When MSU set the unprecedented goal of providing all undergraduate students with an opportunity to study abroad, the MSU Federal Credit Union stepped up in support. Established in 2003 with a $2.5 million, five-year pledge, the MSU Federal Credit Union Study Abroad Scholarship exemplifies the credit union’s key partnership with the university community.

Now fully funded, MSUFCU Study Abroad Scholarships benefit more than 130 students every year. To date, 371 students have been named MSUFCU scholarship recipients.

Annual participation in study abroad by MSU students has soared from 776 students in 1994 to more than 2,800 students in 2007, a 260 percent increase. MSU now boasts 263 programs in 64 countries and on all seven continents. MSUFCU’s investment in global education has been a factor in raising the profile of study abroad at MSU.

“The MSUFCU endowment’s high-profile support through substantial funding is playing a key part in sending the message to students and their families that not only are they expected to think internationally, but they can make study abroad part of their education,” said Jeffrey Riedinger, dean of MSU’s International Studies and Programs.

The MSUFCU Study Abroad Scholarship is aimed at students who show superior academic performance as well as financial need. In terms of total awards, it is the single largest source of scholarship funding available for study abroad, making an international experience obtainable for many students who otherwise might have had to forgo such opportunities.

A student in the Lyman Briggs College, Elizabeth Hoxie, received a scholarship to participate in the Ethics and History of Healthcare and Development program in San Jose, Costa Rica last spring, the MSU Federal Credit Union Board of Directors and student recipients of MSUFCU Study Abroad Scholarship attended a celebratory luncheon hosted by MSU.

Wayne and Dee Williams, both world travelers and MSU alumni—she, a longtime MSU Extension educator, and he, a steadfast 4-H volunteer—have created a lasting avenue to share their passion for MSU Extension, education and international experience.

Through a charitable gift annuity, Wayne and Dee accomplished two goals important to them. First, they produced a guaranteed lifetime stream of income for themselves from a charitable gift annuity they funded, of which much of the annual income is received tax free. Second, and of even greater significance to them, their gift annuity proceeds, which become available at the death of the surviving spouse, will fund the Wayne and Dee Williams Extension International Professional Endowment Fund.

This innovative endowed fund, when operational, will open up tremendous opportunities for MSU Extension staff members to travel outside the United States for valuable multi-cultural training, conferences and presentations.

Thomas Coon, director of MSU Extension, noted that the gift from Wayne and Dee Williams will enable Extension educators to have a more global perspective. “I am thrilled, but not surprised, that Wayne and Dee chose international travel to be their legacy here at MSU,” Coon said. “International experiences have always been important to them.”

Dee (Education, ’63, ’76) grew up on a dairy farm in Eaton County, and belonged to two 4-H clubs. After her graduation from MSU, she began teaching in Uskudar, Turkey. Later, she taught in Lansing before joining MSU Extension in Kalkaska County. She finished her career as a 4-H educator, based in Cadillac. During her tenure there, she coordinated the Michigan/Poland 4-H Exchange and was a part of the International Extension Training Program.

Wayne (Social Science, ’61) retired from Kalkaska Public Schools. In the process of raising their four daughters who were all active in MSU 4-H clubs, he became a seasoned 4-H volunteer who frequently drove 4-H members across Michigan and across the country as well. Wayne and Dee currently reside in San Diego, California and plan to return to Michigan in 2009.

Wayne and Dee’s daughters serve as a testament to their parents’ love of Michigan State and of international experiences. The four women collectively hold six degrees from MSU and all traveled overseas as part of their MSU education. Three have lived in foreign countries, providing

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Dr. Henry Blosser

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Endowed Professor. His gift will enhance the physicist, recently established the Henry Blosser Laboratory (NSCL), and world-renowned nuclear director of the National Superconducting Cyclotron Professor Emeritus Dr. Henry Blosser, founding forefront of nuclear physics. University Distinguished and a University Distinguished Professor in 1990. He at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, where within from the University of Virginia. He became a physicist in nuclear physics is now taking leadership in ensuring a record your intent and include you in the appropriate your estate/retirement plan includes MSU as a ben-
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Michigan State University as an academic advisor and subsequently began graduate studies to earn a first specialist
degree in counseling psychology and then a Ph.D. in higher education administration. She holds a professional council license in the State of Michigan. She also became a member of the University Counseling Center, where she served for 26 years and established the first full complement career information center in the U.S. She was the editor and publisher of the CAM Report for thirty years, in which she edited and published the careers of students who were not majoring in high school and college career counselors, and business and industry recruiters. Upon her retirement from MSU, she was elected to several honorary organizations to contribute to diversity. As several of her colleagues wrote: "We remember your long and dedicated career as a counselor and thank you for helping minority students develop into well-trained professionals."

Music has and always will be an integral part of Camille's life. She feels the endowment is a

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Dr. Camille D. McKinley during a recent visit to the MSU Counseling Center.

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Theda Rudd, a member of the 2008 All University Advisory Cabinet, personifies the energy and commitment of MSU’s faculty and staff. Just consider the many hats she wears: associate director of MSU’s Career Services at the Stadium, honorary faculty in The School of Hospitality Business, owner of David Rudd Enterprises, and board member of numerous service organizations, not to mention active MSU alumna and donor.

In her more than 30 year history of giving to MSU, the areas of the university that have benefited from Rudd’s generosity include Wharton Center for Performing Arts, WKAR, Spartan Fund and numerous student scholarship funds. She is a member of the Hannah Society, one of MSU’s distinguished donor societies. “I realize how essential it is to give to support MSU,” Rudd said. “Private dollars are vital to help MSU accomplish its valuable mission.”

Rudd was a charter donor for membership in the MSU Beaumont Tower Society, recognizing the importance of giving to support students in need even before she joined the MSU Student Services team. Back in 1982 when her husband of ten years, David Rudd, died suddenly of a heart condition, Theda was left with the responsibility for three McDonald’s restaurants in East Lansing and Okemos. Under her watchful eye, David Rudd Enterprises grew to include eight units. Rudd wanted to give back to the MSU community and realized how thinly students were stretched. “Because I got so much from my education and from this community, donating to MSU was a wonderful way for me to give back,” she said.

Rudd, who received her B.A. in special education and M.A. in guidance counseling, is no less engaged as an MSU alumna. She has served on advisory groups to the president, WKAR and Wharton Center. She has been on the board of directors of several campus organizations including the MSU Foundation. Among her many honors is the Athena Award presented by the Greater Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce for contributions to the community.

The annual “Thanks for Giving” luncheon was held on Nov. 3 to honor those members of the MSU community who have made gifts to MSU of at least $1,000 in the past year, or who are recognized in one of MSU’s donor societies. Nearly 500 faculty, staff and retiree donors packed the Kellogg Center Big Ten Rooms to enjoy a delicious lunch and the company of fellow Spartans.

President Lou Anna K. Simon and Provost Kim Wilcox welcomed the guests, thanking them for their steadfast support of Michigan State.

President Simon addressed the crowd with remarks of appreciation. “All of you here have contributed to MSU not only through your hard work, talent, and professionalism, but also through your commendable financial support,” President Simon said. “You help make MSU all that it is today and will become tomorrow.”

The luncheon and all other All University Campaign events are made possible, in part, through the sponsorship of the MSU Federal Credit Union.