

WHY I GAVE



Gordon Alley in 1996

Special education

Donors: Eva Alley, health education, '77, Lawrence, and her children, Steven Alley, Overland Park, and Melissa Sears, Emporia

Gift: \$30,000

Purpose: To create the Gordon R. Alley Family Scholarship in Education for graduate students in special education. The scholarship honors Gordon Alley, Eva's husband and Steven and Melissa's father, a KU professor of special education from 1970 to 1982. Gordon Alley was 49 when he was struck by a car while riding his motorized scooter to campus. He lived another 14 years but never was able to return to work. The gift coincides with the 30th anniversary of the KU's Center for Research on Learning, which he helped found.

Why I Gave: "The scholarship will provide the opportunity to help someone who is going into special education at the graduate level. Gordon was dedicated to research and teaching. I think this is just the thing he would have wanted."

— Eva Alley

The donors invite friends, former colleagues and students, and others to contribute to the Gordon R. Alley Scholarship.



Munczek and Snyder at graduation in 1988

Voice and opera

Donor: Sue Wilkie Snyder, doctorate in music, '88, Washougal, Wash. She is retired from the music faculty of Methodist University in Fayetteville, N.C.

Gift: \$100,000

Purpose: To establish the Phyllis Brill Munczek Voice Scholarship Fund for graduate students in voice and opera. Snyder began her graduate studies at KU when she was 40. Munczek, a member of the voice faculty from 1969 until her retirement in 2001, helped Snyder with the challenges she faced as a nontraditional student.

Why I Gave: "Phyllis was everything I could have asked for in a teacher. She was such a strong supporter. When you go back to school at the point in your life that I did, you have a whole different perspective than you do as an 18-year-old. Because of the faculty at KU and the environment in the Department of Music, there was enormous support and encouragement, especially for someone my age. I wanted to give back to the situation that had given so much to me."

— Sue Wilkie Snyder



Fred Adler

Residency in orthopedics

Donor: Federico "Fred" Adler, M.D., Shawnee Mission, Kan., arrived at the KU Medical Center as a resident in 1957 and then joined the faculty. Today, he is a clinical professor of orthopedic surgery.

Gift: \$50,000

Purpose: Create the Betty and Federico Adler Resident Award to recognize outstanding original medical research by a resident in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery.

Why I Gave: "I established this award to stimulate original research by a resident and try to stimulate the formation of clinician scientists, who are in short supply. I also wanted this award to honor the memory of my late wife, and finally to celebrate my 50 years at KU."

— Fred Adler



Left to right: David, Elizabeth and Kathy Wysong; Erin and Mike Martin

Women athletes in journalism

Donors: Kansas Sen. David Wysong, R-Mission Hills, journalism '72, and his wife, Kathy Wysong, through the Wysong Family Foundation. David Wysong is a KU Endowment trustee and a member of the Advancement Board of the KU Medical Center and the University of Kansas Hospital.

Gift: \$100,000

Purpose: To create the David and Kathy Wysong Scholarship in Journalism for Student Athletes, an endowed academic scholarship for women student-athletes enrolled in the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications. Previously, the Wysongs have made significant gifts for KU athletics and also have provided support for other areas.

Why I Gave: "We have two daughters who have done extremely well since graduating from their respective universities. As a graduate of KU's J-School and a big supporter of the university's athletic department, I wanted to give something back to both factions, in hopes that the women who receive the scholarships will excel in life after their competitive athletic careers are over."

— David Wysong



Seaver and Cotten-Spreckelmeyer

Study in London

Donor: Antha Cotten-Spreckelmeyer, Lawrence, associate director of KU's Humanities and Western Civilization Program since 1998

Gift: \$30,000

Purpose: To establish the James E. Seaver, Ph.D., Study Abroad Fund in Western Civilization. Each spring semester, the fund will assist one student enrolled in a special section, taught by Cotten-Spreckelmeyer, of Western Civilization II. Students travel to London during spring break. The section carries a program fee of about \$1,800, and the scholarship covers the fee.

Cotten-Spreckelmeyer named the fund for Seaver, professor emeritus of history, to recognize his leadership as director of Humanities and Western Civilization from 1957 to 1984. Seaver is also known for his radio program "Opera Is My Hobby," which has aired since 1952 on KANU-FM 91.5.

Why I Gave: "We offer an academic program, not just travel. It's about exposure, to see that the entire world does not revolve around the things we might find important. KU students abroad are very involved and attentive to the work and what they're seeing. They make us very proud."

— Antha Cotten-Spreckelmeyer



Denise and Bob Meyer

ONLINE DONOR

Need-based scholarships

Donor: Robert J. Meyer, M.D., Telford, Pa.

Gift: \$50, with a \$50 match by his employer, Merck and Co.

Purpose: To support the Christina M. Hixson Opportunity Fund, which provides scholarships for undergraduates with financial need.

Why I Gave: "My former colleague, Curt Rosebraugh (pharmacy '81, M.D. '86), attended KU despite significant economic challenges. He has two children currently enrolled at KU, while I have two children at Virginia Tech. We made a bet on the Orange Bowl and thought we should settle it in some way other than cash paid to each other. So I asked Curt if he was willing to have the loser donate to the rival school. The winner either way would be a great state institution of higher learning."

"Given my knowledge of what KU did for him, the Hixson fund seemed a fitting choice; I was delighted to contribute to this great school and cause. I hope VT and KU meet again, so VT can redeem itself and Curt can contribute to the VT Office of Recovery and Support!"

Why I Gave Online: "It was convenient, and KU Endowment's site made it easy."

— Robert Meyer

	ONLINE GIFTS Nov. 2007 - Feb. 2008
	Total giving: \$ 266,163
	Average monthly giving: \$ 66,540
	Average number of donors/month: 165
	Average gift amount: \$ 402
Largest gift: \$ 15,000*	
<small>* Elder Law Program</small>	

December 2007 accounted for 58 percent of the year's online gifts.

FEATURED GIFTS

From a native son

Former senator's gift will support Dole Institute, prostate cancer research

Former Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., has given \$650,000 in support for programs at the Dole Institute of Politics and for prostate cancer research at KU's Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute.

Of the total gift, \$500,000 supports programs of the Dole Institute, which was established at KU in 1997. The institute fosters new thinking on major policy issues and encourages student participation and citizen involvement in public service. It is recognized as one of the nation's leading bipartisan venues for the civil discussion of politics.

Since the 2003 dedication of the institute's building on west campus, its programs have attracted more than 20,000 people to hear prominent figures such as former President Bill Clinton, former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, civil rights leader John Lewis and former Polish President Lech Walesa.

The institute also has served as the site for university and community forums, as well as ceremonies in which new U.S. citizens take the oath of allegiance. All Dole Institute programs are free and open to the public.

In addition to support for the Dole Institute, the senator's gift includes \$150,000, provided through the Kansas Masonic Foundation's Partnership for Life Campaign. The gift creates the Bob Dole Prostate Cancer Research Fund at the KU Cancer Center. It



At the 2003 dedication of the Dole Institute building, Sen. Dole visited with Dr. Samuel Billison, left, and other World War II Navajo Code Talkers.

will support research, including novel therapeutic research that directly benefits the treatment of men suffering from the disease.

In 2007, approximately 1,500 men in Kansas were diagnosed with prostate cancer. Dole himself was diagnosed more than 17 years ago and is a cancer survivor today.

Dole, who lives in Washington, D.C., grew up in Russell, Kan., and attended KU in 1941. Since retiring from elective posts, he has remained active in discussions of public policy and has supported numerous charitable causes.

Why I Gave

For the Dole Institute: "I hope my contribution will underscore my commitment to bipartisanship and will encourage others to participate. The institute is all about the future and the students of today who will be the leaders of tomorrow. The institute's record speaks for itself, and I am proud to play a small part in its success."



Dr. Jeffrey Holzbeierlein conducts research that eventually will lead to new therapies for prostate cancer. He is a urological surgeon and the John W. Weigel, M.D., Professor in Urology at KU Medical Center.

For prostate cancer research: "Prostate cancer can be a man's worst nightmare. It is the number two cause of death among males. I am a survivor, and my goal is to help eliminate this disease — it can be done through more and more research."
— Sen. Bob Dole



Rene Jamison, left, psychology fellow at the Center for Child Health and Development at the KU Medical Center, coaches Samantha Pritchard of Louisburg, Kan., on play therapy skills with her son, Chase. A bequest from Wanda and Thomas Pyle will help support the work of researchers like Jamison.

FEATURED GIFTS

Better lives for children

Couple's bequest will fund autism research

A rural Chase County, Kan., couple has left more than \$1 million to support KU research benefiting children with developmental disabilities. The gift from the estate of Wanda and Thomas Pyle will support KU's Schiefelbusch Institute for Life Span Studies.

Wanda Pyle died in 2006 at the age of 92. Her husband, Thomas, died in 2001. Longtime ranchers in Elmdale, the couple had no children but stipulated that the bulk of their estate should fund research and service at KU that would improve children's lives.

Steve Warren, previous director of the Life Span Institute, said the bequest will enhance the institute's efforts to pursue high-impact research on the

causes and treatment of autism spectrum disorders, which now affect one in every 150 children in the United States.

The Life Span Institute provides leadership and training in autism treatment through research and clinics. It is also the sponsor of a new initiative, the Work Group on Autism Research and Training. The Work Group is exploring the development of a permanent research and training center that will serve all of Kansas.

The institute is one of the largest research and development programs in the nation for the prevention and treatment of developmental disabilities. It includes 12 centers and more than 120 programs and projects located on the Lawrence campus, at the KU Medical Center and at other sites in Kansas City, Kan., and Parsons.



Wanda and Thomas Pyle

Thank you: "We greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness of Wanda and Thomas Pyle in making this bequest, which will make a significant difference in our work throughout the state and nation."

— Steve Warren, previous director of KU's Life Span Institute