,

An important part of our academic mission is ensuring that the quality educational programs we offer remain highly accessible to students. With a deep sense of gratitude, I can tell you that we are far from alone in this conviction. In fact, we've received numerous wonderful gifts in the form of endowments and scholarship support.

Toby Stein, CAS'74, and her husband, **Neil Alpin**, have made a \$500,000 bequest in support of scholarship funding for Oakland University English majors. The retired executive vice president and chief human resources officer for the Ontario, Calif.-based CO-OP Network and Service Centers Corporation focused her bequest on English majors, allowing her to share her enthusiasm for the humanities – an interest that began at OU.

John Ganfield, SBA '81, has made two planned gifts in the amount of \$100,000 and \$25,000 to support the Carl and Elsie Ganfield Scholarship Endowment, which he established in 2004 in memory of his parents.

Longtime Board of Trustees member and donor **Ann Nicholson** has established the Ann V. Nicholson Endowed Scholarship to provide support for School of Medicine students who have demonstrated an interest in community service. Her gift of \$500,000 to the medical school is a leadership gift that will benefit students, as well as community members who will be impacted by service activities of our medical school students.

Daniel and Amy Roche, SEHS '05, have made a \$29,000 gift in memory of her daughter, Lauren Roche, who at the time of her death was a senior at OU majoring in sociology. The Roche's established the Lauren K. Roche OU Endowment for Scholarships in Social Work.

Pat Nicosia, retired OU budget director, and his wife, **Mercedes**, have made a \$100,000 bequest for their endowed fund in the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance in the College of Arts and Sciences.

OU Board of Trustees member **Michael Kramer** and his wife, **Zina**, have pledged \$50,000 in support of OU William Beaumont School of Medicine expendable scholarships for Michigan residents.

Barbara, SEHS '92, and **Allen Gough**, members of the School of Education and Human Services (SEHS) Resource Development Board, have funded each of the past several years a student scholarship in SEHS for students enrolled in the Human Resource

Development (HRD) department. Additionally, the Gough's have pledged \$25,500 to continue this full tuition scholarship award for the next three years. Through their generosity, Oakland has been able to award several scholarships to students enrolled in the HRD program.

Bernard, SBA '71, and **Nina Kent** have contributed an additional \$25,000 in support of the Bernard and Nina Kent Judaic Studies Endowed Israel Travel Fund they previously established in 2008. The endowment gives Oakland students a unique chance for immersion in Israeli culture, history and politics. The Kent's gift will have an effect on both current and future students.

The support of all of these individuals and organizations in such difficult times is not only the hallmark of great generosity, but also a humbly accepted vote of confidence in the work all of us are doing. On both counts, I hope you share my great sense of appreciation. To learn more about another way we're working to maintain the quality of students' academic experiences, I encourage you to learn more about the Teaching and Learning Center, which Dr. Moudgil addressed in a [recent communication](#).

Thank you,

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