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Jarvis Makes Leadership Gift to School of Nursing Campaign

A leadership gift by nursing professor Carolyn Jarvis (above, right) to the School of Nursing's \$2.2 million *Redesigning the Future* campaign was announced at the School of Nursing's annual Homecoming breakfast.

Campaign contributions will be used to reconfigure first-floor classrooms and consolidate and expand laboratory spaces on the garden level of Stevenson Hall. These changes are in response to the doubling of the School of Nursing's enrollment over the past 10 years and the increasing use of technology and simulations in nursing education.

"We are deeply grateful to Carolyn for her lead gift, and to our entire faculty and staff who have also pledged support to the campaign," said Victoria Noltkamper Folse '86, Director and Professor of the School of Nursing and the Caroline F. Rupert Endowed Chair of Nursing. "*The Redesigning the Future* campaign will enable us to create a learning center that integrates assessment, skill acquisition and simulation in one comprehensive manner and meet the needs of our growing student body."

To honor Jarvis, the garden level will be named The Jarvis Center for Nursing Excellence. In addition, the expanded health assessment

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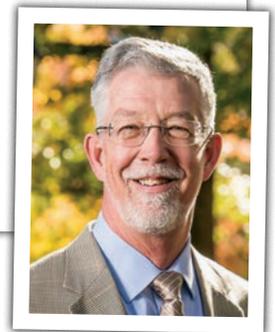
This is the inaugural issue of the *Advance* newsletter. *Advance* will report to you each semester on the generous support of our alumni and friends, and the fine work being done by Marty Smith and his development and alumni teams.

Since it's impossible for us to recognize all of the roughly 10,000 alumni and friends who support the University each year, the stories that appear in *Advance* will highlight for you some of the ways that your gifts can impact the work and success of our students, faculty and staff.

On behalf of everyone here at Illinois Wesleyan, please accept our thanks for all that you do to make this such an exceptional place.

All the best,


Eric Jensen, President



lab on that level will be named The Jarvis Health Assessment Lab. Professor Jarvis, an internationally recognized authority in health assessment, is the author of North America's most widely used health assessment textbook: *Physical Examination and Health Assessment*, which is in its seventh edition and has been translated for use around the world.

The changes at Stevenson are planned to begin as soon as all funding is secured.

Thanks to a challenge gift from Donna and Coyner Smith '54, to *The Campaign to Renew Presser Hall*, the School of Music's Choir Rehearsal Room will be remodeled and Westbrook Auditorium now has a new Steinway concert grand piano.

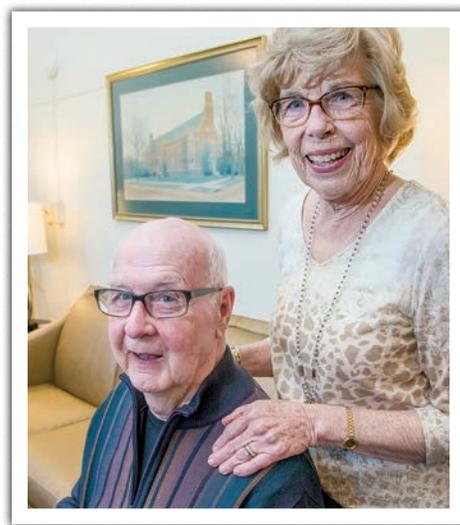
"We are deeply grateful to Donna and Coyner Smith (*pictured at right*) for their generous and ongoing support of our students and in their leadership gifts to *The Campaign to Renew Presser Hall*," said Mario Pelusi, director of the School of Music.

The Campaign to Renew Presser Hall has a goal of raising \$750,000 to update more than 40 practice rooms, including replacing practice room pianos, for remodeling the percussion suite and choir rehearsal rooms, and increasing the number of music scholarships.

"Coyner knows from his time as a student that the classroom for music students is where they practice and rehearse," said Provost and Dean of the Faculty Jonathan Green, who is also a professor of music and choral director. "We are exceedingly fortunate that Coyner and Donna have once again stepped forward with a leadership gift to continue the renewal of Presser Hall."

To learn more about the campaign and giving opportunities contact the Advancement Office or the School of Music.

Smiths Make Challenge Gift to School of Music Campaign



Brandon Piano Scholarship Established

An endowed scholarship honoring retired School of Music faculty member Susan J. Brandon is one of the latest gifts to School of Music's Campaign to Renew Presser Hall. The endowment was created by Brandon's husband Dr. Charles E. Davies, Jr. a retired Methodist minister and professor emeritus from Michigan's Hillsdale College.

"I am thankful to my loving husband, Charles, who made this endowed piano scholarship possible," said Brandon, who joined the music faculty in 1967 and retired from the University in 2008. "It has been a joy and a privilege to teach at Illinois Wesleyan and to be a part of the Wesleyan family."

Brandon Scholarships will be awarded to a junior majoring in Piano Performance or Music Education, with a piano major.



Newly Established Named Scholarships

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Dorothy '49 and Burton Benziger Endowed Scholarship
 Professor Margaret Chapman Memorial Scholarship
 Reverend Allen G. Hilding Endowed Scholarship
 Judith M. Mack Endowed Scholarship
 John D. Matthews Endowed Scholarship
 Adolph C. and Gertrude C. Modahl Endowed Promise Scholarship
 PNC Foundation Endowed Promise Scholarship
 Martina '87 and Matthew Scanlan Family Endowed Promise Scholarship
 Dr. Roger Sheldon '64 and Dr. Carol Thompson Sheldon '65 Endowed Promise Scholarship
 Lawrence Neff Stout Scholarship for Excellence in Mathematics
 The Theta Chi Endowed Scholarship

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. Cal Atwell '73 Class of 2019 Promise Scholarship Fund
 Thomas Brown '79 Promise Grant
 Mary C. Kyes '76 Annual Scholarship
 Dr. Craig '92 and Leslie '92 Neitzel Class of 2019 Promise Scholarship
 Dr. Stephen L. Ondra Class of 2019 Promise Scholarship
 PNC Foundation Class of 2019 Annual Promise Scholarship
 Christopher and Susan Prendergast Class of 2019 Promise Scholarship
 Terry '81 and Deby Revolinski Class of 2019 Promise Scholarship
 Harry Rosenbloom '49 and Carol Tavenner Rosenbloom '50 Annual Scholarship for Liberal Arts
 Harry Rosenbloom '49 and Carol Tavenner Rosenbloom '50 Annual Music Scholarship
 Dr. Michael D. Sombeck '83 Class of '19 Promise Grant
 Edward K. Waters, Jr. and Myrna Waters Scholarship
 Wells Fargo Advisors Scholarship Fund in Memory of Jason Jones



Among the students meeting their benefactors, Sajedah Al-Khzaleh '19, recipient of the Prendergast Class of '19 Promise Scholarship, with Professor Emeritus Chris Prendergast and Susan Prendergast.

Twenty-four New Named Scholarships Announced at 19th Scholarship Benefactors Dinner

Twenty-four new named scholarships were announced Oct. 8 at the Scholarship Benefactors Dinner. Nearly 200 scholarship benefactors and their recipients met and mingled at the annual event which recognizes all named scholarship donors.

The event brings together, often for the first time, named scholarship recipients and their donors. Nearly 400 students benefit from named scholarships, which are typically directed to students with high financial need.

Speaking on behalf of student scholarship recipients, senior and first-generation student Ashley Spain thanked donors “for believing in this awesome institution, its faculty, and staff. Thank you for believing that it is better to give than receive. Thank you for giving the gift of opportunity to so many deserving students.”

The tradition of naming scholarships at Illinois Wesleyan dates back to 1893 when the Board of Trustees chose to honor those contributing \$1,000 or more. In 1895 the first named scholarships were designated honoring William W. Anderson of Taylorville and Martha Elzina Cameron of Greenville.

To learn more about the named scholarship program, contact the Advancement Office 1-800-689-9743 or advancement@iwu.edu.



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\$2.5 million Gift to Illinois Wesleyan Theatre Program by the Jerome Mirza Foundation

The theatre in Illinois Wesleyan’s McPherson Hall has been named the Jerome Mirza Theatre in recognition of a \$2.5 million gift to the School of Theatre Arts from the Jerome Mirza Foundation. The gift announcement and naming took place in the theatre with faculty and students in attendance as part of the Oct. 26 meeting of the Illinois Wesleyan Board of Trustees.



“The Jerome Mirza Foundation is delighted to make this gift honoring Jerry,” said Deborah Parsons, President of the Mirza Foundation. “As a student at Illinois Wesleyan, Jerry found his niche acting and performing. He believed learning to relate to an audience contributed to his success as an attorney. Being able to give back to Illinois Wesleyan, an institution that provided Jerry with so much, is a privilege. And, I’m confident that having Jerry’s name on this theatre, and associated with this fine theatre program, would make him proud.”

President Richard F. Wilson, who announced this gift on the eve of his retirement, said. “We are indebted to the Mirza Foundation for this very generous gift, a portion of which will go toward improvements in the Mirza Theatre over the next few years, with the remaining funds used to establish an endowment to enhance the quality of the School’s programs and facilities over time.”