An exceptional leader leads again
Izzo family gives $1 million to support Spartan Athletics

M en’s Basketball Coach Tom Izzo has given a lot to Michigan State University. His leadership has turned MSU’s basketball program into what unarguably is one of the nation’s elite. His unflagging quest for excellence has been a Spartan point of pride throughout his tenure as head coach. The recent announcement of a $1 million gift to MSU from Coach Izzo, his wife Lupe and their children, assures that the Izzo legacy will be felt in a new and very tangible way.

The gift, among the largest ever committed by an active coach at any university, will be split among several projects, with a majority of the funds going to the Spartan football program. “We’ve been blessed to be a part of the Michigan State family for nearly 30 years,” says Tom. “Jud Heathcote taught me long ago that the only good deal was one that benefits both parties, and that perfectly describes my relationship with Michigan State University. Lupe and I, along with our children Raquel and Steven, have dedicated our lives to this university because we believe in intercollegiate athletics and the positive role it plays in so many lives. The Spartan students are

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The heads of Jacqueline (Jackie) Killingsworth’s fidgety third grade students were being counted. Teachers, volunteers and children had enjoyed the daylong excursion to an art museum, but now it was time to go home. One boy resisted, imploring his teacher to come see what he had found. She intended to guide him swiftly back to the group. Instead, she found herself being led deeper into the museum to witness a contemporary work this very excited student dubbed “jumping into red.” He told her she had to see it. She couldn’t have been more pleased.

“Heart and soul”

“Teaching someone to spell a few words doesn’t come from my heart and soul,” Jackie explains. “But when young people realize that art is really a part of you, that has impact. When you live it with them, you know it really changes their lives.”

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She sees her passion for art as a natural extension of her passion for education. It was something she shared with her late husband, Dr. Charles Killingsworth, who served on the MSU faculty in the Department of Economics. It is something she enjoys seeing in their children and grandchildren.

“Cultural appreciation is part of becoming truly educated,” she says. She looks forward to the Spring 2012 opening of the museum and believes the new facility will have a tremendous impact on the cultural outreach of MSU. “Do you know what the art museum looked like in 1953?” she says. “Everything has grown, and I have grown with it.”

Support for MSU is important to Jackie. She previously created an endowed scholarship to benefit Michigan students enrolled in the College of Arts and Letters.

Adding your name to the Broad Art Museum

Excitement for the art museum is rippling across MSU, from a gala fundraising event attended by hundreds to the recent announcement of a gift of sculpture from Eli and Edythe Broad. The Broads gave $21.5 million for construction, combined with $6.5 million for acquisitions and operations for the building that will bear their names.

There is still time to be included on the museum’s donor recognition wall, a unique element designed by Zaha Hadid, world renowned architect of the building. Individuals and organizations who pledge $25,000 or more by December 31, 2011, will have the opportunity to be listed. Participation guarantees a place at the grand opening and dedication events.

For more information on making a gift to the museum, contact Director of Development Marcia Crawley at (517) 353-9836. Scan this code with your smart phone or go to givingto.msu.edu for video interviews from the Countdown to the Broad Gala.
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All University Campaign Cabinet

When the volunteer leaders of the All University Campaign began their service on the Campaign Cabinet back in 2008, it might have seemed unrealistic to expect continued growth in support from MSU’s faculty, staff and retirees. An economic downturn loomed and it was unclear just how affected MSU and its employees and retirees would be.

Yet, the six-member advisory group witnessed remarkable growth which they cite as a testament to the dedication of the faculty, staff and retirees of MSU.

Of the 6,228 MSU employees and retirees who made gifts to MSU during the past academic year, nearly a third did so through the All University Campaign, an annual springtime opportunity for current and retired faculty and staff to demonstrate support for MSU with financial commitments.

Cabinet member David Falconer, engineer at the MSU Power Plant, has been a longtime eclectic donor to MSU initiatives, including softball, field hockey, MSU bands and WKAR. He eagerly volunteered to serve on the cabinet when asked.

“I think the concept of MSU employees giving back is very important,” he says. “The idea is that it doesn’t have to be a huge gift. A lot of gifts, however large or small, add up and make a difference.”

Member Dick Chase, professor emeritus, concurs. “Going way back, we’ve always given back to the university. I think it is important to make it part of a routine,” he says.

Also serving on the cabinet have been Theda Rudd, acting director of Career Services and Placement; D. Venice Smith, multicultural development coordinator in the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives; Helen Waldo, retired secretary of the College of Natural Science; and Eileen Wilson, assistant dean for Undergraduate Education and Academic Services in the Eli Broad College of Business.

All cabinet members were thanked for their service at the Thanks for Giving Luncheon (see below). A new cabinet will be named in the coming months.

A record number of friends and colleagues gathered for the Thanks for Giving Luncheon in October. The annual event celebrates the philanthropy for MSU from faculty, staff and retirees and honors those who either have made gifts of $1,000 or more within the past year, or who are recognized in one of MSU’s donor societies.

For the 2010-11 academic year, the support MSU received from its active faculty and staff as well as from retirees totaled $35.3 million in current commitments as well as planned (future) gifts. Fifteen years ago, the support from current and former employees was between $3 million and $5 million annually.

As important, the number of faculty, staff and retirees participating has grown. In the last five years alone, the number of donors from the faculty, staff and retiree ranks increased by seven percent.

The Thanks for Giving Luncheon and other All University Campaign activities are made possible, in part, through the sponsorship of the MSU Federal Credit Union. The MSUFCU’s support in underwriting the campaign’s costs ensures the campaign continues and demonstrates the ongoing partnership of MSUFCU in building a stronger MSU.

Senior Associate Provost June Youatt spoke at the event. Scan this code with your smart phone or go to givingto.msu.edu to hear a video interview with Dr. Youatt.