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INTRODUCING THE 2016 DONOR DIGEST

**You will notice some changes to the College of Charleston's
annual donor report – at least we hope you will.
And we hope you like the changes!**

Since 2008, the report has looked and felt consistent, but now is the time to change things up a bit. The *BOUNDLESS* Campaign garnered unprecedented support for the College and ushered in an exciting new era of accomplishments through philanthropic support. We want to tell more stories of your giving and the impact you have in the life of our campus, so this is the ideal time to give the donor report an update.

Inside the pages of this Donor Digest, you will find at least twice as many stories as in past years – and more in-depth features. The images are more prominent and striking. We also changed the shape so that it's easier to carry with you to show your friends.

Perhaps the biggest shift is that we moved the donor listings to our website. The lists of donors in the GOLD, 1770, Live Oak, Cistern and Bishop Robert Smith societies – as well as tribute donors – are now located at giving.cofc.edu/honorrolls. Visit the website and look through the truly impressive lists of donors like you who make the College of Charleston a philanthropic priority each year.

You have our heartfelt thanks for your generosity.
We hope you enjoy the new and improved Donor Digest.

With *BOUNDLESS* appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Watt Jr." with a period at the end.

George P. Watt Jr.

Executive Vice President, Institutional Advancement
Executive Director, College of Charleston Foundation

giving.cofc.edu/honorrolls



Alma Mater

*Hail to thee, our Alma Mater.
Hail to thy time-honored name.
Proud traditions hover 'round thee;
May we never bring thee shame.
Loyal sons and daughters love thee,
Strive to conquer and prevail.
We will sing thy praises ever –
College of Charleston, hail, all hail.*

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College of Charleston,
hail, all hail.*







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to our
**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
COMMUNITY**

**I'm pleased to present the redesigned
College of Charleston 2016 Donor Digest.**

We've decided to focus more on the power of your philanthropy by dedicating this publication to the impact stories of your investments. After all, it's your spirit of giving that is changing the College, our faculty, our staff and our students for the better.

In June 2016, the College completed its *BOUNDLESS* Campaign. The College raised nearly \$139 million – well surpassing its fundraising goal. Our alumni led the charge and were the largest group of donors annually and overall to the campaign, with more than 10,000 donors. *BOUNDLESS* is the most successful philanthropic and engagement effort in the College's 247-year history.

The investments from our numerous donors ensure that more students will be able to attain a College of Charleston education because they'll receive scholarship support; more innovative academic programs will be taught, which will prepare students for the jobs of today and tomorrow; and more distinguished faculty will come to the College – bringing with them their fresh ideas, research and academic reputation.

Your generosity enables us to provide College of Charleston students with unique educational experiences that help them identify their passions and give them the foundation for success in

life. Our students are able to develop new skills and talents, master their selected disciplines and learn how to apply that knowledge in the pursuit of their life goals because of your giving to and involvement in the College.

As we look forward, we still have much to do to further support our students, faculty and staff and to develop programs that elevate and enrich our outstanding College of Charleston experience. Philanthropy and donor leadership remain vital to our continued success.

I extend my thanks to you for making the College a priority in your 2016 giving and for all you do for the College of Charleston. We are truly blessed by your commitment and loyalty.

Sincerely,



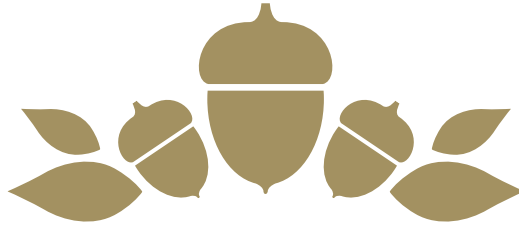
Glenn F. McConnell '69, president



President McConnell

served more than 30 years in the South Carolina Senate. He was first elected in 1980 and went on to serve in several key leadership posts. In 2001, he was elected the first Republican President Pro Tempore of the South Carolina Senate and then ascended to the office of Lieutenant Governor in March 2012. He is regarded as one of the most respected, influential and effective leaders in state government.





BY THE NUMBERS



In 2016, donors made the College of Charleston a philanthropic priority in a number of ways. Once again, the College benefitted from a year of remarkable giving from alumni, students, parents, friends, corporations and foundations. Thanks to your commitment, your vote of confidence and your generosity, 2016 boasted many significant accomplishments at the College of Charleston.

ANNUAL GIVING FUNDS CALENDAR YEAR 2016

\$1.1M

CofC FUND AND PARENTS' FUND

\$800K

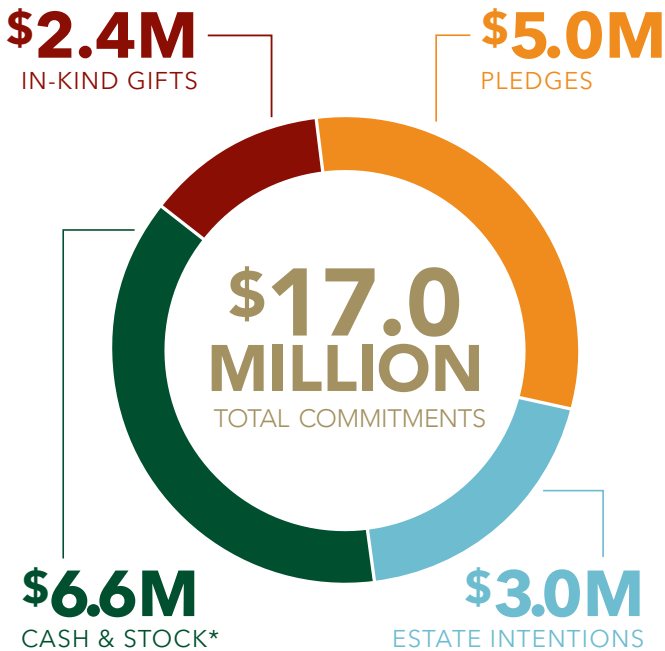
COUGAR CLUB

\$640K

SCHOOL-BASED
AND UNIT FUNDS

\$2.5 MILLION

TOTAL CASH RECEIVED

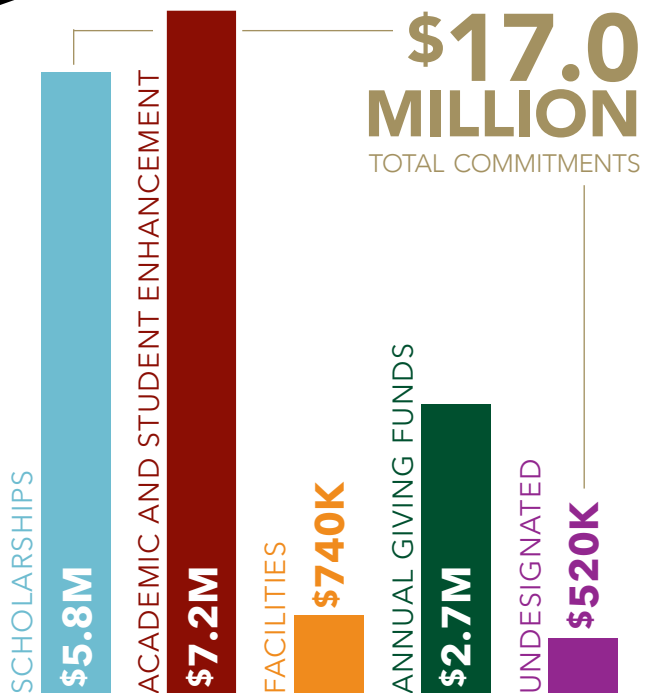


FUNDRAISING SNAPSHOT CALENDAR YEAR 2016

**Includes estate revenues*

BREAKDOWN BY DESIGNATION

All philanthropic commitments made to the College between October 2009 and the end of the campaign in June 2016 supported the BOUNDLESS Campaign.







Cougar Pride

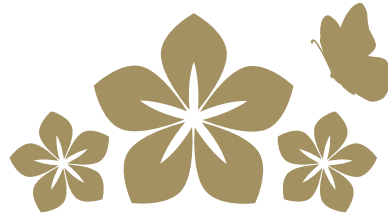
There's something about being a Cougar – something electric, something infectious, something unmistakably our own. It's a feeling, an energy, a sense of community and of pride. We feel it in our bones and we show it on our faces.

It's part of us all, forever.

*Once a Cougar, always a Cougar.
Can't hide the pride.*







HAPPENINGS & HIGHLIGHTS

2016



BOUNDLESS **Campaign Closing Celebration**

October 22

Dixie Plantation

The celebration of the end of the *BOUNDLESS* Campaign took place on a beautiful day a few weeks after Hurricane Matthew. The gathering included delicious BBQ, bluegrass tunes from the Bluestone Ramblers and hayride tours of Dixie Plantation. Guests enjoyed exploring this incredible living laboratory and visiting with our outstanding faculty, staff and students at the field research station, Student Garden and historic cemetery to see firsthand their many accomplishments.

The College continues to benefit from the philanthropy of many individuals and organizations – whose gifts totaled nearly \$139 million – reaching and surpassing the \$125 million goal. Thanks to all who supported the historic *BOUNDLESS* Campaign! You understand the value of a College of Charleston education and have expressed your vote of confidence through your giving.

INSET PHOTO: PRESIDENT GLENN F. MCCONNELL '69 AND STEVE SWANSON '89; ❶ ANDY ANDERSON, CHUCK BAKER '80, JENNY FOWLER, RENEE ANDERSON; ❷ DIANNE CULHANE, JOHN CULHANE, SUE SOMMER-KRESSE; ❸ GUESTS ENJOYING THE SURROUNDINGS OF DIXIE PLANTATION; ❹ BOBBY CREECH '86 AND MARY CREECH '84; ❺ JOHN RIVERS JR. AND ELIZABETH LEWINE; ❻ ANN DAUGHTRIDGE AND ANN BOATRIGHT IGOE; ❼ CORY MANNING AND TINA CUNDARI '96; ❽ ROBERT SEIDLER, DAVID HAY '81, GODFREY GIBBISON; ❾ DEBYE ALDERMAN, STEVE SWANSON '89, JEFF KINARD '77, AMY KINARD '77; ❿ MEAGAN DUNHAM '17; **CENTER PHOTO:** BLUESTONE RAMBLERS PLAYING BLUEGRASS TUNES FOR THE CROWD

Fall Alumni Weekend November 17-20

Fall Alumni Weekend included dozens of opportunities for alumni to engage with students, fellow graduates, faculty and staff and to see how the College has grown. Events included the ESPN Charleston Classic Basketball Tournament; Alumni Awards Gala; Ballots and Brunch; and Alumni Beer, Books and Band, among a myriad of other events.



❶ PRESIDENT MCCONNELL AND SHERWOOD MILER '74 LEAD THE TOAST AT THE ALUMNI AWARDS GALA HELD AT BELMOND CHARLESTON PLACE; ❷ GUESTS AT THE ALUMNI BEER, BOOKS AND BAND EVENT IN CISTERN YARD; ❸ 2016 ALUMNI AWARDS GALA HONOREES: RAHUL N. MEHRA '83, R. KEITH SAULS '90, REBECCA SHAW WHITENER '06, CHARLES J. BAKER III '80, JONI HARVEY MCLEOD '82, EVAN LINDER '04, MICHELLE ASHA COOPER '95; ❹ SHERLONDA ADKINS '99 AND RANDY ADKINS '98 AT THE ALUMNI AWARDS GALA; ❺ GUESTS AT BALLOTS AND BRUNCH



Grand Opening of Marty's Place

January 10
Jewish Studies Center

Marty's Place, the vegetarian/vegan/kosher dining hall in the expanded

Jewish Studies Center, was named in honor of Martin Perlmutter, longtime director of the Yashchik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program. The dedication also celebrated the generosity of those who made gifts in support of the facility and the *A Time to Build* campaign.



INSET PHOTO: MARTIN PERLMUTTER AND JERI PERLMUTTER '83; ❶ JERI PERLMUTTER '83, ALAN KAHN, GERRY SUE ARNOLD, THE LATE NORMAN ARNOLD, CHARLOTTE KAHN; ❷ ANITA ZUCKER, DAVID POPOWSKI, PRESIDENT MCCONNELL



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Scholarship Recipient Thank-You Note Drive

March 31

Blacklock House

Students who receive scholarships gather twice a year to write thank-you notes to their donors. Our students know that it is important to express appreciation to those who support them in attending the College and to pay it forward when possible.

1 KELLY HAFFNER '18, SAMANTHA BROPHY '16, ALEXANDRA SCHWARTZ '18, ARIEL MCSHANE '17;
2 STUDENTS WRITE THANK-YOU NOTES



School of the Arts *Porgy and Bess* Gathering

June 1

President's House

The School of the Arts hosted donors and members of the International Council of Fine Arts Deans at President McConnell's home before attending a production of *Porgy and Bess* as part of Spoleto Festival USA. The guest of honor was artist Jonathan Green, who designed the production's costumes. Green, along with Harlan Greene, director of the College's Special Collections (and *Porgy and Bess* expert), and President McConnell spoke to the guests about plans to renovate the historic Sottile Theatre, the festival, the production and what makes *Porgy and Bess* an important piece of Charleston's history.

INSET PHOTO: JONATHAN GREEN AND CATHERINE SMITH;
1 HILTON SMITH, JOHN HILL, PRESIDENT MCCONNELL, MARILYN HILL, JONATHAN GREEN; 2 JONATHAN RAY, JEAN JOHNSON AND TAP JOHNSON; 3 GUESTS GATHER TO HEAR PRESIDENT MCCONNELL, JONATHAN GREEN AND HARLAN GREENE DISCUSS SPOLETO'S PRODUCTION OF PORGY AND BESS



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1770 & GOLD Societies Reception
 April 8
Francis Marion Hotel

The annual 1770 & GOLD Societies Reception celebrates leadership donors who make the College a philanthropic priority each year. The evening featured the College's cutting-edge International Scholars Program and highlighted some of the top performing students, who shared their global experiences. To help celebrate the theme, donors were asked to wear an outfit or accessory from their favorite country.

1 DAVID HAY '81 AND MARIANA HAY '82; 2 POLINA ALESHINA '16, TANIA CAHILL, MICHAEL CAHILL, HONORS COLLEGE DEAN TRISHA FOLDS-BENNETT; 3 GUESTS ENJOYING THE RECEPTION; 4 JOSEPH QUI SOL '16, ERNEST BREVARD '09, HARRY WILLIAMS; 5 DAVID MENDELSON '94, JENNIFER MENDELSON, MARGARET SEIDLER, ROBERT SEIDLER; 6 JEFF SCHILZ '00, JOHN RIVERS JR., RENEE ROMBERGER '81, GUS GUSTAFSON '75; 7 BRYAN GANAWAY, EDEN KATZ '16, MALCOLM KATES '16; 8 HANNAH HAGUE '15, FRANK KENAN '05, CAITLIN SIMMONDS '10, MARSHALL SIMMONDS '11; 9 JOY HUME, MARIA ALFIERIS '76, CYRUS ALFIERIS, COREY HUME; 10 GARTH COOK, ELIZABETH KASSEBAUM, ELIZA KASSEBAUM '17

Cistern Society Luncheon

February 27

Avery Research Center

Donors who honor the College through a philanthropic commitment in their estate plans are recognized in the Cistern Society. The guest speaker at the society's annual luncheon was Janine McCabe '98, chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance. Cistern Society donors receive a commemorative plate the year they are recognized.



① NICK THOMPSON '64, MARIE THOMPSON '89, GREGORY PRYOR, ANN PRYOR '83, BRENDA STEVENS '67; ② RICK TONNEY, CHLOE TONNEY '84, PRESIDENT MCCONNELL; ③ JUDY BROOKS, KARL BUNCH, JANINE MCCABE '98, CHARLENE BUNCH; ④ STUDENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATES PAT BALMEDIANO '18, MATTHEW THEDINGA '17, MADELINE KNOWLTON '16, BECCA STARKES '16, VICTORIA BLUNT '17



President's Commencement Parties

May 6-7

President's House

Prior to each spring commencement ceremony, the president hosts donors, guest speakers and other special guests at his home for a brief celebration of the College and its graduates.

INSET PHOTO: JUDGE RICHARD FIELDS' FAMILY; LEFT: PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS: PARKER ROCKEFELLER, JEANETTE ROCKEFELLER, KATIE ENEY, CRAIG ENEY



Winthrop Roundtable

November 2

Hill Gallery and Alumni Memorial Hall

Legal commentator and social media entrepreneur

Dan Abrams offered his perspective on the media and today's political campaigns at the 2016 Winthrop Roundtable. Abrams serves as the chief legal affairs anchor and commentator for ABC News and is a published author and former anchor of *Nightline*. The event provided insight on current political events and the media's increasing role in shaping our modern political landscape. Each year the roundtable features a renowned speaker in a keynote address related to current events or cultural exchange, with the intent of inciting thought-provoking conversation and showcasing unique viewpoints to our community.



INSET PHOTO: DAN ABRAMS AND JOHN WINTHROP; ❶ KATHERINE MURCHISON '18, MAURICE THOMPSON '58, CAROLYN MATALENE, ELIZABETH LEWINE; ❷ GUESTS LISTENING TO DAN ABRAMS' COMMENTS DURING THE ROUNDTABLE

2016 Commencement Ceremonies

Spring

May 6-7

Cistern Yard

Nearly 1,800 graduates participated in the three ceremonies last spring. Honorary degrees were bestowed to retired S.C. Circuit Court Judge Richard E. Fields and S.C. Senator Hugh Leatherman.

Winter

December 17

TD Arena

More than 300 graduates participated in the December commencement ceremony. Honorary degrees were bestowed to Esther and the late James Ferguson and to Tap and Jean Johnson.



❶ ESTHER FERGUSON, PRESIDENT MCCONNELL, COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER NASA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR DAVA NEWMAN, TAPLEY JOHNSON, JEAN JOHNSON; ❷ HUGH LEATHERMAN AT SPRING COMMENCEMENT; ❸ THE HONORABLE RICHARD E. FIELDS RECEIVING HIS HONORARY DEGREE



A Charleston Affair

April 30 - May 1
Cistern Yard

A Charleston Affair (ACA) is not just the biggest party of the year, it's a party with a purpose. ACA supports Alumni Association scholarships and programs as well as honors the newest members of the Alumni Association.

PRESIDENT MCCONNELL, CLYDE THE COUGAR AND THE COFC COMMUNITY CELEBRATE ACA



Scratching the Surface

June 1
Westview Middle School

The Scratching the Surface program is designed to leverage the success of Google's CS First, the

STEM education expertise of the Lowcountry Hall of Science and Math, the programming expertise of the Department of Computer Science and the classroom expertise of Berkeley County School District middle school teachers. By leveraging the capabilities of these factions and adapting content to South Carolina State Department of Education curriculum standards, the College brought computer science education to more than 1,000 middle schoolchildren. The College celebrated the Google grant and the program's impact on Berkeley County Middle Schools (Macedonia, St. Stephens and Westview) at a gathering of students, teachers and families at Westview Middle School. Google's CS First was founded and created in Berkeley County, S.C., and now reaches more than 700,000 students worldwide.

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AT THE SCRATCHING THE SURFACE CELEBRATION





IMPACT SPOTLIGHTS



The College of Charleston is one of the nation's best public liberal arts and sciences universities for quality education, student life and affordability. Private philanthropy touches every corner of campus: from student scholarships to faculty research funds, from innovative technology to world-class athletics. The impact of your gifts reaches across South Carolina and the world. Meet the students, faculty, programs and places impacted by your generosity.





*It takes all kinds of people,
perspectives, passions and ideas
to make the College of Charleston
community the unique, vibrant
and interconnected family we've
come to know and love. But it only
takes one place – one College –
to bring us all together, to make us
Cougars and to make us proud.
Wherever we are and wherever
we go, we are the College
of Charleston.*



Swanson Challenge Garner More Than \$1M for Honors College From Inspired Friends and Alumni

Thanks to the *BOUNDLESS* Campaign, the Honors College received an unprecedented total of scholarship commitments. **Steve '89 and Emily Swanson '89** are well known for their generous support for the Swanson Family Endowed Scholarship and have earned the unwavering appreciation from more than 45 scholarship recipients.

Their matching gift challenge to raise \$1 million for endowed scholarships by June 30 was met with enthusiasm and generosity from donors who believe in the Honors College and respect the Swansons. By the end of the challenge, 43 donors pledged more than \$1 million to endowed scholarships – surpassing the ambitious goal!

“Thanks to everyone who stepped up to make these amazing, life-changing scholarships available to attract the best and brightest students to the College,” says Steve. “We are ever impressed with the quality, drive and successes of the students we have sponsored and know that the program will continue to transform the Honors College well into the future. We also want to thank Dean Trisha Folds-Bennett, whose

vision and endless energy inspired us to create these endowments from the very beginning.”

“We love the College and we are inspired by the passionate students and leaders we have met. This passion is also reflected in the Honors College with the commitments of Dean Folds-Bennett and Steve and Emily Swanson,” says Laura Ricciardelli, mother of Hanna Watt '11. Ricciardelli and her husband David Watt established the Watt Family Endowed Scholarship. “We feel fortunate that we have the opportunity to partner with the Swanson Scholars Program to attract curious and capable students from South Carolina and across the country. We are excited to offer scholarship and educational opportunities to deserving students who can add so much to the College – in the classroom, on the campus and well into the future.” 🍷

■ **SCHOLARSHIPS
CREATED AS PART OF
THE SWANSON CHALLENGE:**

- **R.I.S.E. Endowed Scholarship**
 - Established by Ben '02 and Sarah DeWolf '02
 - Supported by Kellen '05 and Katherine Cooney '04, Trisha Folds-Bennett and Brett Bennett, and Scott '02 and Valerie Howell '02
- **Mosteller Family Endowed Fund**
 - Established by Charles Mosteller '81
- **Huge Endowed Scholarship**
 - Established by the Harry and Reba Huge Foundation
 - Supported by Reema Sanghvi, Mark Sturman, and Reed and Lisa Vranicar-Patton
- **Culhane Endowed Summer Scholars**
 - Established by John and Dianne Culhane
- **Watt Family Endowed Scholarship**
 - Established by Laura Ricciardelli and David Watt
- **Draisin Family Endowed Scholarship**
 - Established by Neil '65 and Carolyn Draisin

■ **MAJOR SUPPORTERS OF
THE SWANSON FAMILY
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP:**

- Kellen '05 and Katherine Cooney '04
- Josh '03 and Sarah Hays '03
- Trisha Folds-Bennett and Brett Bennett
- Joey '99 and Amy Foxhall



Following in the Footsteps of Greatness

In August 2016, the College of Charleston lost one of its most beloved and celebrated professors, **Alison Piepmeier**. Piepmeier was known for her social activism, passion for teaching and dedication to her students. *Charleston City Paper*, for which Alison was a frequent contributor, calls Piepmeier a “force of nature.”

In mourning her loss, members of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program, former students, friends and family created a scholarship in her memory. In a true testament to the impact Piepmeier had on the College community, over 100 donors gave to her scholarship fund in the two weeks following her death. By early 2017, nearly 150 donors contributed to the fund, enabling the College to establish both an endowed scholarship and a current-use scholarship.

Leah Friar, a senior from Johns Island, S.C., is the first recipient of the Piepmeier Scholarship and had the good fortune of knowing Piepmeier and studying under her tutelage. “Dr. Piepmeier had a significant influence on me – not only on my academic career but on my personal growth,” says Friar.

Friar is working to follow the legacy that Piepmeier left behind, and hopes to go on to obtain a doctoral degree in social work in order to teach and inspire others. Involved with many different community organizations in the Charleston area, Friar has devoted much time to working with sexual assault and partner violence survivors as well as to empowering girls and transgender youth. Friar’s work and aspirations are fitting tributes to the professor, mentor and inspiration that Piepmeier was to so many of her students, colleagues and friends at the College of Charleston. 🍷



College’s Mace Brown Museum of Natural History Displays 3 Billion Years of Life on Earth

The College’s Department of Geology and Environmental Geosciences is home to the Mace Brown Museum of Natural History, which displays more than 1,000 fossil specimens, many from more than three billion years ago, and many collected in and around South Carolina.

The exhibitions at the museum also include fossil remains from dinosaurs, Crinoids, Oligocene mammals of North America, Mosasaurs, Cave Bears, Pleistocene mammals of the Carolinas, fossil shark’s teeth, fossil plants, a “Megalodon” shark jaw, freshwater fishes and fossils of Mammoths and Mastodons. Manned by geology majors who work

as student docents and can answer visitor questions, the museum is free and open to the public.

The museum recently acquired a bequest of fossils from Rita McDaniel, mostly collected from the Lee Creek Mine of Aurora, N.C., an open-pit phosphate mine operated by the Potash Corporation. The mine exposes two fossiliferous marine units: the Pungo



River Limestone (middle Miocene, Langhian) and the Yorktown (lower Pliocene, Zanclean) formations. The Pungo River Limestone and base of the Yorktown Formation are richly phosphatic and are commercially mined. These two units have yielded one of the most important assemblages of Neogene marine vertebrates in the world, including hundreds of species of sharks, rays, skates, chondrosteans, teleosts, birds, sea turtles, estuarine crocodiles, seals, walruses, dolphins and baleen whales. These fossils are found in-situ as well as in reworked sediments in the spoils leftover from the mining. The mine has been closed to the public since 2009.

New cetacean records in this collection include *Kogia* sp., *Ziphiidae* indet. (*Messapicetus*), cf. *Hadrodelfhis*, cf. *Goniodelphis*, *Parietobalaena*, *Diorocetus* and *Herpetocetinae* n.g., making this one of the most significant collections from Lee

Creek. This collection also includes several true seal (*Phocidae*) mandibles with teeth, which may permit resolution of the confused taxonomy of Pliocene seals from the western North Atlantic. The McDaniel bequest is in excess of 17,000 specimens, bringing the museum's total collection to over 20,000.

The museum's founding donor, Mace Brown, also made an additional donation of several hundred important vertebrate fossils, reaffirming the collection's international importance in the study of life on Earth.

The College is tremendously proud of this unique asset, which attracts visitors from campus, across the Lowcountry and beyond. To commemorate Brown's unparalleled dedication and generosity to the Mace Brown Museum of Natural History, the College recognized him with an honorary degree at the Spring 2017 Commencement. 📌

ALUMNUS SUPPORTS GLOBAL LEARNING FOR BUSINESS STUDENTS

Chris Mattox '02 looks back fondly at his time studying international business and Hispanic studies at the College - especially his study-abroad experience in Spain. As founder and president of Carolina Recycling and Consulting, Mattox believes that the education he received at the College prepared him well for the business world, and he fully supports the business school's strategic objective of increasing emphasis on global learning.

In 2011, Mattox and his wife **Michele** established the Mattox Family Scholarship to support business students who aspire to study abroad while pursuing their majors. Since 2012, the scholarship has been awarded to five Mattox Family Scholars.



To contribute to the *BOUNDLESS* Campaign's strong finish in 2016, the Mattoxes made a second gift to their scholarship, thus boosting the support the Mattox Family Scholarship Endowment provides: Now Mattox Family Scholars are chosen as incoming freshmen and can qualify to receive the scholarship for up to four years.

"We support Dean [of the School of Business Alan T.] Shao's vision for global learning because we know firsthand the value it can provide for every future business graduate," says Chris.

Philanthropy Passed Down Generation to Generation



ELIZABETH "BETTE" S. GRIFFITH

Mark Bastian '09 is a fifth-generation small-business owner in Charleston. His family is well known not only in business but also for its philanthropic support in the Lowcountry. Bastian is one of 15 grandchildren, but he was the only grandchild who followed in his grandmother's footsteps by attending the College of Charleston. He majored in business administration and was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He founded

E.S. Griffith while attending the College of Charleston and continued to build the business into a full-service appraisal firm. He then co-founded Charleston Estate Auctions and serves as the president and auctioneer.

Bastian's grandmother, the late **Elizabeth "Bette" S. Griffith**, was a history major and graduated from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences in 1956. During her time at the College, she was involved with the newspaper, Newman Club, Panhellenic Association, Chi Omega Sorority, badminton and basketball. She continued to support the College by serving as alumni adviser to the Chi Omega Sorority, president of the Alumni Association and president of the College of Charleston Foundation - the first woman to ever do so. She received the Alumna of the Year Award in 1989.

The importance of philanthropy and giving back was not lost on Griffith, and she went on to instill those values in her children and grandchildren. Bastian is grateful that his grandparents were able to provide financial support for his college education. Now recognized as a GOLD Society donor, he is giving back and honoring the memory of Griffith, affectionately known as "BB," by supporting student scholarships and alumni engagement through the gifts he makes to the College of Charleston Fund each year.

"BB was one of the kindest and most generous people I knew. She told me that you get what you give and to always be nice and kind to everyone. That was just who she was," says Bastian. 📍



Martin Scholars Learn the Media Ropes, Hobnob in D.C. and N.Y.

Education: It's the gift that keeps on giving. And – with the establishment of the Martin Scholars Program – **Thomas R. Martin and his wife Wanda** are guaranteeing that the inaugural class of Martin Scholars will have an impact on generations to come.

Created to inspire future leaders and mentors among outstanding communication majors and minors at the College of Charleston, the Martin Scholars Program provides invaluable networking opportunities for students to meet with leaders in the communication profession. In turn, the Martin Scholars and the outreach they do will build positive awareness of the Department of Communication and the College of Charleston.

Tom Martin, who first became involved with the College when he joined the Department of Communication Advisory Council in 2004, has served as the communication department's executive-in-residence since 2007, when he retired from his post as senior vice president of corporate relations at ITT Corporation, a global engineering company.

Now that he's in the classroom, his top priorities are improving students' writing skills and decision-making skills so that they are ready to navigate the real world strategically, ethically and credibly. He also encourages students to focus on giving back and leads students on a networking trip to Washington, D.C., and New York City over spring break.

He and Wanda believe that one of the most important forces shaping a progressive society is the mentoring of future generations by parents, teachers, coaches, employers and others who encourage and inspire great things. By creating the Martin Scholars Program, they hope to inspire the future generation of mentors among today's outstanding communication students at the College. ■

Philanthropy Is Key to Sailing Team's Success

Twenty National Championships, 6 Fowle Trophies, more than 100 All-Americans and 13 Cougar Olympians: These team and individual accomplishments of College of Charleston sailing during its five-decade history have secured the program as one of the most successful varsity sailing programs in the country.

The Hissar Sailing Program at the College of Charleston prepares its sailors to perform and compete at the highest levels – both on the water and in the classroom. In fact, student-athletes at the College of Charleston maintain higher GPAs than their peers on average, developing a true understanding of work ethic and discipline during their collegiate experience. And the sailing program in particular plays an important role in preparing these student-athletes to become driven leaders and engaged citizens on campus and in their communities moving forward. It does this through leadership opportunities and team travel experiences that cultivate immeasurable personal and professional growth.

As for its own growth, the Hissar Sailing Program relies on the philanthropy and advocacy of its alumni and friends. The College aims to provide the finest facilities, equipment and training to effectively recruit the top student-athletes and – in order to do this – the sailing program must raise \$125,000 annually. Fortunately, numerous parents, alumni and friends provide generous support every year. And, to ensure its continued excellence and help solidify the College of Charleston as having the top sailing team in the country, the sailing program has commenced a comprehensive fundraising campaign.

The J. Stewart Walker Endowment and the Hissar Sailing Program Endowment are the two primary funds for the sailing program. Philanthropic support of this program is an investment in young student leaders and talented athletes. Private gifts are used to supplement travel budgets and equipment. Major gifts to these funds have recently come from **Tim and Albie Dickson**, parents of McCloy Dickson '19, and the **Edgar T. Cato Foundation**. The parents of many other Cougar sailors also provide significant gifts.

Whether through annual support or leadership investments in endowments and major funding initiatives, there are multiple opportunities to impact the future of Cougar sailing and maintain its position as one of the nation's most accomplished programs. 🏆





PLANNED GIFT ENRICHES STUDENT EXPERIENCES

Arthur “Jo Jo” ‘43 and Wanda Haisten, who died in 2012 and 2013 respectively, provided for the College through their estate with commitments to the chemistry department and the Cougar Club. Their planned gift came to the College in 2016, but their lifetime of support began in the 1980s with annual gifts to the College of Charleston Fund, Athletics and the Class of 1943 Golden Anniversary Scholarship.

Jo Jo’s service to his alma mater extended beyond philanthropy; he also served as past president of the CofC Alumni Association. To recognize his service and leadership to the College, he received the Alumnus of the Year Award in 1977.

“The Haistens’ gift will be used to support undergraduate research efforts in the chemistry and biochemistry department,” says Pamela Riggs-Gelasco, department chair, noting that the department is a campus leader in undergraduate research and aims to support about 50 students each summer. “These experiences are a major factor in student success upon graduation, and the endowment will help provide research stipends for students and supply money for their projects.”

Haisten majored in chemistry at the College, where he studied with Earl DeWitt Jennings (whose wife Jane named a laboratory in his honor in the School of Sciences and Mathematics). He earned his doctor of dental surgery degree in 1947 from Emory University’s School of Dentistry and a certificate in periodontics from The Ohio State University. He saw military service for two years as part of the Dental Corps.

Dr. Haisten maintained a general practice in North Charleston for 16 years before entering the field of public health and serving in various public health capacities in Georgia. He joined MUSC’s faculty in 1971 and was named dean of its Dental College in 1975. Haisten served in that role for more than a dozen years.



Community Rallies Together to Establish Endowed Scholarship in Memory of Beloved Educator

Family and friends of **Lucy Garrett Beckham** raised nearly \$60,000 to establish an endowed scholarship in the School of Education, Health, and Human Performance honoring Beckham’s lifetime commitment to education and teaching. The 1970 alumna was the beloved principal of Mount Pleasant’s Wando High School until her untimely death in December 2015. The scholarship will support Wando High School graduates majoring in teacher education.

Beckham learned the value of education and the importance of strong leadership from her mother, a high school math teacher, and her father, a South Carolina state legislator. Although she was widely known for her tenure at Wando High School, Beckham began her career as a math teacher at Bishop England High School and was later named Teacher of the Year at Stratford High School, where she also served as assistant principal. In 2010, Beckham was recognized as the national Principal of the Year by MetLife and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. That same year, she was named the College’s Alumna of the Year. In addition to her many accolades, Beckham was a positive influence on many students, teachers and community members in the state of South Carolina.

Students were at the heart of everything Beckham did. She was known for her passion for teaching and her enthusiastic dedication to future generations of teachers. Throughout her career, she understood that putting students first meant having teachers with outstanding preparation and strong teaching dispositions and interpersonal skills. Her truest legacy will be her deep commitment to education, which will carry on through the teachers who can continue her vision. 📖



ELEMENTARY ENGINEERS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND TEACHERS THANK KRISTEN BECKHAM '07 (CENTER) OF DOMINION RESOURCES SERVICES INC. FOR SUPPORT OF THEIR PROGRAM

Gifts Initiate Elementary Engineers Pilot Program

Thanks to contributions totaling more than \$80,000 from the **American Honda Foundation** and **Dominion Resources Services Inc.**, the College of Charleston initiated the Elementary Engineers Pilot Program. Elementary Engineers aims to give elementary school students summer learning opportunities on the College's campus through two two-week sessions. Each week, students tackle different aspects of science and engineering.

An additional aspect of the Elementary Engineers Program is the specialized teacher training that uses Engineering is Elementary (EiE), an engineering curriculum designed by the Museum of Science in Boston. The EiE curriculum is incorporated into teacher-created lesson plans for projects that can be applied to problems unique to the local farmland and coastal habitats.

Throughout the school year, the Department of Teacher Education continues working with Charleston County educators to implement curriculum in their classrooms through activities such as experiments, demonstrations, field trips, classroom visits from local experts and hands-on individualized support. The effort will bring the science curriculum to around 1,200 students.

"It's a great opportunity to expand STEM curriculum to local students, including those who might not have access to these types of learning experiences," says Laura Brock, associate professor of teacher education at the College of Charleston.

In the first year alone, the Elementary Engineers Program impacted 14 certified and pre-certified elementary school teachers through STEM-based professional-development opportunities, 300 elementary-aged students within EiE-trained teachers' classrooms and 312 elementary-aged students through summer camp.

With the support of the American Honda Foundation and Dominion Resources Services, the College is making – and will continue to make – an impact on local teachers and students. 🍌



Travel Award Provides Priceless Opportunities for Exploring the World

School of Humanities and Social Sciences alum **Jessica Fisher '96** established the Fisher Parker Travel Award to assist students who wish to pursue internships or coursework outside the greater Charleston area, including study abroad. She created the award to commemorate her relationship with her sister, Meg Parker, and to fulfill their shared vision of helping students pursue the dreams that they'd thought were financially out of reach.

The first two recipients – **Katherine Calabro '17** and **Madeline Leibin '18** – were named in 2016. Calabro and Leibin share their experiences made possible by Fisher's gift:

"I'm delighted to say that receiving the Fisher Parker Travel Award allowed me to have one of the best experiences in my life. In May 2016, I left the comforts of South Carolina for a Maymester program in Morocco. For the next three weeks, I would make lifelong friends, travel to new and exotic places, interact with a new language and culture and test the boundaries of my

comfort zone. I learned a little Arabic, ate fish with my hands, frolicked in sunflower and poppy fields and rode a camel into the Sahara Desert sunrise. While the Fisher Parker Travel Award allowed me to study my favorite topic, it also allowed me the opportunity to see the realities of Moroccan life outside of what any textbook could try to teach me. And to me, that's priceless."

Katherine Calabro '17



“Last summer, I was immersed in the identity politics that define the contemporary world. I was studying in Western Europe – based in Germany, but traveling to France, Luxembourg and Brussels. As we crossed these borders, we learned what it means to identify as a part of a collective: to be German or French or both (as seen in the Alsace region). Buzzing around these borderless countries, we explored what it meant to be European. My fellow students and I asked ourselves, ‘Does it mean an integrated institutional structure, such as the EU? Or a common heritage, such as in the history of the world wars? And what about when these histories conflict?’ These questions and many more were discussed and debated over three wonderful weeks: over dinners, on hikes, in city centers.

“After this, I made my way to the Netherlands, where I researched at the United Nations University in Maastricht right up to the week before school began in Charleston. These experiences – the academics and the adventures alike – have textured my CofC education, making the lessons rich, meaningful, enduring. Without the Fisher Parker Travel Award, I would not have been able to have these moments, the memories or the meaning. Years from now, when I look back and reflect, I will remember the generosity of the donors and nestle it close to my fondest memories. Thank you.”

Madeline Leibin '18

INTERNSHIP GIVES REAL-WORLD SKILLS BEFORE GRADUATION

Internships have become a critical component of the undergraduate experience at the College of Charleston and universities across the nation. To give College of Charleston students a competitive advantage in gaining highly sought-after internship opportunities and in bolstering relationships and partnerships with employers, **Peter and Denise Wittich** – parents of William Wittich '17 – have made a seed gift to commence a Career Center internship award program.

The program gives recipients the opportunity to attend weekly boot camp-style workshops, led by Career Center staff, on résumé development, professional job correspondence, interviewing skills and other work-ready skills. Recipients also receive a stipend for expenses like commuting, housing, technology, work-related meals and supplies.

Thirty-three students applied for the inaugural Career Center internship award, and more than half of the 12 selected later secured summer internships or full-time jobs. One recipient even took a public relations internship in Ireland as part of her study abroad.

“This generous investment from Peter and Denise Wittich has enabled the Career Center to move closer to its goal of providing the best possible professional-development experience for our students, which includes ensuring their preparedness to enter the workforce upon graduation,” says Jim Allison, executive director of the Career Center, who has been collaborating with partners on and off campus to increase overall employer participation in on-campus recruiting, career fairs, information sessions, mock interviews and the Employer in Residence Program. Boeing, BMW, Cisco, Blackbaud, Honeywell, Booz Allen Hamilton and other elite organizations have all come to the table to engage CofC students.

The Wittiches recently made a second philanthropic gift to help the Career Center serve the College’s students, alumni and corporate community partners.

“We are so grateful to Peter and Denise for the foresight and motivation through their generosity to elevate the national profile and overall capacity of the Career Center,” says Allison. “Philanthropy has the ability to empower change and growth at a pace that would not otherwise be possible.”





The Giving Pineapple

Symbolizing warmth and hospitality, the pineapple is a traditional expression of "welcome." That's why images of pineapples appear all over campus every August – each one symbolizing a gift made in honor of the new and returning students. Through this annual tradition, the Cougar community shows its love for the College, its programs and, most importantly, its students arriving on campus for another successful year.





Friendship Leads to Internship Endowment to Help Arts Management Students

Adjunct faculty member and seasoned arts administrator **Judith Allen** established the Scott Shanklin-Peterson Internship Endowment to commemorate the retirement of her friend and colleague, Scott Shanklin-Peterson, who served as director of the Arts Management Program in the School of the Arts for more than a decade.

The fund, which Allen is supplementing with a commitment from her estate, offers financial internship stipends for arts management students who work full or part time in addition to attending the College of Charleston. Because internships are required for the Arts Management Program, this support can go a long way for a lot of students.

“Internship stipends assist students who are struggling financially, juggling their classes, internship and their jobs,” says Allen, who has long been committed to strengthening arts, cultural, educational and other nonprofit service organizations.

Clearly, such support can make a huge difference in a student’s life.

It certainly has for Victoria Blunt '17, who came to the College for its career-oriented Arts Management Program – one of the few in the country designed expressly for undergraduate students.

“As a recipient of the Scott Shanklin-Peterson Internship award, I received the support I needed to work an unpaid internship in addition to my part-time job and full class load,” says Blunt. “I was able to focus on my performance at my internship, while knowing that I had the resources to be successful in all of my endeavors. This is one of the many reasons why the Arts Management Program is great; the program assists in giving its students the tools they need for launching a successful career as a manager in the arts.”

Full immersion in an intensive internship can come at a cost when combined with full- or part-time employment on top of a full course load. Allen understands this balance and wants to reward students for their hard work so that they can get the most out of their College of Charleston experience.

Thanks to the Scott Shanklin-Peterson Internship Endowment, students can gain real-world experience during their required internships that reinforce their classroom education. 🍷

Alumni and Volunteer Leaders Establish Scholarship to Honor Role of Teachers



**SAM STAFFORD III '68
AND MIGNONA HALL '18**

Sam Stafford III '68 and Nancy Webb Stafford '70 established the Dr. Sam and Nancy Stafford Endowed Alumni Scholarship to benefit rising juniors or seniors majoring in one of the teacher education programs and intending to pursue a teaching career. In establishing this scholarship, the Staffords wish to both acknowledge the pivotal and life-changing role that teachers have in the lives of their students as well as provide funding for future generations of exceptional teachers.

The first recipient of the Stafford Endowed Alumni Scholarship is Mignona Hall, a junior from Greenville, S.C.

The Staffords met as students at the College. Both were involved in several campus organizations, including Pi Kappa Phi and Delta Delta Delta,

while also serving as class officers. They had the privilege of volunteering for Emmett Robinson at the Footlight Players prior to the theatre department being established at the College, which led to a lifelong love of the arts.

The Staffords credit much of their success and happiness to the dedicated teachers they have had throughout their lives. They both credit several professors as not only outstanding teachers and role models, but also as mentors in their lives' work. Sam cites Harry W. Freeman – professor, adviser (both academic and fraternity) and personal hero – as well as James Anderson, an outstanding teacher and friend who was always firm and fair. Nancy, a double major in English and history, fondly recalls the highest standards expected from Nan Morrison, who made both writing and learning not only a challenge, but also an adventure, and from Andrea Stafford, French professor and friend, who created an enthusiastic, enjoyable atmosphere of learning in class, as well as in traveling abroad.

The Staffords are champions of the College, and not just as graduates and donors. Sam serves on the Foundation Board, Alumni Association Board and School of the Arts Advisory Council, and also served on the Board of Trustees from 2003 to 2011. Nancy is a former member of the Alumni Association Board and an active member of the Halsey Institute Advisory Board. 🍷

HILDA DEBACKER CREATES A LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP



There's no better way to strengthen a community than to shore up its next generation with knowledge. Now, thanks to the generosity of **Hilda and Rene Debacker**,

a new generation of exceptional Charleston County students will be able to further their knowledge at the College of Charleston.

As part of a legacy plan honoring her late husband Rene, Hilda established the Rene and Hilda Debacker Endowed Scholarship to provide Charleston County students with merit-based support.

"Rene wanted to start a scholarship to go to students of Charleston County," says Hilda, explaining that the couple shared the desire to support their home terrain in their philanthropic endeavors.

The Debackers moved to the Holy City as a young couple in 1952 and have been contributing to the Charleston community ever since. Hilda taught neuroanatomy at her alma mater, MUSC, for decades, and Rene co-founded the accounting firm Schleeter, Monsen and Debacker CPA, where he continued to work until he retired in 1989.

The Debackers know well the power of education and of scholarship: Rene was long committed to education and Hilda herself received scholarships covering her tutelage at Cornell University.

Their legacy of learning and community will now continue strengthening generations of students at the College of Charleston, in the heart of their longstanding, deeply loved home.



CofC is a Family Tradition for Alumni Couple

New Board of Trustees Chair **David Hay '81 and his wife Mariana Hay '82** carry on a family tradition of supporting the College that spans more than four decades. They invest in the College of Charleston Fund, Cougar Club, REACH Program, Collegiate Recovery Program and the George Ramsay Scholarship on an annual basis. They also made a significant commitment to the *BOUNDLESS* Campaign.

Mariana is the daughter of the late Mary Croghan Ramsay '42 and granddaughter of William Joseph Croghan, who opened Croghan's Jewel Box, Charleston's oldest jewelry store. Mary served on the Alumni Association and Foundation boards and supported many areas of the College, including the Cougar Club, the CofC Fund, the Classes of 1980 & 1981 Scholarship and the Mary Croghan Ramsay "Ask Jackie" Scholarship Fund.

The family's support of the College mirrors its support of the community with its local businesses. While Mariana now runs Croghan's Jewel Box, David has also made his mark as a trusted local businessman as president of Hay Tire Company Inc., which he co-founded with his father the year he graduated from the College.

Beyond making charitable contributions to their alma mater, the Hays volunteer their time to advancing the mission of the College. In addition to serving on the Board of Trustees, David served multiple terms on the Foundation and Alumni Association boards. Mariana serves on the School of Education, Health, and Human Performance Development Council. Like her mother, she also served on the Alumni Association Board. In recognition of her support of the College, primarily the REACH Program, the Alumni Association honored her with the Distinguished Alumna Award in 2014.

"We are both so grateful for all that the College has meant to us, our families, our businesses and our community," says David. "It's so rewarding to meet people and learn that they have a connection to the College. It's a tribute to all of the great leaders, teachers, staff and volunteers who work so hard to make the College what it is today. It's also very rewarding to be allowed to help shape what the College will become as we approach its 250th year in 2020." 🍷



STUDENTS MAKE THEIR WAY TO THE NORTH END OF FOLLY BEACH – A POPULAR SPOT FOR GEOLOGY CLASS DISCOVERIES

Young Alumni to Become “Rock” Stars to Generations Seeking Experiential Learning

What do seven (and counting) College of Charleston geology graduates from the 2000s who live in Texas have in common – besides the obvious? They all banded together with the goal of raising more than \$360,000, of which they have raised nearly 50 percent, to establish the Geology Alumni Endowed Award in the School of Sciences and Mathematics. These young graduates have the shared objective of enabling undergraduate students to participate in field research and present at professional conferences that will facilitate their post-graduate and career goals.

“We have incredibly accomplished and altruistic alumni, and one group has given back by creating an endowed fund that will support current and future students for their research efforts and travel costs,” says Tim Callahan, chair of the geology and environmental geosciences department. “This incredible group of alumni has ensured that for years to come students will have the chance to expand their horizons and spend focused time on scholarship outside class.”

The effort is led by **Karen Black '10, Michael Passarello '08 and Emily Sekula '05**, who were inspired to establish this award and motivate others to support the initiative because they all had transformational undergraduate experiences at the

College. They also realized what a unique experience they received here because of the incredible faculty/student bond that the department has created.

“Giving back to the geology department is a small way of recognizing that my graduate school and professional journey is largely due to the educational and research opportunities that I was able to pursue while attending the College,” says Passarello. “The geology department fosters a strong sense of community and encourages its students to fully pursue their academic interests. I give in order to honor the department’s commitment to each and every student, and it is my hope that others will have similar opportunities that will ultimately lead them to their full potential.”





Bishop Robert Smith Society Recognizes New Members

On September 28, 2016, the College was honored to induct six new members into the Bishop Robert Smith Society. The College of Charleston established the Bishop Robert Smith Society to recognize donors who have made lifetime philanthropic commitments of \$1 million or greater to benefit the College. The newly inducted members include Deborah Chalsty, David Maves, Rene and Hilda Debacker, Reba and Harry Huger, Ann '83 and Greg Pryor, and Edward and Lucia Vest '47. As part of the annual Bishop Robert Smith Society event, the College displayed the new member plaques on the donor walls in Alumni Memorial Hall. Each of the Bishop Robert Smith Society members in attendance had the opportunity to meet with current students who are directly impacted by the specific philanthropy provided by donors in this most prestigious society. 📍

INSET PHOTO: ROBERT STEINBERG, HILDA DEBACKER, PRESIDENT MCCONNELL; 1 HILDA DEBACKER AND SARAH WIEGREFFE '17; 2 PROVOST BRIAN MCGEE, WILLIAM MCEWEN '20, BETTY BEATTY, PRESIDENT MCCONNELL, ALLIE KEKACS '19; 3 GUESTS ENJOYING THE RECOGNITION PROGRAM; 4 HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES DEAN JERRY HALE, GREG PRYOR, ANN PRYOR '83, KAITLIN FORAN '14; 5 ZACH STURMAN '17, KAYA TOLLAS '17, REBA HUGE, GRACE MOXLEY '17, KATHERINE MURCHISON '18; 6 JOE CHEALEY '17, JERRY BAKER '74, TAP JOHNSON; 7 COREY LAW '17, JEAN JOHNSON, SEAN POLGAR '17; 8 PATRICK CROTTY '19, BETTY BEATTY

Students Gain Competitive Advantage With Commercial Real Estate Software

Since 2013, **ARGUS Software Inc.**, out of Houston, Texas, has donated commercial real estate software packages valued at nearly \$3 million to the College of Charleston School of Business. The software is the industry standard for analyzing an existing or potential real estate investment and estimating its value.

With the software, real estate students are able to complete sensitivity analysis when calculating the value of a property with many leases or a project that is under development over an extended period of time. In addition, students develop their skills in simulated situations to determine how much cash flow a building will generate or to manipulate variables to see how those changes will affect the value of the investment.

“Most major real estate companies, financial institutions, appraisers, investors, developers and contractors that use institutional capital apply this software when analyzing investment opportunities,” says Elaine Worzala, director of the Carter Real Estate Center. “These skills have been incorporated into our undergraduate real estate curriculum to better prepare our students for their careers.”

Nathan Barnett '16 can attest to how the ARGUS software is helping him in his career.

“As a new member of the real estate community, a familiarity with property valuation tools is critical. Unfortunately, it can be difficult to access major real estate software products before joining a sizable firm. The ARGUS workshop provides students the opportunity to prepare themselves for the ongoing modernization of real estate. Real estate has long been considered a technological laggard, making the recent expansion of data tools a major shift for graduates to adapt to,” says Barnett, who in spring 2016 received the ARGUS Award, which is sponsored by the Carter family and is given to the student who wins a yearly competition for valuing a predetermined property using ARGUS software. “The ARGUS workshop has made a significant difference in my career as I am able to navigate property financials delivered in the format. ARGUS is increasingly popular with mid- to large-sized holdings companies, a trend that can isolate small brokerages and investment firms.



NATHAN BARNETT '16 WITH JAMES MALM, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF FINANCE

Familiarizing students with ARGUS prior to their entry into the workforce enables them to compete and work with firms that utilize its software package. In this way, the workshop gives College of Charleston graduates the tools to freely navigate their career paths with a broader understanding of property management.”



It Takes a Village

Tucked away on a small plot of land between Mount Pleasant and Sullivan's Island, you'll find Goldbug Island, home to the **East Cooper Outboard Motor Club (ECOMC)**. With its first meeting held in 1956 and the Goldbug Island site purchased in 1957, the club was created as a place and way for members to share their love of family, water, boating and wholesome recreational activities. Since then the club has grown by leaps and bounds.

While Goldbug Island and ECOMC are best known for social activities, oyster roasts and turkey shoots, there is another aspect to the organization: their longstanding scholarship support to the College of Charleston. In fact, the turkey shoots and other activities raise funds for the scholarships. Over nearly 20 years, the ECOMC has provided scholarships to 15 (and counting) CofC students. The scholarships are awarded to South Carolina students in the School of Sciences and Mathematics with preference given to those from the East Cooper area. The club's hope is that these scholars will go on to make great advances in areas of coastal conservation, marine science and environmental awareness.

The 200-member ECOMC has steadily increased their scholarship award amount over time, enabling many students to receive the scholarship more than once.

"It has been a great honor to have helped direct these annual donations toward the College and deserving students," says Wallace Jenkins '76, assistant director of Marine Fishery Management for SCDNR and ECOMC board member. 🍷

FAMILY ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP FOR OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS

Rallis Pappas '78 was the first of a string of family members who attended the College of Charleston. He was followed by two brothers, Nik '81 and Theodore '85, and then his son Michael '12 and nephew Stephen '15. Rallis' father, Dr. Luke T. Pappas was a college professor for more than 30 years and an inspiration to all of his children.

Rallis and his **wife Dendy** established the Pappas Family Endowed Scholarship because they believe firmly in the value of a college education and hope that, in some small way, this scholarship creates opportunities for students to attend the College of Charleston. The scholarship is available to out-of-state students with financial need.

"Receiving this scholarship has enabled me to attend school in a very unique and special place," says Wilson Ford '19 of Virginia Beach, Va. "Education not only consists of the opportunities inside the classroom, but it also is made so much richer by the many experiences and relationships fostered outside of the classroom. The Pappas scholarship has allowed me to delve into those experiences in a meaningful way that will impact me for the rest of my life."

Through their close association with the College - including their service on the Parent Advisory Council and Rallis' active membership on the Alumni Association Board - Dendy and Rallis Pappas have come to realize that there are rare attributes that are special to the City of Charleston and the College, and that both entities work in concert to offer one of the most unique and fascinating learning experiences in the United States. They believe that sharing this experience with others outside of the state of South Carolina positively impacts the brand of the College for its alumni, as well as the economics of the city, state and region.

"Our lives have been enriched and blessed through the experiences we've had and the connections we've made in Charleston and at CofC," says Rallis. "It's our belief that being able to attend CofC is an exceptional opportunity, and one that ideally should be promoted outside of South Carolina. We hope the scholarship will make it easier for an out-of-state student to benefit from what the Lowcountry can offer."

A LEGACY OF THE ARTS IN CHARLESTON

Nina Liu came to the United States to pursue undergraduate study through the auspices of Sweden's Queen Louisa Scholarship. For 29 years, she used her eponymous Charleston gallery, Nina Liu and Friends, as a platform through which she championed and promoted the visual arts, particularly contemporary art. Liu, who is both an artist and an entrepreneur, recognized the need for members of the arts community to work cooperatively in order to grow and realize their greatest potential.

Charleston City Paper has named Liu Charleston's "Queen of the Arts," and *Charleston Magazine* has referred to her as "a pied piper of contemporary art." In 2011, she was awarded South Carolina's highest honor in the arts, the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award, which the South Carolina Arts Commission presents to "recognize outstanding achievement and contributions to the arts in South Carolina."

Understanding the value of community support of young scholars, Liu has established the Nina P. Liu Fine Arts Endowed Scholarship Fund to recognize creatively and academically talented students who grasp the importance of working in innovative ways to "give a future to the arts." She has also established the Michael W. Haga Endowed Art History Award to honor her friend Michael W. Haga, associate dean of the College of Charleston's School of the Arts. A loyal member of the School of the Arts dean's staff since 1991, Haga taught in the Department of Art and Architectural History for 20 years and is held in high regard for his efforts to recruit champions like Liu to support the school, its students and faculty.

As the South Carolina Arts Commission's 2008 Forty Lists Project states, Liu's "ongoing, quiet support for the arts is a model for all of us."



Inspired Alumnus Shares the Gift of Travel



(L) RICK OLEJARZ '16 AND (R) GRANT GILMORE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND ADDLESTONE CHAIR IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Richard W. "Rick" Olejarz '16 double-majored in history and historic preservation and community planning after a career in the United States Air Force.

During his time at the College of Charleston, he befriended numerous classmates and supported many with needed supplies and funding.

"While in school, I saw firsthand how scholarships

and awards impacted some of my classmates, and I tried to help where I could," explains Olejarz, who – in spring 2016 – applied for a travel award to help fund a spring break trip to Cuba with the Historic Preservation and Community Planning Program (HPCP). He also encouraged a classmate to apply for funding, and both were elated to receive a Jean W. Johnson Travel Abroad Award. "It was such a great feeling to be selected and to see how happy my friend was when she received the award, too. It was a huge help in funding the trip, and I know that, without the Johnsons' support, my classmate would not have been able to participate."

Inspired by the travel abroad award established by Jean and Tap Johnson and the many friendships he made on campus with students and faculty, Olejarz established the Wattle and Daub Travel Award. Named for a sustainable, 6,000-year-old building technique, the annual award will provide two historic preservation and community planning majors with the opportunity to travel internationally.

"Having been on the receiving end of someone's generosity, I now want to pay it forward," says Olejarz.

Grant Gilmore, director of the HPCP, looks forward to selecting Wattle and Daub Travel Award recipients as early as spring 2017.

"Rick was a pleasure to teach and to have as a participant on the Cuba trip in 2016," says Gilmore. "He is one of those rare students who offers a combination of humor, leadership and humbleness of character. He is truly an inspiration to us all and we are grateful for his continued support." 🍷



New Collegiate Recovery Program Hires First Director and Looks to Expand Fundraising Initiatives

Since August 2015, the Collegiate Recovery Program (CRP) has been laying the groundwork to become a fully integrated component of student life at the College of Charleston. A major step toward this goal was hiring program director, Wood Marchant '89. Marchant has a long history of working with individuals who experience substance abuse and addictive behaviors within the local community, including leadership roles at MUSC and Charleston Center.

Support for the CRP comes from individuals with a vested interest in the personal and academic success of young adults who are embracing recovery. Additional support has come from a \$10,000 grant from **Transforming Youth Recovery** and the **South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services**. With a solid financial start and a new director, the center will shift its fundraising initiatives to support student scholarships and sober-living accommodations.

“Our donors have played a vital role in helping get the Collegiate Recovery Program started,” says Marchant. “Much work was done by a passionate and concerned

group of both alumni and local residents who care about the future of our college students and who know the impact that one student staying sober can have on their family and their community.”

The first of its kind in the state, the CRP connects students with campus and community resources and provides the support and activities participants need to be successful in the College of Charleston environment. This includes weekly meetings in the CRP lounge located in the Stern Student Center that provide support and accountability and that focus on recovery-related issues and challenges that recovering young students may encounter. 📍



SUSI BEATTY '86, JOHN BEATTY, BETTY BEATTY, SUE SOMMER-KRESSE, JOHN KRESSE; INSET PHOTO: WILLIAM MCEWAN '20, BETTY BEATTY, RENEE FRALEY '20

Beatty Scholarship Celebrates 20 Years of Recipients and Inspires Alumni to Give Back

The School of Business celebrated a special milestone in 2016: With 20 years of loyal support from the Beatty family, 100 students have benefitted from the **Guy and Betty Beatty** Scholarship program.



In November, the School of Business hosted an event at the Francis Marion Hotel, where former and current Beatty Scholars, affectionately known as the

Beatty Bunch, joined College leadership to reminisce, reconnect and commemorate the scholarship's impact.

The highlight of the evening was perhaps when Beatty Bunch alumna Kristen Beckham '07 announced that she and Alexey Boglomov '03 were both making gifts to establish a new scholarship as part of the Beatty

Scholarship program. Intended to ensure that future generations of scholars continue to benefit from philanthropic support, this scholarship showed the Beatty family how much the members of the Beatty Bunch have appreciated their unwavering support. And, since the celebration, Boglomov's and Beckham's generosity has inspired additional gifts from other alumni.

"Betty and the late Guy Beatty have made a transformational impact on the School of Business and the College at large," says Alan T. Shao, dean of the business school. "It's tremendously gratifying to see how Betty's continued commitment to the Beatty Scholarship is motivating our alumni to begin making their mark at the College and beyond." 🍷

Attracting the Nation's Best and Brightest

Mark '81 and Judy Buono made a commitment that brought the College's Colonial Scholarship Program to a new level of student impact.

The Colonial Scholarship was established in 2009 to cover tuition, books, room, board and institutional fees during recipients' full tenure as undergraduates. Up until now, available funding has limited Colonial Scholarships to South Carolina students only. The Buonos decided to change this: When the first Buono Colonial Scholar joins the campus community in fall 2017, it will be the first time that an out-of-state student has been selected for the prestigious scholarship.

"We hope this scholarship will attract talented students from throughout the nation to become part of the College of Charleston community, as a scholarship attracted me to the College from upstate New York in the late '70s," says Mark.

The Buonos believe in the power of scholarship and wanted to help the College of Charleston recruit the best and brightest undergraduates from a national standpoint.

"A Colonial Scholarship gives the College of Charleston the opportunity to compete with some of the most selective institutions in the country to attract an extraordinary student who possesses an incredible intellectual capacity and impressive leadership qualities," says Jimmie Foster Jr., assistant vice president for admissions and financial aid. "We are really pleased that the Buonos are helping us bring the Colonial Scholarship opportunity to our very best out-of-state prospective students." ❁



TWO HISTORIC ORGANIZATIONS PARTNER TO GIVE STUDENTS OPPORTUNITY

Walking through the Cistern Yard on any given day, you can see students working on their sleek laptops while sitting under the ancient live oaks armored in Spanish moss. It is this dichotomy of two worlds, modern and historic, living *in simpatico* that gives the College of Charleston her charm. And it is the reason why so many of us are forever in love with her. Another local symbol of the history of this city is the **Hibernian Society of Charleston**.

The Hibernian Society is a benevolent organization founded in 1801 to provide aid to Irish immigrants. Over the years, the Hibernian Society has endured many changes - just as the College has - yet it stays true to its mission of helping those in need. And, since its founding purpose of providing aid to Irish immigrants is no longer as critical, the society has turned its focus to providing scholarships to students in the Charleston area.

Since the 1970s, the Hibernian Society has supported nearly 400 students at the College, totaling almost \$500,000. The fact that so many students have benefitted speaks to the long and synergistic relationship between the College and the Hibernian Society.

"The Hibernian Scholarship has allowed me to remain at CofC and join more organizations, such as the Student Ambassadors and SCAMP - a STEM-focused society that promotes minorities in the STEM fields," says senior Sondrica Goines, a 2015-2016 recipient. "I am grateful for the opportunities I have because of the Hibernian Society's generosity. It will help me to be able to give back as they have given to me."

In a world that is always changing, there is comfort in knowing that some things never falter. While the Hibernian Society and the College have both changed over the years, the one constant they share is the commitment to providing students with the opportunity to reach their educational goals.



Dixie Plantation

"We walk along one of the three transects I set up out there many years ago, and count species of birds that we hear and/or see.

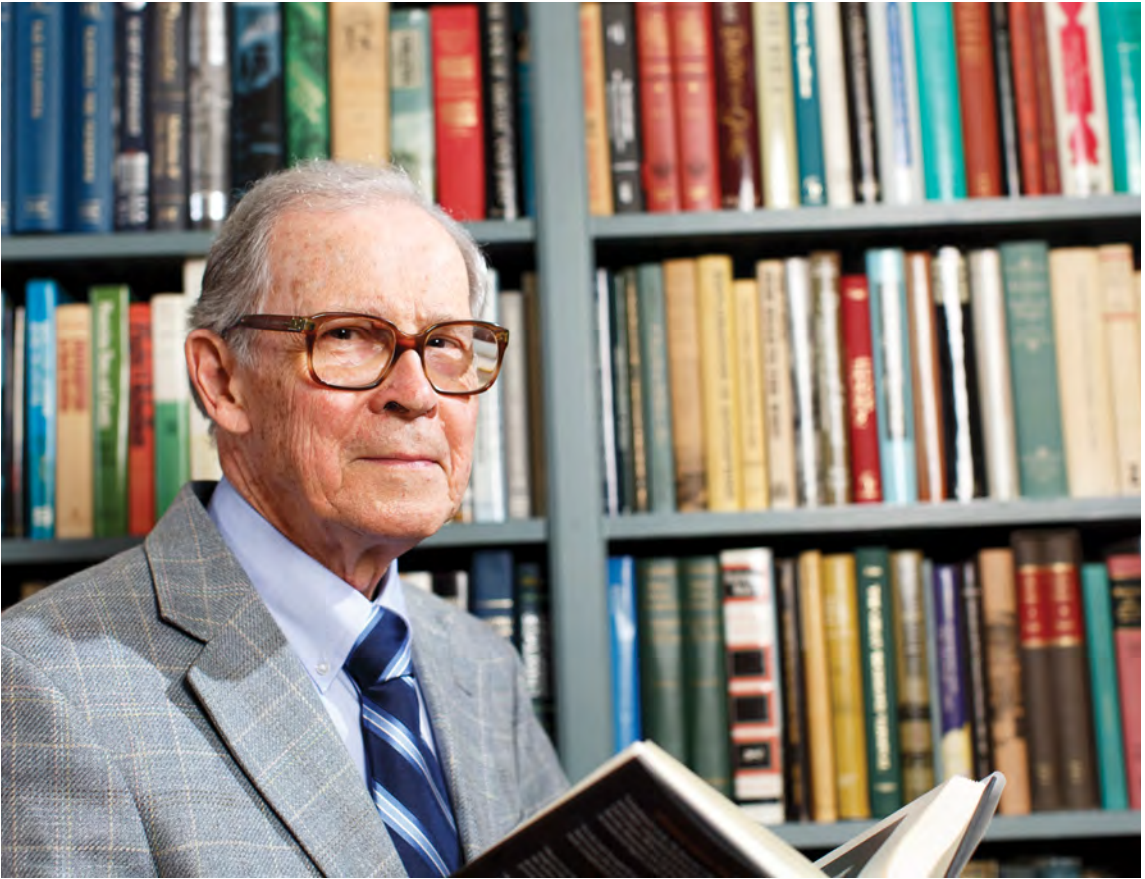
The habitat diversity at Dixie is fascinating."

*– Biology professor
Melissa Hughes, describing her
ornithology class bird surveys*

*Donors' investments help sustain
Dixie Plantation as a hub of
environmental research and
historical discovery.*







Students Are Top Priority for Professor Who Marked 50 Years at CofC

You can't devote 50 years of your life to something without a passion for it. **Malcolm Clark** recently celebrated his five-decade anniversary as a history professor at the College of Charleston. In today's workforce, that is almost unimaginable. Especially since it is expected that a person will change careers five to seven times in a lifetime.

In 1966, Clark was working on his doctorate at Georgetown University when his professor, Richard Walsh '49, suggested he look at the College of Charleston. Walsh told Clark he thought he would like the school's atmosphere.

As it happened, there were two vacancies in the history department, and so Clark sent over his curriculum vitae.

After landing an interview with then-president Walter Raleigh Coppedge, Clark went home to the public library in Washington, D.C., to read up on the College. Turns out, the College and the city held a lot of interest for Clark, who didn't hesitate to accept Coppedge's offer.

"I remember thinking, after being appointed as assistant professor in the history department, that, if I like it here,

I would put down roots and stay here for the rest of my career. And I did," he says with a laugh. Clark's passion for seeing students succeed has been his biggest professional motivator over the last five decades.

A few years after Clark's move to Charleston, he married Janice Irene Meredith, a school teacher and music devotee. They remained married for 42 years until Janice's death in 2014.

Clark's dedication to Janice and their family plays a significant role in his continuing service to the College. During Janice's lifetime, the Clarks established the Douglass and Elizabeth Clark Memorial Scholarship in History and made provisions for the future establishment of the Edwin and Pearl Meredith Memorial Scholarship as tributes to each of their parents. After Janice's death, he created the Janice Meredith Clark Memorial Scholarship in Performance to honor her lifelong love of music.

Through each of these scholarships and the myriad funds he still supports at the College, Clark maintains his dedication to student success.

"I rejoice that I have had some excellent students, and that they have gone on to very successful careers and good lives as good citizens," says Clark. "I count that as a blessing. That's the great reward that comes to teachers – the fruit is in what happens to the students."

And, even if Clark's students go on to change careers seven times, he knows they'll always carry with them an appreciation for the past. He's been making sure of that for 50 years. 🍷



Gift Honors Women's Golf Champions

Every March since 2013, the College of Charleston women's golf team has hosted the Briar's Creek Invitational tournament, attracting university competitors like Michigan State, Florida State, Florida, Miami, Clemson, East Carolina and Indiana to the Briar's Creek Golf Club on Johns Island.

John and Dianne Culhane, longtime College of Charleston supporters, volunteers and champions, have established a new tradition for the College's Briar's Creek Invitational with their gift: two sterling silver trophies for the team and individual winners of this prestigious tournament.

The gift echoes the famous Claret Jug for the winner of the (British) Open Championship Golf Tournament in the U.K.: Each year, the name of the winning university team will be engraved on the sterling silver trophy on plinth made in Sheffield, England, in 1934. The individual winners' names will be engraved on the smaller sterling silver cup on plinth made in London, England, in 1862.

"The two silver trophies the Culhanes donated are truly breathtaking. The Culhanes' gift will continue to add to the prestige and tradition of the Briar's Creek Invitational," says Jamie Futrell, women's golf coach. "We are very fortunate to have John and Dianne so engaged in our program and to this outstanding collegiate golf event." 🍷

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GROWS IMPACT



FRANKLIN
BARKER WEST

Many times, hope springs out of the greatest of tragedies. Such is the case for **Celeste West**, who lost her son, Franklin Barker West, in a car accident in 2013 when he was a sophomore at the College of Charleston. Immediately, Barker's fraternity brothers in

Pi Kappa Alpha started raising funds for a scholarship in his honor, and soon family and friends had banded together to create the Franklin Barker West Memorial Scholarship.

"Coming to the College of Charleston certainly made an impact on Barker," said West at the time the scholarship was established. "His heart was definitely in Charleston. He absolutely loved the College and the city."

Barker's legacy continues through his memorial scholarship, which is awarded through the Alumni Association. In 2014, Brandon Phillips '18 was selected as the first Franklin Barker West Scholarship recipient. Brandon, an Honors College student and double major in business administration and German, has grown by leaps and bounds in part due to this scholarship support and the opportunities it affords him.

"I am proud to be fulfilling Barker's legacy," says Phillips.

In 2016, Celeste and her husband Scott Martin significantly increased their gift to the Franklin Barker West Scholarship to ensure that a freshman student will be selected each year while also continuing to support previous recipients as they work toward graduation.

"We are honored to be able to assist future students at the College in achieving their educational goals for decades to come," says West.

Love for Classics Lives On

Latin and other classical languages are critical in building an education foundation for life.

Lucia "Lou" Johnson Vest '47

Following their passions, **Lou Johnson Vest and her husband Dr. Edward Vest** created a scholarship for students majoring in Classics. Their hope in creating the fund was to encourage students to study Latin and Greek, and to support those studying to become Latin teachers.

Since its creation, there have been more than 95 Johnson-Vest Scholars, and each of them has had a special impact on their donors. Before she died in 2015, one of Lou's favorite things to do was to read the thank-you notes and letters she received from recipients over the years.



PRESIDENT MCCONNELL, PAT JOHNSON '55, STEVE JOHNSON '77, DARLENE JOHNSON '76: JOHNSON-VEST FAMILY MEMBERS AT THE BISHOP ROBERT SMITH SOCIETY RECEPTION WHERE THE LATE LOU VEST AND DR. EDWARD VEST WERE HONORED

An example of the kind of gratitude that touched Lou's heart – and remains a touchstone for Edward's continuing relationship with the College – is expressed by current recipient Sarah Legendre '17: "Through the assistance of the Johnson-Vest Scholarship, I've been able to focus on my studies in Latin, Greek and the Greco-Roman world. Without the scholarship, I would not have been able to pursue my studies at the College and I would not have been able to apply to graduate programs in classical archaeology."

While the fund was originally created to honor both sets of the Vests' parents, it has gone on to include Lou's legacy as well. In 2016, Edward increased his planned gift to the fund to ensure the long-term future of the Johnson-Vest Scholarship. The Vests' unwavering support will ensure that a passion for Latin and the Classics is carried on for many years to come. 📖



FAY '43 AND JACK BRICKMAN '42, PHOTOGRAPHED ON THEIR HONEYMOON IN 1946; INSET PHOTO: THE BRICKMANS

Deep College Roots Inspire Family's Creation of Endowed Scholarship for Jewish Studies

Led by **Tippy Stern Brickman**, an endowed scholarship has been created to honor the lives and legacies of her parents-in-law **Fay '43 and Jack Brickman '42**. Tippy is the youngest daughter of College of Charleston President Emeritus Theodore Stern, who led the College from 1968 to 1978 and is widely credited with transforming the College into a leading liberal arts and sciences university.




Joining Tippy in funding the endowment were her husband Michael and all of the Brickman children.

The scholarship is created to celebrate the lives of Jack and Fay and to honor their significant contributions to the family and the community.

Fay and Jack both played a role in preserving American freedoms and lifestyles when the world was in turmoil. Jack fought overseas in the Army Air Corps during World War II, and Fay stayed on the home front and endured the Great Depression. After graduating from the College of Charleston, they

moved to Charlottesville, Va., where Jack graduated at the top of his class from Virginia Law School. Jack and Fay returned to Charleston and quickly embraced the mantle of leadership, becoming pillars in the Jewish, legal and general communities.

Before Jack's passing in 2016, he and Fay worked each day for the Jewish people, clearly understanding that there is no mandatory retirement age. Whether through Jack's leadership of many major organizations in the community, including the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program Advisory Board, or Fay's service as president of the synagogue sisterhood and compassion as co-head of the synagogue condolence committee, they had an impact on the community through their generosity. Their values are a significant legacy to their family and community alike. 

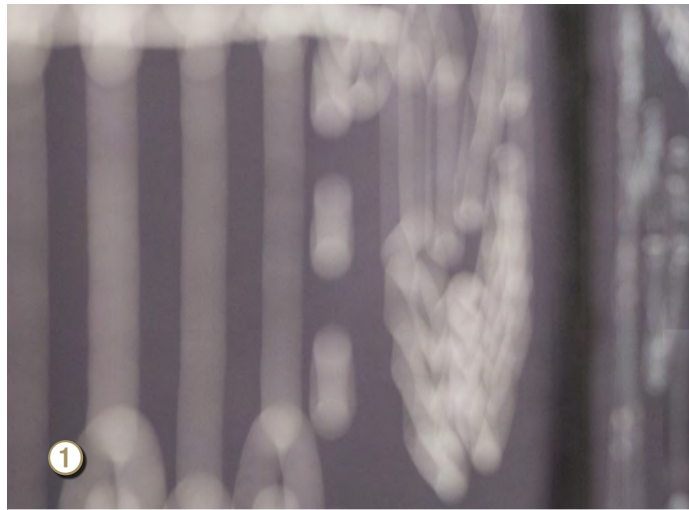
Halsey Institute Donors Inspire and Enrich Essential Cultural Resource

The Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art (HICA) provides a multidisciplinary laboratory for the production, presentation, interpretation and dissemination of ideas by innovative visual artists from around the world. HICA aims to create meaningful interactions between adventurous artists and diverse communities that emphasize the historical, social and cultural importance of the art of our time.

HICA's current priority is to further elevate its national recognition as a portal for inspiration and discovery. One of the main avenues for building this recognition is an endowment that will strengthen HICA's platform through an international artist-in-residence program; provide travel subsidies for economically or geographically disadvantaged schools to experience HICA; document each individual show via catalogues, videos, brochures and online features; and ensure that HICA is positioned to take the next steps toward national prominence in the presentation of contemporary art.

Deborah Chalsty established an endowed fund for HICA and now has a gallery named in her honor. "For me to support the Halsey is just an extension of what I have been doing for some time already – supporting contemporary art – however, in this case, on a much wider scale. In addition, I'm inspired by the class of artists that Mark Sloan and the Halsey support, specifically those that are underrepresented," she said at the time of her commitment.

The Deborah A. Chalsty Gallery was unveiled in February 2017 to celebrate her generosity and impact on HICA. 📍



- ❶ GUITARIST FERNANDO TROCHE '12 ENTERTAINS THE CROWD;
- ❷ DEBORAH CHALSTY AND HER MOTHER JENNIFER CHALSTY;
- ❸ PRESIDENT MCCONNELL, JENNIFER CHALSTY, DEBORAH CHALSTY, DIRECTOR AND CHIEF CURATOR OF HICA MARK SLOAN;
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PARENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH PHILANTHROPY

When both of your children choose to study at the College of Charleston, which just so happens to be your alma mater, you don't have to think twice about staying involved.

Tony Jones '89, who graduated from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences with a degree in psychology, and his **wife Whitney**, who graduated from Clemson in 1990, raised two daughters who will graduate from the College within a year of each other: Katie in 2017 with an arts management degree, and Elliott in 2018 with a sociology degree.

As an alumnus and parent, Tony understands the value of supporting student programming and student scholarships. That's why he and his wife joined the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) in 2015 and act as ambassadors and advocates for parents of all students. In addition to their service to PAC, they made a multi-year leadership-level commitment during the *BOUNDLESS* Campaign to the Parents' Fund, the unrestricted fund that parents are encouraged to support.

"The College has given so much to the community and our family," says Tony. "The commitment of the College family and staff to the students and community is unparalleled. We feel it's important to participate in giving to ensure the College has the funds to help others succeed."

Thanks to a new Annual Giving initiative to create more personal connections between donors and the students benefitting from the CofC Fund and the Parents' Fund, the Joneses have been matched with a current recipient of the CofC Fund/Parents' Fund Scholarship: Savannah Langley '17, a psychology major from Spartanburg, S.C., who intends to pursue a career in speech pathology.

Memorial Computer Science Assistantship Encourages Research



Bill and Gale Cushing of Virginia are parents of the late Robert "Robbie" Mayhew Cushing '04. To honor his memory and sharp, creative mind, his parents established the Robert Cushing Computing in the Arts (CITA) Research Assistantship. The fund supports a student who is majoring in the CITA degree program and who is interested in engaging in undergraduate research with a faculty mentor. During this experience, the

student gains a valuable extracurricular experience that enhances one's résumé, builds rapport with a faculty member and contributes to the field of research and science.

"I am extremely grateful to the Cushing family and the computer science department for supporting my work. Because CITA is a fairly new program at the College, an assistantship is a helpful way to show people what 'computing in the arts' means. I have no doubt that the help of the Cushing family will continue to motivate new technological solutions in art," says senior Caroline Requierme, the first recipient of the Robert Cushing CITA Research Assistantship who is currently working with William Bares on an interdisciplinary project that addresses topics in film and theater production through innovative technical solutions. "The project is about creating an application to efficiently generate scene blocking diagrams based on the movements of performers. These diagrams are important in visualizing how a production will appear and can be very efficient in terms of time and money."

During his time majoring in computer science at the College of Charleston, Robbie focused on computer programming and Web design. His colleagues remember Robbie as a highly skilled, dedicated, I.T. professional. Robbie was working in Florida in the field he loved when he died of a brain aneurysm at the age of 28 in 2009.

"Since the age of 4, Robbie had a passion for technology, which he honed throughout his all-too short life," said the Cushings in a statement to the College. "He loved his four years at the College of Charleston. We believe his memory will live on through the assistantship award."

Sebastian van Delden, chair of the computer science department, agrees: "Instead of simply establishing a scholarship, the assistantship award benefits a CITA student both financially and academically, since it facilitates a marketable undergraduate research experience with a faculty member." 🍷



ALLEN GIBSON, WENDY GIBSON, CHUCK BAKER '80, BETSY BAKER '81, FRANCES BRAMLETT '77, RUSSELL WALLACE

A Family Affair

Betsy Bramlett Baker '81 and Chuck Baker '80 have a longstanding affection for the College of Charleston. Having followed her older sister Frances Bramlett '77 to the College, Betsy majored in English and graduated from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Since 1996, she has taught in the Department of English and served on numerous committees as well as the Faculty Senate.

Now a lawyer with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLP in Charleston, Chuck has been connected to the College of Charleston his entire life. Growing up, he looked to his father Charlie '37 and many of his classmates as mentors. Then, as a student majoring in biology, he was on the tennis team coached by another mentor, Billy Silcox '65. Upon graduation, Chuck followed in his mentors' footsteps, volunteering at the College and eventually serving on the Foundation Board and becoming president of the Cougar Club Board and of the Alumni Association. In that role, Chuck led the development of the association's strategic plan, which was based on three simple tenets: Stay informed, get involved and give back. When accomplished, these tenets produce a base of informed, engaged and generous alumni. The culmination of the *BOUNDLESS* Campaign with 10,089 alumni donors is a testament to the efficacy of the strategic plan.

During the *BOUNDLESS* Campaign, the Bakers made a generous commitment to support areas important to them as a couple and to their history with the College, including the College of Charleston Fund, the Alumni Association Scholarship Program, the Silcox Tennis Fund Endowment, the English department, the Nan Morrison Scholarship Endowment and the Alumni Center New Building Fund.

"It has been one of my greatest pleasures to have served the College as a volunteer, and we are fortunate to be in a position to give back to an institution that has meant so much to our lives," says Chuck.

"As a student and instructor, I have spent over 25 years at the College, and remain inspired by the ideals of the liberal arts mission it seeks to embody," says Betsy. "To be part of that mission is a real privilege." 🍷



College Honors Longtime Donors for Their Generosity and Friendship

Trujillo, Spain, is a thriving city of 10,000 that rivals the history, beauty, traditions and culture of our own prized city. Not that there's any competition, really. When it comes to location, College of Charleston students will always come out ahead – especially if they take advantage of the College's exclusive study-abroad program in Trujillo.

The Trujillo study-abroad program was founded in 1996 after the late **James Ferguson and his wife Esther** donated one of their Trujillo homes to the College of Charleston Foundation. With College faculty staying in the Ferguson home, students residing with local host families and classes taught in La Coria – a 17th-century restored convent owned by the Xavier de Salas Foundation – this brilliant setting has continued to

host the Department of Hispanic Studies' study-abroad program every summer and every spring semester since that inaugural visit. Now, students from disciplines beyond Hispanic studies are able to experience the magnificence of Trujillo and the Fergusons' generosity.

Last spring, President McConnell hosted a celebration of the Fergusons and their impact on



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the College's study-abroad programs in Spain. Former Board of Trustees Chair Greg Padgett '79 presented the couple with a framed resolution from the board, and Mark P. Del Mastro, chair of Hispanic studies, inducted them into the Order of the Discoverers, one of the highest honors granted by Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, for outstanding contributions that further the education and appreciation of the Spanish language and Hispanic culture.

The *piece de resistance* of the College's show of appreciation came in December 2016, when the Fergusons received honorary degrees at commencement. James' death just a few months prior gave the occasion a bittersweet tone, but Esther received the accolades on the couple's behalf with the grace and friendship that has always inspired the Fergusons' generosity to the College and its students. 🍷



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1 ESTHER FERGUSON RECEIVING THE HONORARY DEGREE AT WINTER 2016 COMMENCEMENT; 2-5 SCENES FROM TRUJILLO, SPAIN; 6 POLLY KOSKO, HILTON SMITH, THE LATE JIM FERGUSON, ESTHER FERGUSON, CATHERINE SMITH, GEORGE KOSKO AT THEIR INDUCTION IN THE ORDER OF DISCOVERERS

TRADITION OF SUPPORTING THE LIBRARY RUNS IN THE FAMILY

The **Thomas Small Foundation** provided a generous multi-year commitment to help the Marlene and Nathan Addlestone Library name the third-floor classroom in honor of Dean Emeritus David Cohen. Among the library board members who assisted Cohen in crafting the plans for the Addlestone Library was **Robert Scott “Tex” Small Jr.**, who worked with architects to create a flexible, student-centric space with room for state-of-the-art learning technology. The Cohen Room is a reflection of that original vision for the Addlestone Library to have the flexibility to adjust to state-of-the-art technology.

The Small family’s gift represents its respect and appreciation for Cohen, as well as its ongoing investment in the College of Charleston’s world-class library. Robert Scott Small ‘36 was a member of the Board of Trustees and recipient of an honorary degree. The Robert Scott Small Building was dedicated in his honor in 1972 and served as the College’s library until the Addlestone Library opened in 2005.

Tex has carried on his father’s name at the College, serving on the Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Library Board of Directors and receiving an honorary degree in 2004. For nearly 25 years, he and his **wife Catherine** have supported the College through gifts to Athletics, the College of Charleston Fund, Friends of the Library and the Louise Johnson Small Scholarship. They also provided a major gift through their estate to the Robert Scott Small Library Enrichment Fund, ensuring that the library’s collections and resources continue to be state-of-the-art and relevant to students for generations to come.

The Library Dedicates David J. Cohen Classroom

To celebrate the legacy of David Cohen, emeritus dean of libraries, College of Charleston Libraries dedicated a classroom on the third floor of the Marlene and Nathan Addlestone Library. During Cohen’s time as dean of libraries, 1982–2012, he provided visionary leadership by transforming the library into a 21st-century resource for students, faculty and the larger community.

“David Cohen established our most important, core principle: that the libraries should be the best part of the College of Charleston,” says John White, dean of libraries. “This simple, yet ambitious goal is David’s greatest contribution to the libraries and the College. It underscores every decision we make and is the foundation of who we are and what we do.”



The David J. Cohen Classroom was named with generous contributions from friends and supporters, including major support from **Elizabeth Rivers Lewine, Howdy and Mary Phipps, John Rivers Jr.** and the **Thomas Small Foundation**. The funds raised were earmarked to renovate the space in Addlestone Library to convert it into a flexible learning technology commons. This innovative classroom is used for faculty professional development and student digital-media instruction. 📖



RILEY CENTER GRADUATES

Donors and Riley Center Partner to Facilitate Community Success


The mission of the College of Charleston's Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Center for Livable Communities is to forge connections between the campus and the broader community. Creating connections is a hallmark of Joseph P. Riley's 40-year tenure as mayor of Charleston, one he continues even in retirement. The center focuses on sustaining Riley's legacy by initiating programs directed at developing and maintaining livable communities. **Bob and Margaret Seidler** find livable communities exactly the type of vision in which they wish to invest their time and treasure.

The Seidlers have worked shoulder to shoulder with the Riley Center on two challenging City of Charleston projects. They facilitated the ongoing Charleston Illumination Project, designed to strengthen citizen and police relationships, and the 2015 Late Night Activity Project, resulting in joint problem-solving between late-night businesses and neighborhoods in the Upper King Street District.

"We believe the Riley Center is the perfect partner for these and other important projects ensuring the continued success of our city and community," says Margaret, a member of the Master of Public Administration Advisory Board and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Deans Council.

In addition to their activism, the Seidlers provide philanthropic support, allowing the Riley Center to bring the power of polarity thinking to the greater Charleston community. In summer 2016, leading

community members gathered at the College for a three-day seminar to learn techniques that have been used to work through contentious community issues in Charleston and in organizations all across the world. Based on the concept of polarity thinking, the techniques focus on addressing the natural tensions that exist within groups, organizations, communities and society at large in an collaborative and sustainable manner.

"Polarity thinking has provided me with a powerful tool to advance the discussion, which quite often is polarizing, around diversity, equity and inclusion," says participant Shawn Edwards, chief diversity officer at The Citadel. "The training session provided me with further insight of the process and has given me a cohort that I can turn to for support. I recommend this training to anyone who engages in activities where a point of collaboration needs to be reached among stakeholders of any group." 



GOLD Society Undergoes Changes to Be More Donor-Centric

To recognize young alumni who make the College of Charleston a philanthropic priority, the GOLD Society was established in 2010 for graduates of the last decade who made critically important leadership gifts of \$250 or more to any area on campus. The number of GOLD Society donors remained fairly steady since the society’s inception; however, once young alumni donors were out of school for 11 years or more, the jump from GOLD Society gifts at \$250 to the next recognition level – 1770 Society for gifts of \$1,000 or more annually – was prohibitive for some donors.

Under Ryan Small '01, the new assistant director for annual leadership gifts, the GOLD Society now incorporates alumni who graduated within 15 years as well as progressive levels of giving to ease young donors’ transition to higher contributions. Expanding the GOLD Society better recognizes young philanthropic leaders and increases alumni engagement and financial contributions to the College.

NEW GOLD SOCIETY GIVING LEVELS:

- 11–15 years out of school **\$500 annual donation**
- 6–10 years out of school **\$250 annual donation**
- 1–5 years out of school **\$100 annual donation**

The GOLD Society offers giving levels that graduate over time for donors advancing toward joining the 1770 Society. These young alumni gifts are important to the

institution and are a demonstration of pride and a vote of confidence in the College of Charleston. GOLD Society donors are celebrated for their commitment to the College’s philanthropic priorities at the annual Donor Societies Reception and also receive invitations to other private events hosted exclusively for this society.

“It’s been incredibly exciting to witness the growth and expansion of the GOLD Society,” says Marshall Simmonds ’11. “Not only has the GOLD Society given the College’s next generation of alumni leaders an outlet to give back, but it has continuously evolved to ensure that more young alumni are able to join its ranks. It is an exciting time for the College of Charleston, and nowhere is this better exemplified than in the current state of the GOLD Society.”

CofC Alumna Makes Her Own Philanthropic Legacy

For **Susi Beatty '86**, philanthropy runs in the family. Her parents – Betty and the late Guy E. Beatty Jr. – are considered pioneering leaders in the College's School of Business, where they made the lead gift for the construction of the Beatty Center and created the Guy and Betty Beatty Scholarship.

In 2016, Susi began to carve out her own College of Charleston philanthropic legacy. She made a leading commitment to the Student Advancement Center initiative in the School of Business and also created a new four-year scholarship for student-athletes: the Susi Beatty Big Cat Scholarship.

Beatty was inspired to invest in the Student Advancement Center because of her service on the business school's Board of Governors. She and several other board members have made gifts to seed an expansion of the Student Success Center, the division of the business school that provides students with career support, academic advising and professional-development opportunities.

"The Student Success Center is positioned for growth and success thanks to the generosity of Susi Beatty and her colleagues on the Board of Governors," says Kristen McMullen, who joined the College in January 2017 as the director of the Student Success Center. "I was attracted to the College of Charleston because of the amazing opportunity to create an innovative student success center with supporters who believe in the importance of having a central location for services that will see students through their college years and into successful careers."

Also seeing students through their college years is the Susi Beatty Big Cat Scholarship, and its first recipients began at CofC in August 2016.

"Scholarships are vitally important to our ability to attract athletes who will excel on the playing field and thrive in our community," says Matt Roberts, director of athletics. "I understand that Susi intends to continue supporting the Big Cat Scholarship to ensure that we can offer it to our top priority recruits for many years to come. I'm grateful for her generosity." 📍



The following lists of donors are now located at giving.cofc.edu/honorrolls. We work diligently to make each list as complete and accurate as possible. If we have overlooked anyone or if there is an error, please allow us to correct our records: Contact Carin Jorgensen at 843.953.5859 or jorgensencl@cofc.edu.

BISHOP ROBERT SMITH SOCIETY

donors who have made lifetime philanthropic commitments of \$1 million or greater to benefit the College

GOLD SOCIETY

young alumni who contribute \$100 or more annually to the College depending on graduation year

1770 SOCIETY

alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students, friends, corporations and foundation partners who contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the College

LIVE OAK SOCIETY

donors who give consistently for five years or more and provide the roots of the College's philanthropic foundation

CISTERN SOCIETY

alumni and friends who preserve the College through a commitment in their will, charitable trust or other estate planning method

IN TRIBUTE

donors who made gifts to the College in 2016 in memory or in honor of the special people who made a difference in their lives and in the life of the community



*No one ever really leaves
the College of Charleston.
Sure, we chart our own courses,
take our own helms, set our own
sails. But, no matter where we go
or what we see, this is where
we belong — this is where
we come home.*

*At the end of the day, it all
comes back to the College
of Charleston.*





2016 COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON BOARDS

The dedicated volunteers who serve on the boards and councils provide support in many ways, including the promotion of academic programs, research, faculty development and institutional governance.

Please note: The names that appear in these lists served their respective boards during all or part of 2016.

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Justin R. McLain 1998

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Danny Johnson 2011
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Ross Miller 2003

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Tim Scofield
Will Sherrod 1993
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