**Benefactor Dinner Highlights 23 New Named Scholarships**

Twenty-three new named Illinois Wesleyan scholarships were announced at the 16th annual Scholarship Benefactor Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 27. The dinner, which brings together named scholarship recipients and their donors, is a celebration of the philanthropy that enables the University to provide more than $32 million in financial aid each year to about nine in 10 Wesleyan students.

“The willingness of alumni and friends to help meet the financial needs of current students is a proud tradition at Illinois Wesleyan,” said President Richard F. Wilson. “We are indebted to those who have made the dream of an Illinois Wesleyan education possible for so many of our students and their families.”

The Scholarship Benefactor Dinner filled the Young Main Lounge at the Memorial Center with about 200 scholarship recipients and benefactors, which was one of the largest gatherings in the event’s history. Included in this group were the benefactors for 14 of the newly named scholarships, who had the opportunity to meet their student recipients for the very first time.

The named scholarships announced are part of the University’s $125 million *Transforming Lives* fundraising campaign. A key priority of the campaign is raising $30 million in student scholarship support.

Named scholarships are typically directed to students with high financial need and donors often designate an academic program area, hometown, group affiliation or other attribute of the scholarship recipient they would like to support. Named scholarships can be funded annually or on in perpetuity through an endowment.

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.

**Pay It Forward Giving Circle A New Opportunity To Transform Lives**

Paul Halvorsen ’91 and those who have joined him in the Pay It Forward Giving Circle Scholarship Fund believe in helping students who are short on funds but give plenty in terms of service to others. They believe in supporting students who pay it forward themselves by helping to transform lives in their own way.

“I wanted to help students with financial need, especially those who are also committed to making a difference in the world,” said Paul. “That’s how we came up with the Pay It Forward name. And, it’s what we believe Wesleyan should be committed to doing.”

A successful business owner and recipient of the Robert M. Montgomery Outstanding Young Alumni Award in 2006, Paul made his own commitment to make a difference in 2008 after his first mission trip to help the people of Haiti battle a string of ongoing natural disasters. Now through the Pay It Forward Giving Circle he is looking to support the next generation of Wesleyan students who will make a difference for others.

If you were on campus for Homecoming weekend, you might have seen Paul and other members of the Pay It Forward Giving Circle promoting their scholarship endeavor by wearing Pay It Forward T-shirts. The group is open to any and all alumni and friends who want to help make a difference, says Paul.

**2012 Newly Established Scholarships**

Named Scholarships bear the names of donors or honorees

- Kathy Cavins-Tull Scholarship Fund
- Wes and Nikki Dyke Business and Choral Student Scholarship
- Alice J. Gruber ’62 Nursing Scholarship Fund
- Margaret “Peg” Hamel Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Cathy L. Lugibill, RN ’73 Nursing Scholarship
- Ann Marquis-Fisher ’82 Scholarship Fund
- Newberg Family Scholarship Fund
- Quizon-Colquitt Family Annual Scholarship
- C. David Rexroat ’75 Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Jack ’59 and Judy Onsgard Rind ’61 Scholarship for Nursing
- Mark T. “Robbie” Robbins ’80 Endowed Memorial Scholarship
- Darrell Skaggs Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Giving Circles are scholarships funded by classmates, friends or groups

- Alpha Gamma Delta Giving Circle Scholarship
- CPA Dream Team Giving Circle Scholarship
- Kappa Kappa Gamma ’89 Giving Circle Scholarship
- Pay It Forward Giving Circle Scholarship
- Rockford Alumni Giving Circle Scholarship
- Sigma Chi Leadership Giving Circle Scholarship

Promise Awards support high-need students

- Jean Baird ’80 Promise Endowed Scholarship
- Bruce W. Biedar ’91 Promise Scholarship
- Herbert ’77 and Susan Getz ’77 Promise Endowed Scholarship
- Haas Promise Scholarship
- Jeff ’91 and Pamela Hay Promise Scholarship
Newberg's Repay Past Generosity With Scholarship

It was difficult enough for Don and Carolyn Newberg to put three children through Illinois Wesleyan, but doing so while growing a business made it even more of a challenge, which is why they truly appreciated the financial support their children received. Now more than 40 years later, with several family members as graduates, the Newbergs have decided to return the generosity their children received by establishing the Newberg Family Scholarship Fund.

“We felt that Wesleyan was a great place for our kids, plus our daughter-in-law, son-in-law, and granddaughter, to learn and enjoy the experience of college,” Don says. “It was an easy decision for us to create the scholarship.

Although neither Don nor Carolyn is an IWU graduate, their connection to the University is extensive — daughter Deb Newberg Wannemacher ’74, son-in-law Steve Wannemacher ’73, son David ’75, daughter-in-law Joni L. Newberg ’75, and granddaughter Suzy J. Newberg Wannemacher ’74 are all graduates. Don also serves on the board of the Illinois Wesleyan Associates.

By establishing The Newberg Family Scholarship Fund, Don and Carolyn ensured that others could experience the same opportunities their children and grandchild enjoyed at Illinois Wesleyan.

When asked about the opportunities his extended family received through IWU, Don is quick to praise the faculty. “My impression is that an excellent faculty has been maintained from the time my kids graduated in the 1970s to my granddaughter’s time,” Don explains. “You can build a lot of buildings, but you have to fill them with good students and good faculty.”
All told, 510 alumni and student donors made their first commitments to the Transforming Lives Campaign during Fiscal 2012. Of these new donors, more than one in three alumni households have now supported the University financially at some point in this campaign. If you are not yet among this growing list of donors, please join us so that we may keep this journey of support going.
**Campaign Goals**

*Transforming Lives* has a goal of $125 million, with nearly 8 in every 10 dollars going to build the endowment.

**ENDOWMENT FOR STUDENTS:** $30 million is being sought to increase the number of need-based grants and merit scholarships.

**ENDOWMENT FOR FACULTY:** $20 million will be raised to increase the number of endowed professorships and to support young faculty and visiting scholars and artists.

**ENDOWMENTS FOR EXCELLENCE:** $22 million will provide funds that will build on our excellence in a number of key academic and student support programs.

**THE WESLEYAN FUND:** $26 million is being sought in annual giving, along with an increase in the number of alumni giving from one in five to one in three by 2014.

**CAMPUS FACILITIES:** $27 million is being sought to build a new Main Classroom Building, apartment-style student housing and a new theatre complex.

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**How can you get involved?**

Co-chairs Steve Wannemacher '73 and Jean Baird '80 invite you to join the *Transforming Lives* campaign.

Find out how by contacting the University’s Office of Advancement

Call: (309) 556-3091 or (800) 689-9743

E-mail: advancement@iwu.edu

Go online: www.iwu.edu/campaign/

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**2014 Goal — $125 Million**

September 2012 total $103 Million