

WHY I GAVE



KU Libraries

Donors: Dana Anderson, business '59, vice chairman, the Macerich Co., and Sue Anderson, Los Angeles

Gift: \$80,000

Purpose: The gift is part of the Andersons' ongoing support for the KU Libraries' collection of African-American materials from Kansas and the region. The couple has made major gifts over the years for KU athletics, the School of Business and other areas. They provide support for the African-American collection in honor of their longtime friends, Deborah Dandridge, field archivist for the collection, and Dr. George Grigsby of Las Vegas.

Why I Gave: "KU has an interesting African-American heritage going back to the Border War between free state Kansas and slave state Missouri. We've gotten a lot of personal satisfaction from seeing the library collection nurtured and expanded. We intend to continue to support that accumulation of records of historical events that involved the black experience in Kansas."

— Dana Anderson



School of Business

Donor: Gladys Van Compernelle, Dallas, in memory of her husband, Leon, a corporate manager for several large grocery companies

Gift: \$100,000

Purpose: Establish the Leon E. and Gladys M. Van Compernelle Scholarship for students in business.

Why I Gave: "Neither my husband nor I had the opportunity to attend college. We were Depression-era children. We had four children who went to KU, and we had tickets to basketball games and football games. It was wonderful. I hope the scholarship will give students, especially those who might not have the opportunity to finish their education, the chance to graduate."

— Gladys Van Compernelle



Journalism and Fine Arts

Donors: Callahan Creek Inc., Cindy Maude, president and CEO, Lawrence

Gift: \$25,000

Purpose: Scholarship support for students in journalism and fine arts, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Callahan Creek, a communications and marketing agency.

Why I Gave: "Callahan Creek has been very fortunate. We've been proud to celebrate our anniversaries by providing scholarships to KU students who are pursuing degrees important to our field. Many of us are KU alumni from the schools of journalism and fine arts. We hope our contributions will continue to foster excellence in the graphic design program and in the fields of strategic communications and research."

— Cindy Maude



Dietetics and nutrition

Donors: Kenn Boelte, American studies '72, Grand Junction, Colo., and Cheryl Boelte Hatfield, elementary education '67, Silver Spring, Md.

Gift: \$30,000

Purpose: Establish the Marian Weber Boelte and Arthur H. Boelte Scholarship Fund to assist students in the Department of Dietetics and Nutrition who show merit or need. The department is part of the School of Allied Health at KU Medical Center. Boelte and Hatfield's mother was head dietitian at Bell Memorial Hospital at KU Medical Center in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

Why I Gave: "My sister and I both grew up in Kansas City and took piano lessons not far from the medical center on Rainbow Boulevard. The medical center was a constant presence in our lives. With our mother's connection to it and our graduations from KU in Lawrence, this seemed like the natural way to honor her. Our mother enjoyed working with the medical center staff, and a lot of her lifelong friends came out of her work there."

— Kenn Boelte



33 years of giving

Donors: George E. Burket III, zoology '64, an attorney, and Linda M. Burket, a certified public accountant, Kingman, Kan.

Gift: Steady donors since 1974

Purpose: Over the years, the Burkets have provided support for the Greater KU Fund, the Williams Educational Fund for KU athletes, the Alumni Association's Kansas Honors Program and other areas.

Why I Gave: "Four generations of our family have been educated at KU. We have always felt a strong sense of commitment to return financial support to a wonderful institution. It has provided us with an extraordinary education and given us a strong sense of fulfillment in our daily lives. It's a privilege to be a part of the KU family."

— George and Linda Burket



ONLINE DONOR

School of Education

Donors: Missy Murray, physical education '72, elementary education '79, a retired elementary school teacher (above with son John, a KU student), and Michael Murray, Leawood, Kan.

Gift: \$200

Purpose: Flexible support for the School of Education

Why I Gave: "I have an allegiance to KU. When I got my first diploma, there was a glut of teachers, and the second degree helped me get into the classroom. I really enjoyed my years of teaching. At KU I had very good teachers and got good experience and a good education. My brother and I both graduated from KU, and one of my sons is there now. My dad didn't go, but he was such a fan that it was as if he thought he did!"

Why I Gave Online: "The process was simple. It was so easy to just turn around and click. I think the computer is the way to do everything."

— Missy Murray

GIFTS BY SIZE		November 2006-October 2007	
	Giving level	Donors	
	\$1-\$99	11,571	
	\$100-\$299	9,453	
	\$300-\$499	1,748	
	\$500-\$999	1,853	
	\$1,000-\$4,999	3,326	
	\$5,000 or more	1,713	

ONLINE GIFTS		July-October 2007	
Total giving:		\$53,761	
Average monthly giving:		\$13,440	
Average number of donors/month:		39.5	
Average gift amount:		\$340	
Largest gift:		\$5,000*	

* School of Law

FEATURED GIFTS

Saying “yes” to college

Scholarship will assist 40 students each year

Kimberly Moore’s dream came true last April. She learned she’d been selected to receive the Christina M. Hixson Opportunity Award, a \$5,000 annual scholarship for KU students with financial need, for up to four years. It represents up to \$20,000 in aid per student.

Moore cried for joy the day the letter arrived. Even today, when she talks about the scholarship, tears pool in her eyes.

“If it weren’t for Christina Hixson, I wouldn’t be at KU right now,” said Moore, a Baldwin High School graduate who plans to teach high school Spanish.

When Hixson, trustee of the Ernst F. Lied Foundation of Las Vegas, established the endowed scholarship through a \$5 million gift to KU, she specified that candidates must be graduates of Kansas high schools who, because of life challenges or lack of resources, might not consider pursuing a college education.

Hixson, who grew up in Iowa, did not have the chance to attend a four-year university. Her goal was to reach out to students who, like her, lacked opportunities for a college education.

The scholarship program, created in 2006, offered the first 10 awards



LISA SCHELLER

The Hixson scholarship paved the way to KU for Kimberly Moore, a freshman in Spanish education. Below, Christina Hixson met the first class of Hixson Scholars at a campus gathering in October.

to freshmen admitted for the 2007-2008 academic year. It will continue to add 10 more scholarships each year until the program supports renewable scholarships for 40 students. Recipients must qualify academically for admission to KU.

Moore, who earlier had qualified for a \$2,500 annual KU Scholarship, as well as the opportunity to live in a scholarship hall, knew the Hixson Award meant she could afford KU, the college of her choice.

“That’s \$20,000 to help each of us though college,” Moore said. “It’s an astounding amount of money, and she willingly gave it to us. People like Ms. Hixson make the world a better place.”

Previously, Hixson and the Lied Foundation have provided major support for the fine arts at KU, including a \$10 million gift for construction of the Lied Center for the Performing Arts in 1993, as well as support for medical research. 🐦



STEVE PUPPE

Why I Gave: “I’m interested in giving students a chance. This scholarship will support a lot of first-generation college students, and students who didn’t think they could afford KU. That’s my hope, to make a difference to them.”

— Christina Hixson



LISA SCHELLER

Among the first Self scholarship recipients are (left to right) Benjamin Fuentes, Satanta, Kan., computer science; Kelly Lohmeyer, Osage City, Kan., chemical engineering; Carol Fittell, Lawrence, civil engineering; and Jake Hamilton, Topeka, electrical engineering.

FEATURED GIFTS

The right stuff

Scholarship designed to develop technology leaders

Benjamin Fuentes set his sights on KU when he was in fourth grade. While visiting a cousin at a community college, he saw a KU representative who had set up a table on campus.

“I saw all the KU stuff. I saw how professional he was. After that, I was KU all the way. Now I’m living what I wanted to do,” said Fuentes, a computer science major.

Fuentes, along with 14 other KU freshmen, was selected as an inaugural recipient of the Madison A. and Lila Self Engineering Leadership Fellowship. The scholarship was

created through a \$2.1 million gift from Madison “Al” Self, chemical engineering ’43, a businessman and entrepreneur, and Lila Reetz Self, class of ’43.

In 1989, the Hinsdale, Ill., couple established a competitive mentoring program for doctoral candidates in selected fields. They created their new undergraduate scholarship with the intent that it make a difference in the lives of students who will then rise to make a difference in the world. Fuentes hopes someday to use his computer science skills to identify online criminal predators. He also wants to focus on antiterrorism.

The scholarship provides \$4,000 in support during both the freshman

and sophomore years and \$6,000 during both the junior and senior years. While academic ability is important, the selection committee also concentrates on an applicant’s record of achievement, career goals, personal motivation and leadership potential.

In addition to financial support, the students are mentored and have access to workshops, seminars and other leadership opportunities to help cultivate their potential.

“If it weren’t for this scholarship, I probably wouldn’t be at KU,” Fuentes said. “I’m a first-generation college student. I didn’t know how to save for college, so this has really helped me.” 🐦



WALLY EMERSON

Why I Gave: “Lila and I hope to inspire students who have a passion for solving the engineering and computer science challenges of the future. We want them to become leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs.”

— Al Self