

CELEBRATING OUR LEGACY

Annual Report 2022-2023







DEAR VALUED DONORS:

Fiscal Year 2023 was marked by changes in leadership at both the WLU Foundation and the University. I joined the Foundation as Executive Director in January, 2023 and Dr. Tim Borchers became West Liberty University's 38th President in July. Dr. Borchers and I look forward to working together to advance the missions of both organizations for the benefit of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

As I cycle through my year of "firsts" – first Topper Day of Giving, first Hilltopper Homecoming, first Scholarship Day Event, first Recognition Banquet – I am thankful for the warm welcome I have received from the WLU family. I am grateful for the dedicated work of the Foundation staff and Board of Directors. And, above all, I am heartened by the unwavering commitment of our donors.

The support you provide through your generous contributions gives students opportunity through tuition assistance, books and other aid. It supports the student experience through capital improvements to our facilities, equipment, research stipends, new technology and program support. In short, private funds play a vital role in the success of the University and our students.

Dr. Borchers and I have much work to do in the days ahead. With your continued support, we will strengthen and grow both the Foundation and the University.

With sincere gratitude,

Betsy Delk

WLUF Executive Director

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The West Liberty
University Foundation
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stewards private funds
to strengthen West
Liberty University and
to increase opportunity
for students of all
backgrounds to pursue
higher learning.

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The Foundation is fortunate to have a dedicated Board. Thank you all for your service!



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VISION STATEMENT:

The WLU Foundation will build donor trust through ethical practices and communication while honoring philanthropic intentions that advance West Liberty University.

CORE VALUES:

Integrity, Transparency, Accountability, Donor Centric, Stewardship, Professionalism, Collaboration, Ethical Standards

RECOGNIZING PHLANTHROPY



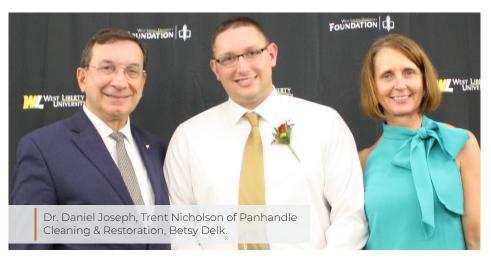
RECOGNITION BANQUET 2023 HONORS DONORS

The West Liberty University Foundation celebrated philanthropy and its donors on Friday, September 22 at its annual Recognition Banquet as part of the WLU Homecoming Weekend festivities.

The Recognition Banquet, which was held in the College Union Ballroom, featured a cocktail reception followed by dinner catered by Aladdin Food Services. Entertainment was provided by WLU Vocal Music Majors from the studio of Dr. Linda Cowan and the Hilltop Harmonic Collective under the direction of Dr. Douglas McCall.

Each year, the Impact of Philanthropy Awards are presented to a select group of donors who have given a generous amount of \$25,000 or more during fiscal year 2023 to advance priority projects for WLU. The 2023 awardees are Marty '75 and Patti '76 Adams, H.R. "Bucky" Kopf '64, and Panhandle Cleaning & Restoration.

For the first time this year, two special Impact of Philanthropy Awards were given. The Impact of Philanthropy Leadership Award, honoring an individual who has been highly engaged in philanthropic activities at WLU over his or her lifetime, was presented to Dr. John



P. McCullough. The Impact of Philanthropy Young Philanthropist Award, honoring an alum or other friend of the University under the age of 40 who has made a noteworthy impact on WLU or has supported or directed fundraising for a specific priority project, was awarded to Katie Kacmarik '08.

"We are so grateful to our donors and proud to recognize the impact of their gifts on the University and its students..."

All honorees received a commemorative crystal award, engraved with their names as a token of gratitude. Each of them addressed the audience, thanking those in attendance and sharing their motivation to support West Liberty University.

In addition to the Impact of Philanthropy Awards, members of the following Foundation's giving societies were recognized for their contributions: The John P. McCullough Society (lifetime giving of \$25,000 or more), The President's Circle (yearly giving of \$2000 or more) and the Nathan Shotwell Society (legacy gifts).

"We are so grateful to our donors and proud to recognize the impact of their gifts on the University and its students," noted Betsy Delk, WLU Foundation Executive Director. Delk served as emcee of the event along with WLU Foundation Chairman Dr. Daniel Jospeh. West Liberty's 38th President, Dr. Timothy Borchers and David H. McKinley, Chairman of the University's Board of Governors, were both on hand to congratulate the honorees.





2023 IMPACT OF PHILANTHROPY HONOREES

- Marty '75 and Patti '76 Adams
- · H.R. "Bucky" Kopf '64
- Panhandle Cleaning & Restoration
- Dr. John P. McCullough (Leadership Award)
- Katie Kacmarik '08 (Young Philanthropist Award)



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	155,351	121,583
Pledges receivable, net	217,305	417,502
Accrued interest and dividends	7,553	7,553
Investments	22,143,601	20,312,268
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	2,364,761	2,295,852
Right-of-use asset - operating leases	49,987	
Other assets	55,920	55,920
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STATEMENT OF **ACTIVITIES**

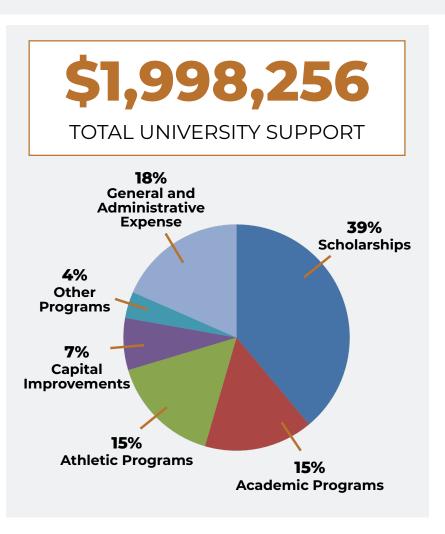
JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

SUPPORT AND REVENUES	2023	2022
Contributions	1,546,245	2,050,301
In-kind contributions	17,795	201,533
Investment Income	1,968,128	(2,502,460)
Change in value of split interest agreements	68,909	(503,324)
Other income	137,307	117,561
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES	3,738,384	(636,389)
EXPENSES AND LOSSES		
West Liberty University support:		
Scholarships	759,608	514,248
Athletic programs	309,152	255,478
Academic programs	303,692	285,418
Capital improvements	145,223	546,647
Other programs	73,710	13,406
Fundraising	4,378	4,407
Costs of direct benefits to donors	42,961	12,581
General and administrative	359,532	331,184
TOTAL EXPENSES AND LOSSES	1,998,256	1,963,369
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	1,740,128	(2,599,758)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	23,197,438	25,797,196
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	24,937,566	23,197,438

2023 UNIVERSITY SUPPORT & EXPENDITURES

JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

UNIVERSITY SUPPORT	TOTAL	PERCENT OF TOTAL
SCHOLARSHIPS - based upon a total of FY23 annual cost of \$18,736 for tuition, room & board for an in-state student, this amount provided the equivalent of 40 full scholarships.	759,608	39%
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS - College of Education Residency Placement stipends, Scholarship Manager, SURE Grant stipends, Etiquette Dinners, Regional Science Fair, conference expenses, classroom equipment, Hughes Lecture Series, Zoo Science Fellowships & Internships, etc.	303,692	15%
ATHLETIC PROGRAMS - Expenditures for Hilltopper Athletic Club, recruiting expenses, uniforms, equipment, Assistant Coaches stipends, golf simulator, strike machine, Buses to Championship games, trophies	309,152	15%
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - Chemistry Equipment, Student Leadership Center Renovation, Volleyball Net system, 2nd Floor ASRC renovation, Facility Signage, Hallway Renovation project, Broadcasting Equipment, Bike Racks, Media Arts Center Lobby renovation, Audiology Suite renovation	145,223	7 %
OTHER PROGRAMS - Library expenses, alumni activities, community support, etc.	\$73,710	4%
FOUNDATION EXPENSE		
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE - Includes salary and benefits, rent, operating expense, travel, etc.	359,532	18%
FUNDRAISING	\$4,378	0%
COSTS OF DIRECT BENEFITS TO DONORS	\$42,961	2%
TOTAL UNIVERSITY SUPPORT \$1,9	963,369	100%
GRAND TOTAL SUPPORT AND EXPENDITURES \$1,9	998,256	100%



To view the audited Financial Statements, Notes and Certified Public Accountants Opinion, please go to **wlufoundation.org**.

SEVENTH ANNUAL DAY OF GIVING GENERATES OVER \$215,000

The West Liberty University Foundation held its seventh annual Topper Day of Giving on April 5, 2023 and raised over \$215,000. This is the second year in a row the event cracked the \$200,000 mark with a total of 1,033 gifts from 903 different donors. Topper Day of Giving has seen significant boosts in participation since its inception in 2017 when just over \$30,000 was raised.

Topper Day of Giving cracked the \$200,000 mark for second year!

Donors to Topper Day of Giving are able to direct their gifts to the annual fund or the academic or athletic program of their choice. Generous matching gifts from individuals and corporations help drive donations to WLU programs. As a result, the impact of Day of Giving is felt in every corner of the campus.

In keeping with previous years, there was heated competition among athletic teams

and academic programs to raise the largest total donations and number of donors. The Wrestling team repeated their 2022 feat of having the most donors – 190. They were followed by the Volleyball team with 103 donors.

For total dollars raised, the Football team

took the top spot with \$21,125, followed by Wrestling (\$13,526) and Theatre (\$11,424).

Thank you to every donor who contributed to the success of Topper Day of Giving and thank you to the Foundation staff who worked around-the-clock to process donations!

TOP 3 MICRO CAMPAIGNS

Top by Participation

Wrestling: 190 donors

Volleyball: 103 donors

Theatre Program: 66 donors

Top By Total dollars raised

Football: \$21,125

Wrestling: \$13,526

Theatre Program: \$11,424



SAVE THE DATE!

8TH ANNUAL

Topper Day of Giving April 10, 2024

STUDENT SCHOLAR HIGHLIGHTS



AMARI POOLE

David T. Javersak Scholarship

Hometown: Wheeling, W.Va.

Expected Graduation Date: May 2024

Major: Criminal Justice

Extracurriculars: Track and Field

Why did you choose to attend West Liberty University?

I chose West Liberty because I wanted to attend a more family-oriented school. I started out at Wheeling University and it was not for me. While looking for another school to attend, West Liberty University was on my mind. After visiting the school and the team, I fell in love. The school and my team are like one big family. Everyone supports each other, and there are so many resources here that will help you on your journey.

Who has been the biggest influence in your life and why?

The biggest influence in my life is my mom, Michelle Poole. She is the strongest woman I know. She has raised four awesome daughters mostly on her own. Our father was in and out of our lives for the longest time and she never showed how hard that was for her. She just always made sure we had everything we needed. Although our father was in and out of our lives, she still loved him. After he passed away I know it was really hard for her, but she never let that show, she just kept pushing and made sure that we were all okay. She shows daily just how good of a mother, daughter, and sister she is. She is the reason I work so hard, so one day I can pay her back, and take care of her.



ELAINA HERBACK

Kenneth Harris Scholarship

Hometown: Glen Dale, W.Va.

Expected Graduation Date: Dec 2023

Major: Psychology

Minor: Biology, Addiction Studies

Why did you choose to attend West Liberty University?

I really liked the size of the campus, and it wasn't too far from home. Attending WLU has allowed me to stay close with my family and pets. Plus, I still have the opportunity to visit friends from my hometown.

What has been your favorite memory at WLU so far?

My favorite memory has been meeting new friends through my sorority and lacrosse club. Before I became involved in these extracurricular activities, I hadn't met many friends outside my major. Through these activities, I have been able to form friendships that will last a lifetime.

What are your extracurricular activities?

I am risk management and a new member educator for Lambda Psi Sigma. I'm Co-President of Psychology Club and Psi Chi. I am also the President of the Women's Lacrosse Club. I am also a peer tutor on campus, and I hold a part-time job off campus.

What is a fun fact about yourself?

A fun fact about me is I have two emotional support cats on campus.

STUDENT SCHOLAR HIGHLIGHTS



GAVIN ROCCHIO

James G. Marsh Memorial Scholarship

Hometown: Wellsburg, W.Va.

Expected Graduation Date: May 2027

Major: Chemistry

Extracurriculars: Band, History Club,

DND

Why did you choose to attend West Liberty University?

I chose to attend West Liberty University because not only was it close to home, but I prefer a smaller college. I can ask more questions, get more involved, and spend less time trying to navigate a large campus. I like the people here. They are all so kind and helpful.

Who has been the biggest influence in your life and why?

My parents are my biggest supporters. They support me no matter what and I look up to them a lot. Other than them, I would have to say my teachers in high school. There were a select few that really shaped who I am right now.

What are your plans after graduating?

After I graduate, I will be going for my Masters. I also hope to be studying abroad in another country. I want to use my skills to find a way to repurpose plastic into something more reusable for space travel.

What is a fun fact about yourself?

I enjoy all things fantasy related and renaissance fairs are my favorite summer activity.



GIA CAMPBELL

Bill Dolan Scholarship

Hometown: Wheeling, W.Va.

Expected Graduation Date: May 2025

Major: Marketing with a minor in

Photography and Video

Extracurriculars: Photography

Why did you choose to attend West Liberty University?

West Liberty is close to home, literally and metaphorically. I have seen the amazing things WLU has done for my brother who graduated in 2019, and I want to follow in his footsteps.

Who has been the biggest influence in your life and why?

My brother, Brian Campbell. He is everything I want to be and more. He is the first person I go to for advice and has been my role model since birth. I admire him.

What are your plans after graduating?

My plans are to hopefully work for a huge company, like Apple, Disney, or National Geographic. I would love to either be a photographer for the national geographic, or some kind of designer for Apple or Disney.

What has been your favorite memory at WLU so far?

Christmas time on the hilltop. The blanket of sparkling snow is beyond beautiful.

What is a fun fact about yourself?

If I could choose any pet, I would choose a dragon.

STUDENT SCHOLAR **HIGHLIGHTS**



NYIA SETLA

Elbin Scholarship

Hometown: Northville, MI

Expected Graduation Date: Fall 2024

Major: Environmental Stewardship

Extracurriculars: Volleyball



I chose to attend West Liberty University because of the small classroom sizes that allow for relationships with professors and classmates, the rural environment as no other beauty beats the Appalachian Mountains, and the ability to compete at a high-level program with the family-like atmosphere of the volleyball team.

Who has been the biggest influence in your life and why?

My biggest influence in my life is MacKenzie Welsh. She has guided me through this opportunity to compete at the collegiate level while earning my degree in science. She has been my mentor as a student, athlete, friend, sister, and daughter. Mac has taught me there is more to life than the present moment; it is bigger than any given obstacle. Through it all, she has encouraged me to keep pushing myself to be the best version while not losing sight of grace and humility. Grace is patience and kindness to allow yourself to heal mentally and physically; it keeps me grounded and grateful. She has taught me that every new chapter of my life comes with its own excitements and adversities but those changes come with new ways to grow.

What is a fun fact about yourself?

I can recite the first fifteen digits of pi!



PEYTON FRY

Joseph A. Bartell Scholarship

Hometown: Pataskala, Ohio

Expected Graduation Date: May 2025

Double Major: Dental Hygiene **Extracurriculars:** Acrobatics &

Tumbling, Alpha Xi Delta, SADHA

Why did you choose to attend West Liberty University?

I chose to attend West Liberty because it allowed me to continue my athletic career doing Acrobatics & Tumbling as well as being able to get my degree in dental hygiene. I enjoyed the small campus atmosphere and the small class sizes. I also chose West Liberty for the amazing dental hygiene program.

What has been your favorite memory at WLU so far?

I cannot choose just one favorite memory from my time so far at West Liberty. One of my favorite memories would be finding out I was accepted into the dental hygiene program here at WLU. It was so exciting to know all of my hard work the first few years was starting to pay off, and I was finally getting to start my dental hygiene career. Another favorite memory of my time here would be the amazing opportunity I had with the acrobatics & tumbling team getting to travel to Texas and compete against the national champions Baylor University. I will forever be thankful for that amazing trip, and all the memories we made as a team getting to travel together and compete against one of the best in our sport.

What is a fun fact about yourself?

I have a twin sister.

STUDENT SCHOLAR HIGHLIGHTS



SAMUEL TRUSTY

Elbin Scholarship

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Expected Graduation Date: Fall 2027

Major: Zoo Science

Extracurriculars: Gaming club

Why did you choose to attend West Liberty University?

I chose West Liberty University because of its Zoo Science program. Two things got me interested in the program. First was the number of animals that I would be able to work with, and second was the ability to start immediately working with those animals.

Who has been the biggest influence in your life and why?

My mother has been the biggest influence on my life. Because I was homeschooled, she was my main teacher for most subjects. Without her, I would not have such an interest in nature and science, and I would not have been able to get such a great scholarship.

What are your plans after graduating?

I plan to go into the zookeeping field. I do not have a plan as to where or what animals I will work with, as I am hoping I can figure out what I really enjoy doing during my time at West Liberty.

What is a fun fact about yourself?

Before college, I was entirely homeschooled.



ZACH RYCROFT

Robert Godfrey Accounting Scholarship

Hometown: Northampton, England,

United Kingdom

Expected Graduation Date: May 2024

Double Major: Accounting and Finance

Minor: Spanish

Why did you choose to attend West Liberty University?

I chose to attend West Liberty through my search to continue playing soccer at a competitive level while earning a university degree. West Liberty caught my eye amongst the offers that I held and I have proudly called it home for 4 years.

Who has been the biggest influence in your life and why?

My parents have jointly been the biggest influence in my life - they have always pushed me to put myself out there and make the most out of life as possible. Without their support and influence I can confidently say that I would not be where I am today.

What are your plans after graduating?

After I graduate, I plan to continue on at West Liberty and pursue an MBA with a concentration in Forensic Accounting. I plan to do this while being a GA for either the Housing Office or as a GA for the men's or women's soccer team - as becoming a college coach is also something that interests me.

What is a fun fact about yourself?

I have lived on 3 different continents - North America (USA), Europe (England, France and Spain) and Oceania (Australia).

NATHAN SHOTWELL SOCIETY

The Nathan Shotwell Planned Giving Society, established in 1997, recognizes and honors those who have made provisions for the West Liberty University Foundation through a bequest in a will or other estate-planning arrangement. The Society is named for the Reverend Dr. Nathan Shotwell, who founded West Liberty University in 1837 and served as its leader until 1854. Dr. Shotwell is credited with the establishment of the high academic standards to which the university continues to aspire. The following alumni and friends of West Liberty University have made such provisions:

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We have done our best to provide accurate information in the lists above. Please accept our apology for any errors or omissions. If you have any changes, corrections, or questions, please call the WLU Foundation at 304-336-5635.

MEMORIAL & **HONORARY GIFTS**

REMEMBERING THOSE **WE LOVE**

During fiscal year 2023 gifts were made in memory of the following individuals:

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During fiscal year 2023 gifts were made in honor of the following individuals:

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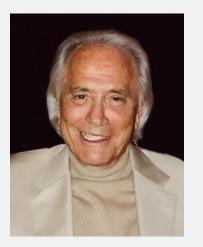
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IN MEMORY OF **GARY E. WEST**



The West Liberty University community continues to mourn the loss of Gary West, distinguished alumnus, philanthropist, and friend. Gary and his wife Phyllis (Flip) were the most generous benefactors in the history of West Liberty University contributing to numerous projects across the WLU campus.

Highlights included

their major gift to the Gary E. West College of Business Scholarship Program, the establishment of the Guy H. and Mary Ann West School of Business Scholarship Endowment, the renovation of West Family Stadium and the construction of the West Family Athletic Complex. The Appalachian Aquatic Conservation Center is currently under construction on land adjacent to the campus which was donated by the Wests.

Along with his financial generosity, Gary supported the university for many years with his time and insights while serving on the West Liberty Foundation's Board of Directors and its executive committee. Gary was a 1993 inductee to the WLU Alumni Wall of Honor, and in 2021, Gary and Flip were honored by the WLU Foundation with the inaugural Lifetime Impact of Philanthropy Award.

Gary will be dearly missed by the WLU community and all who knew him.

NEW MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP IS PERMANENTLY ENDOWED DR. HARALD WIESNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



In November, The West Liberty University Foundation announced the establishment and permanent endowment of the Dr. Harald Wiesner Memorial Scholarship which will provide financial support to students enrolled in the WLU Music Degree programs of Music Education, Music Performance and Music Technology.

Dr. Harald Wiesner was a professor of music at West Liberty University for 43 years. During that time, he encouraged, inspired, counseled, and befriended countless students. Following Dr. Wiesner's death in March of 2023, a scholarship was established in his memory by his family, colleagues, and friends. Thanks to many memorial gifts, including a significant gift from Dr. Wiesner's family, the fund has grown to over \$130,000 ensuring its permanent endowment for the benefit of WLU students. The first Dr. Harald Wiesner Memorial Scholarship will be awarded for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Dr. Wiesner's path to West Liberty and, indeed, the United States, was quite remarkable. He was born in Berlin in 1938 and, by the age of fourteen, he had lost both of his parents. He spent time living in foster homes, an orphanage, and a boarding school. At 18, Wiesner emigrated to the United States and enrolled at the University of Richmond while working to pay his tuition. In 1961, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and found his way into the Seventh Army Symphony Orchestra in Germany. After that orchestra was disbanded, he was transferred to Heidelberg where he became the conductor of the first United States Army Europe Men's Choir, later known as the USAREUR Chorus. He even wrote, and participated in playing, the fanfare for President Kennedy's visit to West Berlin in 1963.

After his discharge, Wiesner became a U.S. citizen and received a teaching assistantship at Texas Christian University where he earned a master's degree. He earned his doctorate from Northwestern University and in 1968, he was offered a position in the music department at West Liberty State College where he remained until his retirement in 2011.

Wiesner's musical imprint was not confined to the West Liberty Campus. He directed the Chancel Choir at Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church in Wheeling from 1968 until 2005. He started and directed the Ohio Valley Chorale, a large group of singers from communities throughout the tri-state area who performed in many places throughout the country and the world. In 2010, he became the Music Director at Christ United Methodist Church in Wheeling, where he faithfully served for the remainder of his life.

Sharon Wiesner, Harald's widow, shared that "having to overcame incredible obstacles to obtain his education, Harald understood the transformative power of both education and music. He was passionate about music and teaching, which enabled him to inspire and guide so many students during his career. With this scholarship, Harald's legacy of supporting students in their study of music will continue."

Betsy Delk, Executive Director of the West Liberty University Foundation, stated that "the Foundation and the University are grateful to the generous donors who have remembered Dr. Wiesner with their contributions to this scholarship. Their gifts have enabled the permanent endowment of the



scholarship
so that it will
benefit West
Liberty University
music degree
students forever.
We encourage
friends and
former colleagues
and students of
Dr. Wiesner to
add their own
contributions to
the fund."

Contributions to the Dr. Harald Wiesner Memorial Scholarship can be made online at wlufoundation.org, by mail at WLU Foundation, 208 University Drive, CUB 126, West Liberty WV 26047 or by phone at 304-336-5635.

A video tribute to Dr. Harald Wiesner can be viewed at topperstation.com/watch/dr-harald-wiesner-tribute.

ENDOWED FUNDS

Listed below are the endowed and non-endowed funds administered by West Liberty University Foundation, Inc. as of June 30, 2023. The Foundation currently oversees 137 endowed funds and 162 non-endowed funds. If you are interested in establishing a new fund or making a contribution to an established fund, please call 304-336-5635.

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Endowed Funds

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Dr. Thomas J. Babb SBA Scholarship

NON-ENDOWED FUNDS

Non-Endowed Funds 1990 Baseball Scholarship 48 Hour Film Fest ACDA Fund * Acrobatics & Tumbling Al & Thais Blatnik Scholarship Alumni Association Alumni Park Building Fund Andrew & Linda Pasden School of Business Administration Scholarship Annual Fund Appalachian Biodiversity Arnett Hall Renovations Art Department Scholarship Art Therapy Scholarship Athletic Operations and Sports Information Fund * Athletic Practice Facility Fund Athletic Training Club Band Fund Barnes & Noble Scholarship Baseball Field Renovation Beth Salatino Memorial Scholarship Biology Department * Broadcasting Fund * Bucky Kopf Football Fund Campus International Community Carol Lynn Harris Minority Scholarship * Center for Arts & Education Ceramics Fund Children's Literature Choir Tour Fund Clinical Athletic Training Coach Grall Fund College Fair College of Business College of Education & Human Performance College of Liberal & Creative Arts College of Science Collegiate Alumnae of Wheeling Scholarship Community University Cory Hewitt Memorial Scholarship

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*denotes new fund

WLU FOUNDATION WELCOMES INTERNS FROM **GARY E. WEST COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

The West Liberty University Foundation selected two students this fall to serve as interns as it offers real world experience for students preparing for professional careers in the non-profit sector.



"Each year, the Foundation is pleased to welcome student interns who will assist with the day-to-day activities of the Foundation while learning about the non-profit sector. Our interns also provide a valuable link to the student community and help to foster a culture of philanthropy on campus." said Betsy Delk, WLU Foundation Executive Director.

"These students will develop skills in the areas of fundraising, board development, private sector partnership, communications, event planning, database management and financial management of a non-profit."

The interns now assisting the WLU Foundation in its daily work include:

- · Courtney Ellifritz is a Junior Marketing major and an early entrance MBA student with a specialty in management. On campus, she is a Resident Assistant, student ambassador, WVCIA student leader and member of the marketing club. In her free time, Courtney enjoys self-defense training, reading, and spending time with friends and family. She hails from Keyser, WV.
- Janina Kruppke is an international student from outside of Cologne, Germany. She is a software developer and is currently studying Computer Programming and Web Design at WLU. On campus, Janina is a member of the crocheting club and has recently tried lacrosse. In her free time, she loves to work on her scrapbook; she also enjoys traveling and exploring new places.

Ellifritz and Kruppke recently assisted with the Foundation's annual Scholarship Day which was held on November 1 in the College Union. During this day-long event, Foundation scholarship recipients are encouraged to write personnel thank you notes to the donors who provide their scholarship support. Each fall, Foundation donors look forward to receiving photos, personal details and thank you notes from the students they assist. More than 120 students took part in this vear's event.

The WLU Foundation is pleased to manage over 157 scholarship funds. WLU Foundation Scholarships are established and funded by generous individuals and organizations who wish to provide opportunity to WLU students and help them achieve their educational goals.

For more information, please visit wlufoundation.org or call 304-336-5635.

EXPLANATION OF FOUNDATION FUNDS

Listed here are the various funds held by the West Liberty University Foundation, Inc.

RESTRICTED GIFTS

Donations made to the West Liberty University Foundation, Inc. with a specific purpose stated by the donor.

UNRESTRICTED GIFTS

Donations made to the West Liberty University Foundation, Inc. support the WLU Foundation Scholarship Program and areas of greatest need, which are identified by the WLU Foundation Need Request Proposal Process.

TYPES OF FUNDS

NAMED ENDOWED FUND

A named endowed fund can be established to provide scholarships, support a professorship or chair in a particular academic area, or support another purpose based on the interest of the donor. An endowment requires that the principal remain intact in perpetuity, or for a defined period of time, or until sufficient assets have been accumulated to achieve a designated purpose. West Liberty University Foundation, Inc. requires a minimum initial gift of \$25,000 to establish an endowed fund. Named endowed funds are listed on an annual basis in certain WLU Foundation publications.

TEMPORARILY ENDOWED FUND

A temporarily endowed fund with a balance of less than \$25,000 may be established with the understanding that the donor(s) or governing body intends to fund at minimum \$25,000 level and that no income generated by the gift principal will be distributed until the \$25,000 minimum principal balance has been achieved. If not fully funded within five years, the temporarily endowed fund will be considered part of the Foundation's general endowment.

NON-ENDOWED FUND

A non-endowed fund is a fund held by the foundation designated for a specific use over a shortened period of time, e.g.; Organization accounts; Study Abroad; Capital Projects, etc.

For more information or to establish a fund, please contact West Liberty University Foundation at 304-336-5635.



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