

26 Named Scholarships Announced at Benefactor Dinner

The University announced the establishment of 26 named scholarships at its 15th annual Benefactor Dinner on Sept. 21. This event, held in the Young Main Lounge and Joslin Atrium, provides an opportunity for students to meet with those who funded their scholarships.

"We are indeed fortunate to have alumni and friends of the University who have a deep and abiding interest in Illinois Wesleyan and the extraordinary young people whose lives are forever transformed on this campus," said **President Richard F. Wilson**. "Today these young people need our support more than at almost any time in our history, which is why a key priority of the *Transforming Lives* fundraising campaign is student scholarship support."

Among the named scholarships announced, 10 were funded by members of Illinois Wesleyan's Board of Trustees. All of the new scholarships and the 162 active ones named in recent years provide financial support to about 200 Wesleyan students. Named scholarships are typically designated for students with high financial need and who may have a background or circumstances that connects them with a particular benefactor. Promise Awards, which were included in the new scholarships announced, are need-based scholarships that are part of the ongoing *Transforming Lives* campaign. Promise Award recipients will be named in the spring semester.

Named scholarships and Promise Awards are part of the \$30 million in annual financial aid support provided by Illinois Wesleyan. This support touches more than nine in 10 Wesleyan

students through a combination of need- and merit-based awards. The *Transforming Lives* capital campaign has a goal of adding \$30 million dollars to the endowment for students when it concludes in 2014.

The tradition of naming scholarships was first authorized by the Board of Trustees in 1893 to honor those contributing \$1,000 or more. In 1895 named scholarships honoring **William W. Anderson** of Taylorville and **Martha Elzina Cameron** of Greenfield were the first recorded.

Named scholarships and Promise Awards announced at the Benefactor Dinner

- Patricia M. Armstrong '70 Promise Scholarship
- Athena Foundation Scholarship Fund
- Jean Baird '80 Promise Scholarship
- Willie G. Brown Promise Scholarship
- Ronald '54 and Donna Cate '53 Promise Scholarship
- Bill Damaschke '85 Scholarship Fund for Theatre Arts or Music Students
- Jack Dickens '86 Scholarship
- Jan Egbers Promise Award
- Gregg Garofalo, Theta Chi Scholarship
- Herbert '77 and Susan '77 Getz Scholarship Fund
- Susan M. Hermes-Calvert '86 Scholarship Fund
- Marjorie Hurt Jones Nursing Scholarship
- Dan E. '80 and Kathleen M. '80 Jameson Promise Scholarship
- Cheryl '68 and Richard '67 King Promise Annual Scholarship

- Merten-Collins Endowed Scholarship
- Misener/York Scholarship Fund
- Professor Elizabeth Oggel Memorial Scholarship
- Mark Ohlendorf '82 Annual Scholarship
- Dr. and Mrs. William Reed Promise Scholarship
- Dr. Ronald L. '66 & Bonnie E. Ruecker '65, Scholarship for Chemistry
- Dr. Ronald L. '66 & Bonnie E. Ruecker '65, Scholarship for Education
- Dr. Ronald L. '66 & Bonnie E. Ruecker '65, Scholarship for Nursing
- Ronald '41 and Genevieve '44 Schwegler Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Starfish Foundation Scholarship Fund
- President Richard F. and Patricia L. Wilson, Ed.D Promise Scholarship
- Daron Worth '90 Scholarship



The Calverts were recognized for their new endowed scholarship (Left to Right) Susan (Hermes) Calvert '86, Emily Jaster '12 (scholarship recipient), Anna Calvert '14 and Alex Calvert '86

Promise Awards Close the Gap for Wesleyan Students

Recognizing the growing gap between what many students receive in financial aid assistance and the cost of their Wesleyan education, **Jan Egbers**, whose late husband **Gary '72** was a University trustee, established the **Jan Egbers Promise Award** as part of the *Transforming Lives* campaign.

"When I heard about the Promise Awards helping to fill in the gap between regular financial aid and what a student's

family could afford, I could really understand their importance and wanted to help," said Jan. "My family and I have been very fortunate and Wesleyan was a big part of Gary's and our son **Aaron's** successes, so if I can help others to benefit the way they did I'm happy to do so."

For many years, Jan and Gary supported Illinois Wesleyan and following Gary's death in 2004 the Egbers family established the **Gary E. Egbers Scholarship**. In addition, the

business Jan and Gary founded, Commercial Packaging, is a regular supporter of the Wesleyan Fund and employs a number of Wesleyan graduates and interns.



Jan Egbers

Mother Honors Son's Achievement with Scholarship

Donna Klingel traveled from her south Florida home to meet her first Athena Scholarship recipient, **Michael Panno '13** of Pontiac, at this year's recipient dinner. Donna who has been a consistent supporter of the Parent Fund, since her son **Daniel '07** was a student, established the named scholarship for high achieving students who had lost a parent during their time at Wesleyan.

"Daniel earned a merit scholarship and kept it throughout his time at Wesleyan and that amounted to about a year's worth of tuition," Donna says. "Since we had saved for his education, it just didn't feel right to take that money back or use it to buy him a car. That didn't seem to honor his achievement."

So after conferring with Daniel, Donna decided to give all of the scholarship money her son received to the Parent Fund. Donna

continued regular support of the Fund and then in 2010 established a new named Parent Fund scholarship. The **Athena Scholarship** was named for the Greek goddess known for her wisdom, courage, inspiration and strength. These are the attributes that Donna looks for in her scholarship recipients.



Donna Klingel and Athena Scholarship recipient Michael Panno '13 of Pontiac

New Scholarship Puts More Opportunities Within Reach



Mark W. Ohlendorf '82

Every scholarship at Illinois Wesleyan is different and each reflects the priorities and interests of the donor who establishes it.

In the case of **Mark W. Ohlendorf '82**, co-president and chief financial officer of Brookdale

Senior Living, the nation's largest owner and operator of senior living communities, his new scholarship was established to make it possible for active students with financial need to take part in all aspects of the Wesleyan experience.

A golf team member while at Wesleyan, and father of a daughter who plays Division I golf, Mark said, "I wanted to help a well rounded and active student with financial need attend Illinois Wesleyan. My feeling is that extracurricular activities are a critical part of the university experience. They do so much to help young people learn about teamwork and develop leadership skills that will help them to succeed following graduation."

The **Mark W. Ohlendorf '82 Scholarship** will go each year to a student who has financial need and is active in extra curricular activities at Illinois Wesleyan.

Alumna Answers Call for Support

Construction on the new classroom building should soon begin, which was one of the reasons why alumna **Ann (Marquis) Fisher '82**, husband **Alan** and young son **Matthew** visited campus this summer to see the progress being made.

Talking about their support of the classroom building project, with the Sheean tear-down going on behind her, Ann said, "We saw a need, and meeting that need is important to us. I learned so much from my time at Illinois Wesleyan that has been folded into my life."

An English major and co-editor of the Wesleyana yearbook, Ann said she still indulged her love of the piano at Illinois Wesleyan and watched many friends perform. "We spent so much time in Presser Hall," she said. Ann credits the liberal arts education for allowing her to enjoy both her love of literature and music. "I didn't have to choose between them," she said.

Today, Ann is the incoming chapter

president of the Sigma Iota Alpha International Music Fraternity, president of her homeowners association. She and Alan also lead the East Bay

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left to right: Matthew, Ann (Marquis) Fisher '82 and Alan.

Wilder Field Gets FieldTurf Surface

Byron Tucci '66, who established an endowed professorship last year, has made a second major gift to the *Transforming Lives* campaign. Announced at the Titan's opening home football game, this latest gift provided funding for the installation of an artificial FieldTurf surface on historic Wilder Field.



President Wilson announced at a pre-game ceremony, attended by Byron's family and grandchildren, that the Illinois Wesleyan stadium, which surrounds Wilder Field, would be named Tucci Stadium in his honor.

"Byron's generous support for this project and his previous commitment to establish an endowed professorship reflects his abiding interest in sustaining the quality of the academic and athletic programs of the university. We are delighted to acknowledge the commitment he has made to athletics by naming the stadium in his honor."

Tucci Stadium's Wilder Field, has been the Titan's home field for over 117 years. Its new artificial surface will open Wilder for practice use by more teams including football, soccer, pre-season softball, baseball and also intramural activities. In addition, local groups will have an opportunity to take advantage of the new field, making it another community resource, much like the Shirk Center.

With the average FieldTurf surface having a lifespan of approximately 10 years, Byron along with a number of other alumni and friends have established a replacement fund to cover the replacement costs when that becomes necessary.

Byron is a lifelong resident of Bloomington who graduated with a double major in business administration and economics. He has been a long-time supporter of his alma mater, serving on the Leadership Giving Board for decades. He is also a trustee of the University, a member of the Illinois Wesleyan Associates and the Preston Wood Society of the University Giving Club.



Thanks to the 452 First-Time Donors who Joined the Campaign!

When the 2010-11 year ended, there were 452 new donors supporting the University and the Transforming Lives campaign. Included in this group of first-time donors were 348 current students and 104 graduates from a wide range of class years and locales. These first-time donors made gifts of all sizes to the Wesleyan Fund and other campaign priorities. If you haven't yet added your name to the growing list of alumni supporters of the Transforming Lives campaign, please think about how important it is in times like these to keep Illinois Wesleyan strong!

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alumni chapter near San Francisco.

Talking about the many alumni events they host in their Pleasanton, Calif. home Ann said, "It's so interesting to meet all of these people from all different walks of life, and with whom

we probably have very little in common except for a deep connection to Illinois Wesleyan."

Alan, who is the co-founder and chairman of the board of the software development company Iron Speed, started his career with a

venture capital firm. He views the investment in education similar to that of the many start-up companies who sought funding. "Education is an investment in the future," said Alan. "It pays for itself in the success of every student."



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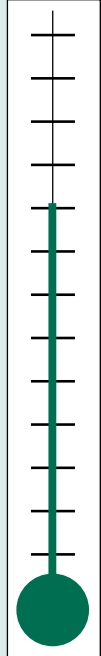
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2014 Goal —
\$125 Million

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\$93.8 Million

Classroom Funding Nearly Complete



With the Sheean Library teardown completed and approximately \$14.7 million of the anticipated \$15.5 million cost in hand, the new classroom building is nearing the start of construction.

“We’re extremely grateful to all those alumni and friends who have made gifts to this terribly important project,” said **President**

Dick Wilson. “Once we close the gap between the bid costs and the money we have in hand we’ll begin construction, which hopefully will be before the end of the school year.”

Those interested in helping to push this project over the top are encouraged to designate gifts or pledges of any size to the building fund. There are also a wide range of naming opportunities still available, including naming gifts for classrooms, study areas, research spaces and faculty offices.

For additional information on the building project contact the Advancement Office at (800) 689-9743 or (309) 556-3091.