

Acknowledgement of Recent Gifts  
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Colleagues,

An important part of our academic mission is ensuring that the quality educational programs we offer remain highly accessible and relevant to our students. With a deep sense of gratitude, I'd like to share with you details of numerous wonderful gifts that we have recently received.

Debra, CAS '76, and William Shea have designated a portion of their estate to create a scholarship for the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine and to support Meadow Brook Hall's Museum Enrichment Fund.

Bernard Kent, CAS '72, has made a \$90,000 planned gift for the Bernard and Nina Kent Judaic Studies Endowed Israel Travel Fund in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS). Through their generosity, students are participating in international study opportunities that are broadening their education and understanding of Israeli culture, history and politics.

To thank Dr. Nasir Haque for his dedication to the medical field for the past 40 years, Hugh and Nancy Elliott established the Nasir Haque Scholarship Endowment in support of juniors and seniors who have majored in and excelled in the biological sciences. Dr. Haque, a pediatric endocrinologist who practices in Waterford, Michigan, has assisted Oakland faculty with hospital-based learning opportunities, and has donated his entire laboratory of high-tech equipment to the Department of Biological Sciences.

Michael Kenny, CAS '78, recently donated \$100,000 for the Michael P. and Elizabeth A. Kenny Merit Scholarship for the Sciences for students in chemistry, physics and biology majors. This follows two previous gifts made to the CAS – \$20,000 to the Undergraduate Research in Science Gift Fund and \$30,000 to establish the Michael P. Kenny Biomedical Fellowship.

Professor Emerita Joan Rosen and her husband, Robert, have made another significant show of support for the Oakland University Writing Center housed in Kresge Library. The couple's \$50,000 gift to the Joan Rosen Endowed Fund will help further the mission of the center, supporting its efforts to help produce effective writers. The Rosens contributed a \$300,000 founding grant to establish the writing center in 2006.

Dr. Lisa Flynn, CAS '89, has made a \$25,000 gift to the Lisa M. Flynn Endowed Fund for Chemistry, CAS. Scholarships from the fund will cover stipends for biochemistry and chemistry students who are participating in summer research projects.

Gary Laidlaw, SBA '64, has made a \$30,000 gift to Meadow Brook Hall to provide room furnishings and historical interpretation for the east wing rehabilitation project, including the servants' dining and sitting room spaces and adjacent service hallway.

Dr. Hamid and Amy Sheikh, CAS'10, have established the Hajja Razia Sharif Sheikh Islamic Studies Endowed scholarship in the CAS in honor of Dr. Sheikh's mother. The scholarship will support students interested in studying the history, traditions and culture of Islam.

George and Janice Kralovich have established a charitable gift annuity benefitting the Department of Athletics. George was an adjunct professor at Oakland teaching courses in business economics and introduction to management. He also serves on the OU Athletic Advisory Board.

Joanne and Robert Lane have established a \$30,000 estate gift for the Catherine Tyler Memorial International Award Endowment Fund in memory of their daughter, Catherine. The award provides support for graduate and undergraduate SBA students who participate in international internships or study abroad experiences. The Lanes' commitment ensures a lasting memorial to their daughter, an assistant professor of management in the SBA, who was dedicated to providing students with an outstanding education with opportunities for travel and study abroad.

Christine Wilcox – Because of the foresight of late Oakland University supporters Christine and Ivan Wilcox, an endowed scholarship fund created by them in 1998 will provide scholarship opportunities for students well into the future. The Christine and Ivan Wilcox Endowed Merit Scholarship Fund recently received a \$465,000 planned gift from the estate of Christine Wilcox, who passed away in 2010 at the age of 101. Due to Christine's passing, the fund received an additional \$223,000 from the trust of Ivan Wilcox.

The Energy Foundation has made a gift of \$100,000 to support the research of newly appointed Research Professor Walter McManus in the School of Business Administration. McManus is known for his leadership and expertise in the behavioral aspects of energy transportation. Through the Foundation's gift, his research into vehicle energy management as it relates to federally mandated fuel efficiency standards will assist in the development of public policies and strategies.

Ryan Courech, family and friends have created the Raymond G. Courech Endowed Scholarship for undergraduate engineering students in memory of Ryan's father, Raymond Courech, SECS '79, who was a devoted Oakland alumnus.

The support of all of these individuals and organizations in these tough economic times not only represents a great spirit of generosity, but also a vote of confidence in the work all of us are doing. I know you share my profound appreciation for these gifts.

Thank you,  
Gary