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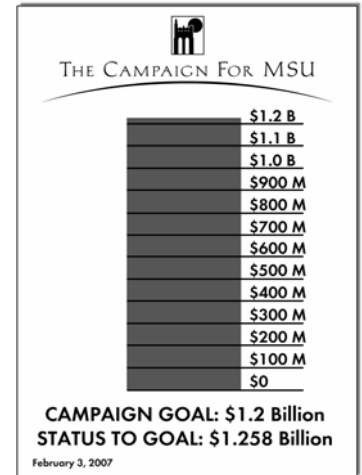
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NEWS RELEASE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: February 2007 **\$1.2 BILLION AND COUNTING**

Michigan State University announces recent gifts to *The Campaign for MSU*. The goal of the campaign to raise \$1.2 billion has been met, but our sub goal to grow MSU's endowment by the end of 2007 remains a challenge. Endowed funds will ensure our long-term strength and raise support for students, faculty and staff, new research and teaching, and the enhancement of campus beauty and functionality.

Since the start of the campaign in 1999, \$1.258 billion has been raised, which includes \$387.7 million toward our endowment goal of \$450 million by the end of 2007. Growing our endowment provides MSU with a steady stream of funding, providing the assurance the university needs to recruit and retain the best and brightest students and faculty, provide access to the most contemporary education possible, and grow and nurture those areas of research and scholarship to which it has committed. Always equated with excellence and long-term strength, endowments are absolutely essential if MSU is to remain a leader in education, research and service.



Listed below are highlights of a variety of recent campaign fundraising activities:

Ambassador Peter F. Secchia and others provided a leadership gift to name “The Secchia Center” in Grand Rapids. This building in downtown Grand Rapids will serve as the new home of the College of Human Medicine, and will be a model for medical education and research in the 21st century. Ambassador Secchia and his wife Joan reside in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Robert and Julie Skandalaris of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, made a \$5 million dollar gift – the largest ever to Athletics – for the Duffy Daugherty Football Building expansion. The project will double the size of the existing weight room to 19,000 square feet, add new meeting rooms, coaches’ offices, a student-athlete lounge and a Hall of Fame lobby.

Former MSU President Cecil Mackey and his wife, Clare, have established the Clare S. Mackey Endowed Fund in Voice to recognize her lifelong professional accomplishments, love of music and commitment to the musical arts. The gift was funded through an IRA Charitable Rollover, a new incentive for charitable giving in effect for 2006 and 2007.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation has awarded a \$1.37 million, multi-year grant to MSU to support their national initiative, Food and Fitness. MSU faculty members Dr. Michael Hamm, Susan Cocciarelli and Barbara Mutch will lead a team of faculty, staff and students who will work to formulate strategies for stimulating active communities and flourishing community-based food systems, with a focus on families, children, environment and policy.

An anonymous donor has established an endowment to support the purchase of national programs for WKAR through current gifts and a bequest that will total \$500,000 when fully funded.

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Members of the Orange County Alumni Club have now contributed a total of more than \$250,000 to the university. The market value of The MSU Orange County Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund they established has grown to over \$300,000, enabling the club to provide scholarship assistance for six students matriculating from Orange County, California, to MSU.

Lynn Myers of Franklin, Michigan, has established an endowed scholarship in honor of her parents. The Victor and Alta Nelson Scholarship Fund will provide assistance to Broad School students with financial need, with preference given to those who have participated in community service activities.

The MSU Press received a \$125,000 gift from Priscilla Hamilton Taylor and Jason Taylor of Mountain View, California, in memory of Ms. Taylor's mother, who was a professor at MSU for many years. Their gift will create the Ruth Simms Hamilton African Diaspora Series Endowment to support the publication of scholarly research in the field of the African Diaspora.

Dr. Race Foster and his wife Lynne, of Hazelhurst, Wisconsin, made a gift of \$500,000 to the Veterinary Teaching Hospital to transform the entrance. A 1983 alumnus, Foster is best known as co-founder of the popular *Doctors Foster and Smith* veterinary catalogs.

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation will partner with MSU's College of Nursing through a grant of \$246,000 to develop a program that will help nurses remain in, or return to, clinical practice. *Nursing for Life: The RN Career Transition Program* is a statewide, two-year program seen as a possible national model to help alleviate the nursing shortage by transitioning nurses into home-based, hospice, long-term and ambulatory care practice.

Doug and Valerie DeMartin of Summit, New Jersey, were the first major contributors to the Old College Field project, which seeks to renovate the baseball, softball and soccer competition and practice facilities. Their \$750,000 gift will name the DeMartin Soccer Stadium, dedicated to Doug's parents, Roland and Louise DeMartin.

A gift of \$225,000 from Jill and Gary Witzenburg of East Lansing, Michigan, will benefit MSU Athletics. A portion will fund the Duffy Daugherty Football Practice Facility Expansion, naming the Jill and Gary Witzenburg Quarterbacks Meeting Room. The remainder will be added to the Ken Thompson Endowed Scholarship Fund for Football, named after Jill's late father.

For more information about *The Campaign for MSU* or any of the gifts listed above, contact University Development at (517) 884-1000.

Upcoming Events

Fifth Annual Landon Society Luncheon – May 15, 2007

Ninth Annual Southeast Michigan Donor Recognition Event – June 20, 2007