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FROM THE PRESIDENT



RISE. SHINE. These two small-yet-powerful words describe today's spirit at Wright State University. So when we were choosing a name for the largest fundraising campaign in our history, they seemed like the perfect fit.

Rise. Shine. The Campaign for Wright State University will forever change the future of our great university. It will allow us to expand our curriculum and attract top-flight faculty. We will build world-class facilities and invest in research that advances knowledge and creates jobs. We will enhance our community engagement and strengthen our ability to solve real-world problems and improve the quality of life. Most importantly, we will provide more scholarships for our hard-working students. This campaign will help Wright State rise and shine for generations to come.

This campaign will secure the future of Wright State University so we will always be a place where students—regardless of their backgrounds—can rise each day to pursue their dreams. The world needs universities like Wright State, where every student matters.

We have believed, and always will believe, that a college education should be a reality for anyone with potential and the will to work hard enough to achieve it. Whether it's a single mom juggling the responsibilities of work, school, and family...a veteran transitioning from active duty to the classroom...or a student with a physical disability...everyone deserves the chance to make a better life for themselves and their families.

As we go to press with this issue, we have already raised more than \$112 million toward our \$150 million goal. We would have never gotten this far without the generosity of many alumni, friends, corporations, and foundations that have made significant leadership gifts to this campaign. This includes 10 Wright State alumni who have each pledged at least \$1 million or more to the *Rise. Shine.* campaign.

Never before in the history of Wright State University have our alumni been so generous.

This is a huge point of pride for us—to have our alumni step up and say, "I believe in my alma mater, and I want to help them educate future generations of Wright State students." I think this is the greatest compliment any graduate could possibly give us.

I hope you will want to be part of this defining moment in the history of Wright State University. As we approach our 50th birthday in 2017, this is our time. Our time to rise and shine as a leader in 21st century higher education. Let's seize the moment together.

Warmest regards from campus,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David R. Hopkins". The signature is fluid and cursive.

David R. Hopkins
President

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The Campaign for Wright State University



DREAM. BIG.

> Wright State launches \$150 million campaign

Academy Award–winning actor Tom Hanks leads the largest fundraising initiative in Wright State’s history

By Kim Patton





Our namesakes, the Wright brothers, used ingenuity and innovation to make a lasting impact on the world. Today, we rise on their wings, prepared to shine, as we lift our university to new heights. Ahead, we see a bright future, one where Wright State is a new model for higher education: a public institution that is imaginative, unafraid to take risks, and nimble in adapting to the needs of a fast-changing world.

To reach that future, we are embarking on *Rise. Shine.* The Campaign for Wright State University.

A Night to Shine

On October 18, 2014, President David R. Hopkins announced *Rise. Shine. The Campaign for Wright State University* to more than 600 students, faculty, staff, donors, and other special guests at the Wright State University Nutter Center.

It was truly a night to shine as the Nutter Center was transformed into a dazzling landscape that included a glittering makeshift chandelier and a kaleidoscope of towering video screens.

Eddie McClintock, a 1991 Wright State graduate who has appeared in numerous TV shows and most recently played the role of a Secret Service agent in the popular Syfy series *Warehouse 13*, served as master of ceremonies.

Wright State performing arts students took to the stage to showcase their talents in singing, dancing, and music. Speed painter Aaron Kizer delighted the audience by painting portraits of university namesakes Orville and Wilbur Wright upside down and then flipping them right side up with a flourish. And there were poignant personal stories from Wright State students Emily Bingham, Aaron Palmer, and Ian Kallay.

Academy Award-winning actor, producer, and director Tom Hanks and Amanda Wright Lane, great grandniece of the Wright brothers, are spearheading the *Rise. Shine.* campaign as co-chairs.

In an impassioned speech, Wright Lane told guests: "The most important reason to be a part of the *Rise. Shine.* campaign lies in the backpacking, parking space-seeking humans who roam this campus daily, aka the students or the 'kids' of the Wright State family. This campaign's and this university's mission is to provide the tools for every student's success."

Hanks, who could not attend the campaign launch due to a filming commitment, recorded a special video message for guests.

"Wright State is a rising leader in 21st century higher education," said Hanks. "From groundbreaking research to world-class fine and performing arts, this university truly has a mission that matters."

The evening was capped off with the announcement that the university had already raised more than \$107 million toward the \$150 million campaign goal. This includes a record number of gifts from alumni. At least 10 Wright State graduates have each pledged \$1 million or more to the *Rise. Shine.* campaign.

Our Time to Rise

As Wright State University approaches its 50th anniversary in 2017, we are already moving boldly into a new era of tremendous change, unprecedented challenge, and unlimited opportunity.

We are leading the way by continually evolving to deliver an education that is eminently relevant and financially accessible and that meets the changing needs of students, the real-world economy, and our collective future.

Through the *Rise. Shine.* campaign, we will level the playing field for our students, unveiling a world of possibilities and reachable dreams.

"This campaign is all about student success. It will change Wright State forever and the generation of students to come," said Wright State University President David R. Hopkins. "It's going to grow our prominence and relevance in 21st century education."

The *Rise. Shine.* campaign will generate funds for numerous initiatives on campus, including:

- **Increased opportunities for scholarships, undergraduate research, and experiential learning**
- **Endowed professorships to attract top scholars**
- **Construction of facilities that will propel Wright State students and faculty to the forefront of their fields**

In addition to the campaign launch in Dayton, Wright State will take the *Rise. Shine.* campaign on the road with regional events throughout the United States in 2015.

"This is our time to shine," Hopkins said. "People are going to be talking about Wright State not only in this community, but across the state and nation. Our time is now."



Tom Hanks delivers a special video message during the Rise. Shine. kickoff event.

Speed painter Aaron Kizer renders portraits of the Wright Brothers on the Rise. Shine. stage.



RISE. SHINE.

The Campaign for Wright State University



INDIVIDUALS.

At its core, Wright State University is about people. We will increase scholarships to keep college within reach of promising students. We will foster undergraduate research, giving students hands-on experiences that set them apart in a competitive job market. We will also support faculty by establishing endowed professorships to attract top scholars to Wright State.

304

new scholarships created

\$112 million

raised as of March 31, 2015

ENVIRONMENTS.

Twenty-first century learning must take place in 21st-century facilities. Campaign support, together with state capital budget and bond funding, will allow us to strategically invest in new construction as well as modernization of current buildings. These projects, touching every aspect of the student experience, will create optimal teaching and learning spaces.

Of the \$112 raised so far,

\$95.9 million

comes from gifts of

\$10,000

or above

INNOVATIONS.

Over the past decade, Wright State has grown into a well-respected public research university. Now we aspire to be a national model for change in higher education. Indeed, some of our innovations are already being emulated across the country. With campaign support, we will advance these efforts that change lives and open doors to new discoveries.

14,066

new donors made gifts totaling

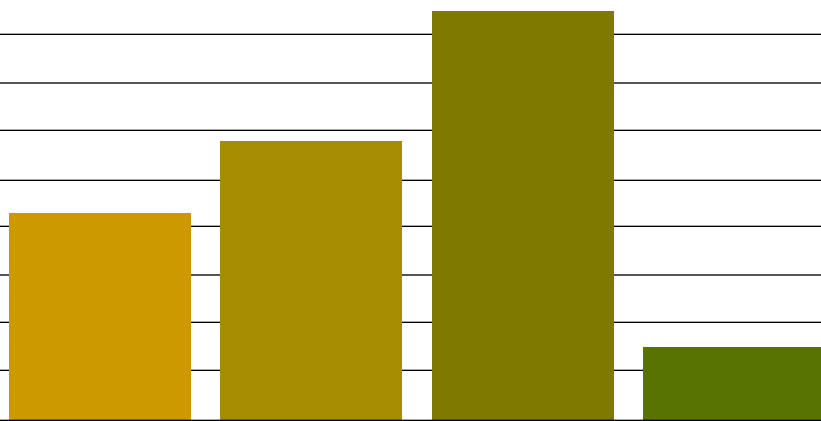
\$14.7 million

“This is our time to shine. People are going to be talking about Wright State not only in this community, but across the state and nation. Our time is now.”

—David R. Hopkins, President, Wright State University

\$150 million is our *campaign goal*

27,030 donors



Alumni 21.3% Friends 29% Corporations 42.2% Foundations 7.5%

Get Involved

Join us at one of the upcoming regional launches for the *Rise. Shine.* campaign. Other dates and locations to be announced.

Columbus

Saturday, June 13

Columbus Idea Foundry

New York City

Thursday, September 10

United Nations

Los Angeles

Friday, September 25

The Lot

Washington, D.C.

Saturday, October 17

Congressional Country Club



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> Tom Hanks Embraces University's Mission

Hollywood heavyweight's strong connection to Wright State springs from his early acting days

By Jim Hannah

Hollywood icon Tom Hanks, who is co-chairing Wright State's *Rise.Shine.* fundraising campaign, has a long-running love affair with the university that has grown deeper with each passing year.

He once took the stage at Wright State as a young Shakespearean actor. His part in a New York City play produced by the current chair of the university's performing arts program helped lead to his discovery by a Hollywood agent. And a Wright State graduate helped Hanks produce two Emmy Award-winning television miniseries.

Hanks has also started a scholarship fund at Wright State, produced videos in support of the school, and provided memorabilia and his personal time to help the school raise money for its performing arts program and now the entire university.

Most recently, Hanks has agreed to help lead the \$150 million fundraising campaign that promises to further elevate the school's prominence by expanding scholarships, attracting more top-flight faculty, and supporting construction of state-of-the-art facilities.

"He is everyman's man; he's about ordinary people," said Wright State President David R. Hopkins, who has met with Hanks multiple times over the years. "What he loves is that we serve people from all backgrounds in life. And he is so committed nationally to military veterans. He loves our mission."

In a video prepared for the public launch of the campaign, Hanks says the nation needs universities like Wright State, where students of all ages from all walks of life can make the connections that set them on the path to making their dreams come true.

"What I understand about Wright State is they

are willing to do what it takes to help every student succeed," he said. "I can't think of anything more important for a university to do."

Hanks' first contact with Wright State came in the late 1970s, when he was a young actor with the Great Lakes Shakespeare Festival in Cleveland. As part of a tour, Hanks performed at Wright State in Shakespeare's *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*.

Then Hanks went to New York and—after about six months of being unemployed—auditioned for the Riverside Shakespeare Company of New York, which was founded by W. Stuart McDowell, currently chair of Wright State's Department of Theatre, Dance, and Motion Pictures.

"We cast him right off the street in the lead of Machiavelli's *The Mandrake*, playing the role of Callimaco," McDowell recalled. "He was phenomenal. He had an incredible sense of improvisation and stage presence. He would come out during the opening of the show and riff with the audience, do an improv."

As a result of his role in the play, Hanks was able to secure an agent, who took him and his blossoming career to Hollywood. Hanks would go on to star in blockbuster films such as *Forrest Gump*, *Apollo 13*, and *Saving Private Ryan* and win several Academy Awards.

When McDowell joined the faculty at Wright State in 1994, he learned that Erik Bork, a motion pictures student who had graduated a few years before, had gotten a job with Hanks as a script reader. Bork went on to help produce Hanks' TV miniseries *From the Earth to the Moon* and *Band of Brothers*, both Emmy Award winners.

"Our motion pictures students don't just make



films, they know films,” McDowell said. “They learn foreign films, history of films, silent films so that when they start making films they have this almanac of experience by watching and critiquing and talking about these films. That’s a testament to the program.”

In 1998, Hanks gave Wright State money to launch a scholarship fund in his name. So far, the fund has provided scholarship money to 67 students in acting/musical theatre, dance, design technology, and theatre studies.

Hanks has also donated autographed movie posters that were sold at Wright State’s *ArtsGala*, the annual fundraising event to support student scholarships in theatre, dance, art, music, and motion pictures.

After the huge success of Hanks’ movie *The Da Vinci Code*, he agreed to have tea in Rome on the set of *Angels*

and Demons with the winning bidders of an *ArtsGala* auction item. The winning bidders, retired Oakwood engineer Michael Di Flora and his wife, Holly, received major face-to-face time in Rome with Hanks.

In 2011, Hanks, in a taped video, gave a glowing endorsement of Wright State’s arts programs during a news conference to announce that the university’s Collaborative Education, Leadership, and Innovation in the Arts (CELIA) center had been designated an Ohio Center of Excellence for the arts.

Last year, a delegation of Wright State officials traveled to New York City to meet with Hanks, who was performing in the play *Lucky Guy*.

“We cracked a lot of jokes about those early days,” said McDowell. “He remembers his roots.” **W**



By Kim Patton

We know them as the inventors of the airplane and namesakes for Wright State University. But to Amanda Wright Lane, Orville and Wilbur Wright are so much more than two of the greatest innovators who ever lived. They are family.

As the great grandniece of the Wright brothers, Wright Lane grew up hearing stories about her Uncle Orv and Uncle Will.

“When I was old enough to sit at the ‘adult’ table for Sunday evening dinner, the chatter around the table was often about Uncles Orv and Will. At the time, I never connected those stories to the ‘Wright brothers’ or the invention of the aeroplane,” she recalls. “Those stories were always about who Orville and Wilbur were as brothers, sons, uncles, etc.”

Sunday evening dinners were hosted by Wright Lane’s great aunts and uncles, who were well in to their 70s and 80s. But as direct nieces and nephews of the world-renowned engineering pair, they laughed and reminisced about the fun they had when their famous uncles baby-sat them at their bicycle shop.

“I love the fact that they both had incredible senses of humor,” says Wright Lane. “That sense of humor, particularly in Uncle Orv, manifested itself in practical jokes. My father would talk about the practical jokes that were played upon him as a young boy. Uncle Orv loved to tease. You knew something was up because his blue eyes would twinkle and his mustache would twitch.”

As she got older, Wright Lane began to know

> Keeping the Spirit of Innovation Alive

Amanda Wright Lane, co-chair of the *Rise. Shine.* campaign, reflects on the legacy of her famous ancestors and the university that bears their name

the brothers as men, not just as the fun, crazy, candy-making, puppet show-writing uncles she was introduced to as a child. She also developed an appreciation for Orville and Wilbur's parents, Milton and Susan Wright.

While some parents might have scoffed at their children attempting to do what was once thought impossible—manned flight—Orville and Wilbur's parents were always supportive.

"Their mother and father—and their brothers and sister—were incredibly encouraging. None of them said 'you must be absolutely nuts,'" says Wright Lane. "With that kind of environment, you develop the courage to be able to think differently and pursue those ideas."

Wright Lane believes it's only fitting that a university in Dayton, Ohio, would be named in honor of the famed aviators. "I think they would be humbled," she says. "They would be very happy about it, because universities are places where students can effect great change."

As the distinguished honorary chair for *Rise. Shine. The Campaign for Wright State University*, Wright Lane is helping to shape the future of the university that bears her great granduncles' names.

"Being involved with the university was not even a question. To me, it is absolutely home base for my family's history," she explains.

Wright State University Libraries' Special Collections and Archives houses the world's largest collection of materials on the Wright brothers and their family. Deeded to the university by the Wright family in 1975, the collection includes thousands of photographs documenting the invention of the airplane, along with technical drawings, financial records, letters, diaries, and aviation awards and medals.

"The Wright Brothers Collection at Wright State's archives was a resource that truly brought me closer to 'knowing' these two incredible men I had never met," Wright Lane says. "I remember seeing their report cards as part of my first visit to the archives and realizing they weren't perfect students! It made Uncle Orv and Uncle Will all the more real."

While aviation experts from around the globe have traveled to Wright State to delve into the personal papers and artifacts of the legendary aviation pioneers, Wright Lane would like to see the Archives evolve into more of a community gathering place.

"This is a real opportunity for Wright State University to give our community the sense of ownership of a collection that continues to grow both in quality and in content, and in distinction, worldwide. In a word, it is a treasure."

Preserving the legacy of her ancestors is important to Wright Lane, whether it's at Wright State or in the community at large. She frequently speaks to groups about the Wright brothers' contributions to the world of aviation. Wherever she goes, she meets people who tell her how aviation changed their lives.

"Aviation was the first technology that allowed all peoples of the world to 'see' every corner of our planet. Uncle Orv and Uncle Will's muslin and wood flying machine started the human race on a journey that has taken us to the stars, and that journey has only just begun."

Whether she's speaking to a group of third graders, accepting an award from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, or chairing Wright State's *Rise. Shine.* campaign, Amanda Wright Lane continues the legacy of her two great granduncles who made the first flight and forever changed the world. **W**

> No Quit

Wright State's Gwendolyn Reynolds refused to surrender to a crushing series of setbacks

By Jim Hannah

She got it from her father—her piston-powerful drive.

Known affectionately as “Giggling Willie,” her father had an infectious laugh that masked a lifetime of pain.

After his legs were crushed in a lumberjacking accident, he underwent 13 amputations, beginning at his baby toe and moving up his legs. But for the rest of his 86 years as a barber, he would stand on those legs and cut hair, even that of the doctors when he was in the hospital.

“I never saw my dad cry, but I saw him in pain,” said Gwendolyn Reynolds. “A lot of my strength I draw from him. He taught us that no matter what is going on in your life, you don’t give up.”

Reynolds has not. The 48-year-old single mother is poised to get her bachelor’s degree in social work from Wright State University this spring.

She has shouldered ahead despite deaths in the family that included a suicide, the loss of a job and her house, and the evaporation of financial aid that threatened to derail her college career in the 11th hour.

And she owes much of her success to her son, Gerron, who at age 15 pushed his mother back to college and insisted she get her degree before he did.

“Wright State has given me confidence,” she said. “I have found out who I am and realized how smart I am.”

The youngest of four children, Reynolds grew up in Trotwood. Her family had moved from Tennessee to the Dayton area, where her father operated Henderson’s barber shop.

Her older brother and sisters all graduated from college.

“But I always felt like I was never smart enough,” she said.

In 1984, Reynolds enrolled at the University of Cincinnati, but returned home because she was homesick. She later completed a quarter here and there at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, but would always drop out.

In 1992, she gave birth to Gerron. “As soon as I saw him, my whole world just changed,” she said.

Gerron was special. He was reading by the age of 4 and in the second grade won the eighth-grade spelling bee, beating out 32 eighth graders. By the fifth grade, he was reading at a 12th-grade level.

In the meantime, Reynolds was bouncing from job to job. And finding a new job was difficult because she had no college degree.

One day, her son sat her down at the kitchen table, presented her with

a college application and packet of admissions information from Sinclair, and even offered to go with her to enroll.

“So after all of those years of taking a class here and there and just quitting and not being able to do it for myself, I knew that I could do it for him,” she said.

Reynolds started at Sinclair part time in 2005. Majoring in social work was the logical choice.

Dubbed the “little nightingale” by her sister because she was always helping others, Reynolds was the one who changed her father’s bandages, talked to the doctors, and even found social services for her father’s friends in the hospital and nursing home.

In 2010, she transferred to Wright State. But during every quarter and semester she faced a major obstacle that would have made it easy for her to quit.

It was a steady stream of bad news. She had surgery on both ankles and spent a year on crutches; she lost her home in a bankruptcy proceeding; a cousin committed suicide; and her brother was diagnosed with kidney cancer.

“I wanted to lay down and just quit,” she said. “Then in September, I really freaked out because I found out I had no more financial aid. I thought that after all

I had been through, it was this that was going to do me in."

But an employee in Wright State's Office of Financial Aid took Reynolds under her wing and helped her apply for assistance. A few days later, Reynolds was awakened by a text message on her phone telling her she had qualified for the Gladys Turner Finney Scholarship and the Graduation Fund that would pay for tuition and books for her final two semesters.

"I just started crying tears of joy," she said. "It was the first time I had

this visual of me walking across the stage and accepting my degree and a visual of my son smiling. I'm going to be able to keep my promise to my son because I know this is going to mean the world to him."

Reynolds is scheduled to graduate in May 2015, and her son will graduate from Middle Tennessee State University later this year.

"I promised myself and my son I would not stop," she said. "It's been me and him on this ride."

Reynolds currently works full time for

the Ohio AIDS Coalition and is an intern monitoring family visitation at Erma's House, which provides a supervised environment for children to visit their non-custodial parents.

She plans to pursue her master's degree in social work and hopes to someday work for Veterans Affairs or the Centers for Disease Control.

Reynolds says Wright State has given her confidence and a new life.

"I found myself while I was here," she said. "I didn't expect that." **W**



SHINE.



> A Work in Progress

Warehouse 13 star Eddie McClintock reflects on his days at Wright State, his acting career, and becoming the man he is today

By Kim Patton

When Eddie McClintock was a student at Wright State University in the late '80s and early '90s, becoming a successful Hollywood actor was about the furthest thing from his mind.

"I was not a great student. I didn't know what I was going to do with my life," McClintock recalled.

The native of North Canton, Ohio, enjoyed spending most of his time on the wrestling mat or hitting the social scene while being less attentive to his classwork.

After wrestling for three years, McClintock began hanging out with some of the theatre majors. When he auditioned for a role in a student film, he realized that maybe he could try being an actor.

McClintock's greatest life lesson at Wright State came from his communication professor, Lew Shupe. For his senior communication project, McClintock gave a presentation on the male anatomy, complete with visual aids. "I basically did a 15-minute standup," he recalled.

Later, in an elevator with Shupe, McClintock had a conversation that helped change the course of his future.

"That was quite a presentation," Shupe told McClintock. "I'm going to pass you, but I just want you to know that I have your number."

For McClintock, it was one of those great aha moments in life. "I had gotten through life with the attitude that if you can't dazzle them with your brilliance, baffle them with your bull." Shupe had seen through McClintock's bull and knew he could be more.

When McClintock graduated from Wright State in 1991 with a degree in communication studies, he was still trying to find his way and partying too much.

He moved to Los Angeles to sell corporate insurance for his uncle. That job only lasted a few months—it just

wasn't his thing. McClintock relocated to Hollywood, where he worked as a production assistant for a few years, sweeping cigarette butts, getting coffee, and delivering film.

When an actor in a Pringles commercial told McClintock "you should be doing what I'm doing," he decided it was time to give acting a try.

"At my core, I knew I could do more than what I was doing," he explained. "I just wasn't allowing myself. I could not get out of my own way."

McClintock got sober and began taking acting classes with the renowned Ivana Chubbuck. Academy Award-winning actress Charlize Theron was one of McClintock's classmates. The two became friends and would run lines together for auditions.

McClintock studied, worked hard, and went to class almost every night. "I wanted to learn," he said. "I didn't want to go into auditions and not be able to say that I had done my part. I wanted to walk the walk and talk the talk."

Another friend from acting class, who had a bit part in the movie *The Usual Suspects*, referred McClintock to agent Ric Beddingfield.

Beddingfield, who has represented Ellen DeGeneres, Josh Hutcherson, and all of the Baldwin brothers, had a good feeling about McClintock and took him on as a client.

"He has been my closest friend, my closest work partner for 18 years," says McClintock of Beddingfield, who also hails from Ohio. "He's just an insanely good human being."

After signing with Beddingfield, McClintock began a slew of guest appearances on such well-known shows as *Friends*, *Bones*, and *Desperate Housewives*. McClintock also made pilots for nine different TV series. The 10th TV pilot would turn out to be the charm.



Warehouse 13 became the most successful show in the history of the Syfy Channel, thanks in large part to the sense of humor that McClintock brought to the lead character, Secret Service agent Pete Lattimer.

"I always try to find something that allows me to be funny," explained McClintock. "If it's not out of place, I try to fit it in." After Joanne Kelly, who played Myka, flubbed a line at the audition, McClintock's comic timing helped land the lead roles for both actors.

When an executive producer of *Warehouse 13* asked McClintock for input on his character, McClintock requested that Lattimer be a former U.S. Marine. "I think it's important for us to support our men and women who sacrifice everything to give us what we have in this country," he explained. He also wanted Lattimer to be a recovering alcoholic because "that's who I am."

McClintock even paid homage to his alma mater by sporting a Wright State Raiders T-shirt on the show.

Warehouse 13 ended in 2014 after five seasons and 64 episodes. Even though he has been acting for 18 years, McClintock is still fearful of when the next job is going to come along. As he was quick to point out, "You're only as good as your last job."

Coming Home

In October 2014, McClintock returned to Wright State to serve as master of ceremonies for the public launch of *Rise. Shine. The Campaign for Wright State University.*

A lot had changed, both on campus and in McClintock himself. Today, McClintock is 14 years sober, happily married to his wife Lynn, and the proud





^ McClintock addresses a group of theatre, motion pictures, and communication students during a recent visit to campus.



< McClintock and Rowdy Raider at the Rise. Shine. launch

father of two boys, Jack and Max.

“I’m proud of where I come from. Wright State University is part of that,” he said. “To be able to come back and speak to the students and give back to the school is a big deal for me.”

Addressing a group of theatre, motion pictures, and communication students, McClintock charmed each one of them with his wit, warmth, honesty, and self-deprecating sense of humor. “I’m still a work in progress,” he told them. “The more you get to know me, despite whatever flaws you find, you’ll see me as just a human being.”

Following the class, McClintock took the time to speak to each student, giving advice on how to get into the business followed by a heartfelt hug. Whether he’s visiting his alma mater or making an appearance at Comic Con, McClintock displays the same kindness and generosity to all of his fans.

“Eddie talks to each one of these people for a number of minutes and gets to know them,” said Beddingfield. “He’s really the most amazing, giving person. I don’t know anybody else who takes the time to do that.”

“I consider myself so lucky,” said McClintock. “I’m so lucky to have a wife, two babies, indoor plumbing, and a house. As an actor, to be doing what I love to do, to meet fans, to meet people that actually made it possible for me to send my kids to a proper school...I feel like the mayor of Sci-Fi Town.” **W**

> Helping Future Generations Shine

\$3 million gift from alumnus Ron Bullock ('70) will support initiatives for engineering design and innovation

By Kim Patton

Ron Bullock has come a long way since his Wright State graduation, when he and his late wife, Kelly, lived in a small, one-bedroom apartment on Smithville Road. Today, Bullock is a successful business owner who just made one of the largest alumni gifts in Wright State history.

Bullock's \$3 million gift will fund the Bison Gear & Engineering Innopreneurship Laboratory in the Russ Engineering Center. Scheduled to open in Fall 2016, the Innopreneurship Laboratory will promote creative thinking and problem solving across the various engineering disciplines.

"The Bison Gear & Engineering Innopreneurship Laboratory will play a vital role in the education of Wright State's engineering students," said Nathan Klingbeil, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science. "This cutting-edge facility will bridge the gap between classroom theory and true engineering practice, providing students with both the creative space and the state-of-the-art technology required to take their ideas from concept to market."

"This is an opportunity for students to take innovative design ideas and then actually produce them in a lab," said Bullock, chairman of Bison Gear & Engineering Corporation in St. Charles, Illinois. "I hope it will provide an incubator capability for new business and entrepreneurship, or what we call 'innopreneurship' at our company."

A portion of Bullock's gift will be utilized to establish the Ronald D. Bullock Endowed Professorship in Engineering Design and Innovation. This new faculty

position will help attract a renowned scholar in the field of engineering design and innovation to Wright State.

"The Ronald D. Bullock Endowed Professorship in Engineering Design and Innovation will foster internationally recognized research and graduate programs in engineering design and innovation, linking the output to regional and national workforce development in design and manufacturing," Klingbeil explained.

Bullock has also set aside a portion of his estate as a bequest for the ongoing support of the Bison Gear & Engineering Innopreneurship Laboratory.

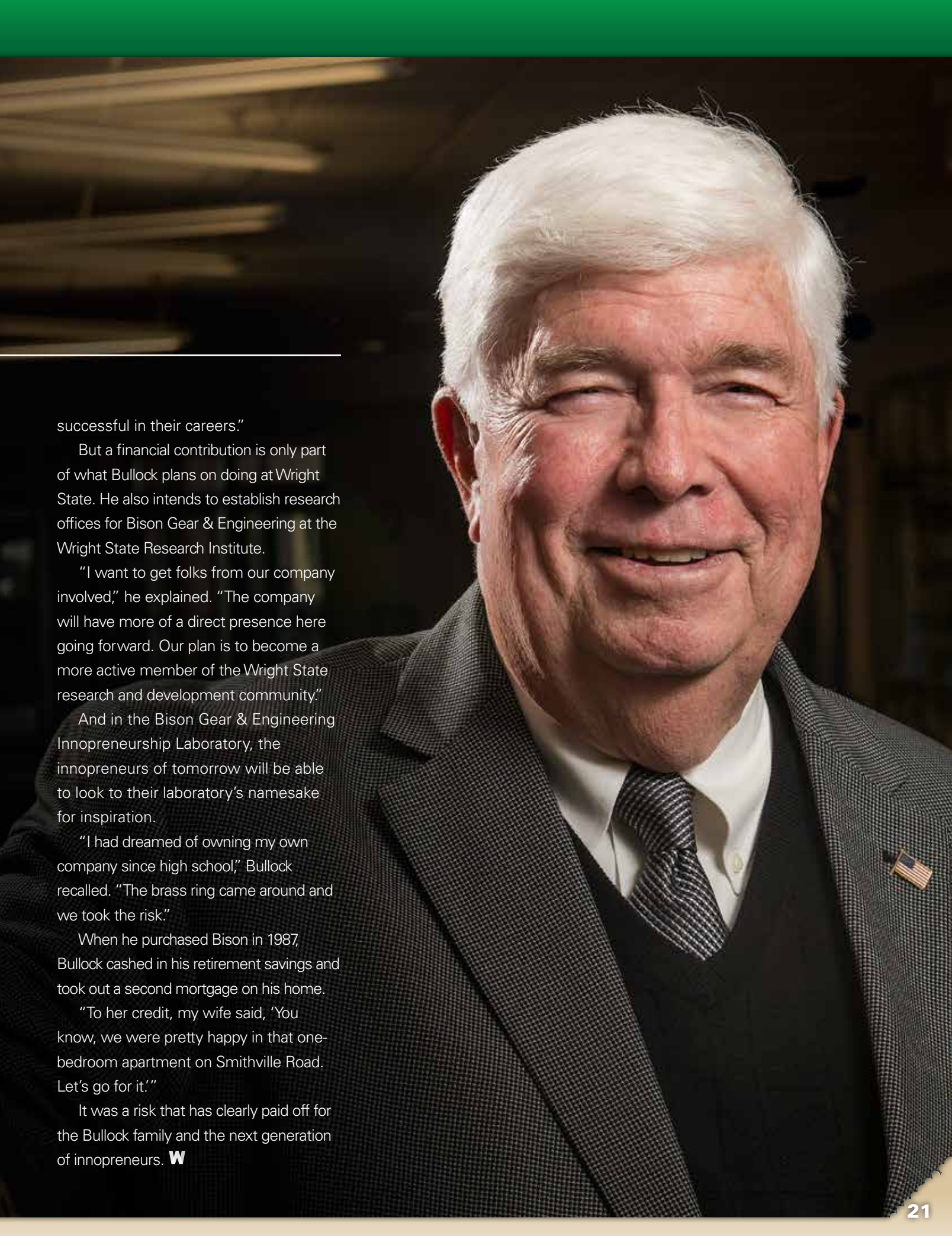
Making a difference

Although he has lived in Illinois for the last several decades, Bullock still considers the Miami Valley home. It's where he was raised and educated. It's also the place where both of his children were born. And it's where he learned the importance of charitable giving.

"We were brought up to always try to give back to the community," said Bullock, who joins the ranks of 10 Wright State alumni who have each pledged \$1 million or more to *Rise. Shine. The Campaign for Wright State University*.

Bullock chose his alma mater as the recipient of his gift, because he knew the money would be utilized where it's needed the most.

"I feel very good about Wright State in that regard. I don't think it's going to be wasted on administrative activities," he said. "It will go directly to support activities that will help students be



successful in their careers.”

But a financial contribution is only part of what Bullock plans on doing at Wright State. He also intends to establish research offices for Bison Gear & Engineering at the Wright State Research Institute.

“I want to get folks from our company involved,” he explained. “The company will have more of a direct presence here going forward. Our plan is to become a more active member of the Wright State research and development community.”

And in the Bison Gear & Engineering Innopreneurship Laboratory, the innopreneurs of tomorrow will be able to look to their laboratory’s namesake for inspiration.

“I had dreamed of owning my own company since high school,” Bullock recalled. “The brass ring came around and we took the risk.”

When he purchased Bison in 1987, Bullock cashed in his retirement savings and took out a second mortgage on his home.

“To her credit, my wife said, ‘You know, we were pretty happy in that one-bedroom apartment on Smithville Road. Let’s go for it.’”

It was a risk that has clearly paid off for the Bullock family and the next generation of innopreneurs. **W**

sky-high medicine during the great war

Aviation history is rich with specialized topics, including the area of aviation medicine. Constant exposure to high altitudes required new advances in medical science as altitude-related maladies affected pilots in adverse ways. Low temperatures and humidity, increased ultraviolet radiation, and hypoxia brought on the need for a branch of medical research as new as human flight itself.

In this issue, we offer a small sample from a collection of 36 photographs taken during and just after World War I. The photographs date between 1916 and 1919, and show military posts, testing equipment, planes, and various buildings. To view the entire group of photos or any of the many hidden gems of the Special Collections and Archives on the fourth floor of the Wright State University Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, ask about "Collection SCV-10, World War I Aviation Medicine Photographs," or visit libraries.wright.edu/special to learn more.

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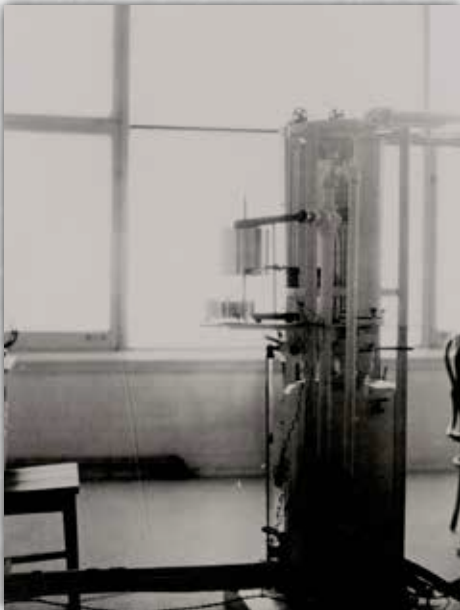
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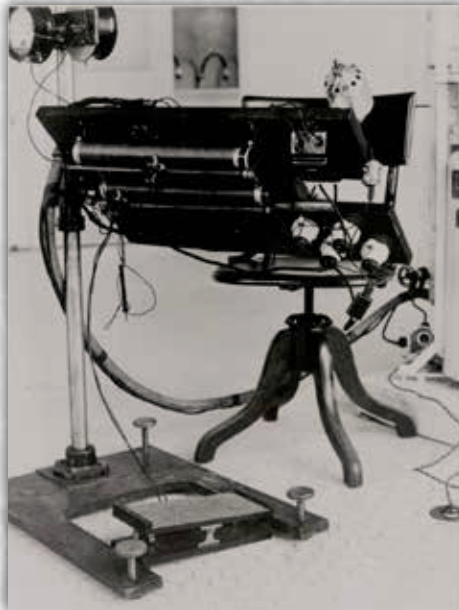
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1. Sgt. John Galloger of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, uses a rebreathing machine.
2. Gas analyzer and kymograph used in measuring atmospheric pressure
3. Soldiers working at their desks in the records office at Post Hospital, ca. 1918
4. From right to left, J. D. Jackson, L. E. Butler, and G. W. McQueen, stand in front of the Aero Ambulance designed by S. M. Strong, M.C.
5. Laboratory where rebreathing devices and psychological test apparatus were stored and used
6. The Henderson rebreather, used to give aviators an altitude test
7. Another style of rebreathing machine
8. Part of psychological testing apparatus
9. An aviator receives a low oxygen tension test to determine at which altitude he could safely fly.
10. An operator prepares for a gas analysis test.



a meeting room in the new Veterans Military Center



Will Wright State host debates in 2016?



Program Director Andrew-Bryce Hudson and Mentor Alfred Harper

New Veteran and Military Center opens

A new Veteran and Military Center for students opened in November. The 4,500-square-foot facility on Wright State's Dayton Campus features a lounge and kitchen space, private study areas, and computers. Veteran and Military Center Director Seth Gordon believes the center is an important part of the university's outreach to vets on campus. "Veterans trust other veterans. Military people trust other military people," said Gordon. "They have a shared experience and they know that they understand each other. That's why creating this space where they can feel that they belong is so important." Wright State serves more than 700 veteran or military-connected students. The center helps students navigate military benefits and financial aid.

Wright State wants '16 presidential debate

Wright State has applied to host a presidential debate at the Wright State Nutter Center. The university is one of 16 applicants to host a presidential or vice presidential debate in 2016. Wright State is the only Ohio applicant. "We are hopeful Wright State will have another chance to be at the epicenter of our country's democratic process for the value it will hold for our students, our community, and our county," said Wright State President David R. Hopkins. Since 1992, Wright State has hosted presidential candidates Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, John McCain with Sarah Palin, and Vice President Joe Biden. The commission will announce debate sites in October 2015.

Ujima program boosts success of first-year African-American students

A customized mentoring program that pairs Wright State faculty and staff with first-year African-American students to help them through what can be a daunting maze of new programs and procedures is hitting on all cylinders. The Ujima program, operated out of the Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center, is resulting in the retention of students, said Andrew-Bryce Hudson, program director. "Some first-year students struggle in learning how to function successfully in higher education," Hudson said. "It can be intimidating. Having this program takes some of the edge off of that. It gives the students support and directs them to resources."

Neuroscience Engineering Collaboration (NEC) Building opens

Wright State's spectacular new Neuroscience Engineering Collaboration (NEC) Building opened in April. The building promises to spawn pioneering research and medical breakthroughs by housing the collective brainpower of top neuroscientists, engineers and clinicians. The four-story, L-shaped structure features two wings—one for neuroscience and one for engineering—that flank a central atrium. "It is one impressive building," said Robert Fyffe, Ph.D., vice president of research and dean of the Graduate School. "It represents a transformational moment for the university's research enterprise, the community, and its partners."

Polar express

In June, environmental sciences graduate student Alison Agather will join an international polar expedition designed to take the pulse of the Arctic Ocean, measuring levels of mercury, lead, aluminum, and other contaminants. Wright State's role in the expedition is funded by a \$180,000 grant from the National Science Foundation and directed by Chad Hammerschmidt, Ph.D., an associate professor of earth and environmental sciences in the College of Science and Mathematics and an authority on mercury contamination. The expedition is part of Agather's Ph.D. research on mercury levels in sediment and seawater in the Arctic. Little such research has been done.

Wright State Grad receives award for fight against human trafficking

Wright State graduate student Ian Kallay was named the 2014 Ohio Liberator of the Year for his efforts to end human trafficking. Kallay was recognized in January at the third annual Ohio Liberator Awards ceremony, which honored individuals for their involvement in fighting against human trafficking. Last summer Kallay biked across the United States with his brother, Shane, driving by his side to raise public awareness of human trafficking. Kallay graduated from Wright State in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in marketing and is now working on his master's degree in engineering innovation and entrepreneurship.

Commitment to community service and engagement

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching named Wright State to its 2015 Community Engagement Classification, placing the university among 83 U.S. colleges and universities to receive the classification for the first time and bringing the total to 361 nationwide. Also, for the fifth consecutive year, Wright State was named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the university's support of volunteering, student community service, service-learning, and civic engagement in 2014. A total of 8,217 Wright State students were involved in community service and academic service-learning during the 2012–13 school year, resulting in 604,979 service hours.

Wright State Lake Campus expansion

Wright State is purchasing 38 acres of adjacent land just east of its Lake Campus in Celina. The land expansion is a critical component to the *Rise. Shine.* campaign's efforts at the Lake Campus. While concepts have not been finalized, proposals for new buildings could involve \$20 million in construction. Key concepts for the Lake Campus Capital Campaign include: a two-story, 34,000-square-foot "Connector Building," for additional instruction space; an Advanced Manufacturing Center to help educate on new technology in the manufacturing industry; an athletics and recreation area for student life enrichment; a Water Quality Research Institute to aid in the study of Grand Lake St. Marys; and an agribusiness and food science component to enhance existing programs and facilities.



Alison Agather and Chad Hammerschmidt



Ian Kallay



proposed Lake Campus expansion

big news!

All *alumni* are now members of the Alumni Association!
Check out wrightstatealumni.com to learn more!

upcoming events

- July 19 Kings Island Day
- July 26 Cleveland Indians Outing
- August 1-2 Alumni College
- August 1 Wright State Day at the Reds
- August 10 Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship Golf Outing
- September 11-12 Annual Bourbon Tour
- October 9-10 Homecoming Weekend

alumni college august 1-2, 2015

Alumni College is the chance for alumni to relive their college days by coming back and taking classes from Wright State's stellar professors on a variety of different topics. Previous class sessions have included:

- Crime Scene Science
- DNA profiling
- The American Presidency
- Fort Ancient Excavation
- Human Factors and Medical Technology
- Wonders of the Wetlands
- First in Flight & the Wright Brothers

Space is limited to the first 40 participants and is on a first-come, first-served basis.



alumni travel

The Wright State Alumni Association offers unique educational tours that bring alumni together for fellowship, fun, and adventure. Travel with fellow Raiders to exotic destinations; learn about culture, art, and history from top experts; and experience unique itineraries. Best of all, your participation will support your alma mater!

Visit wrightstatealumni.com for more information on these exclusive international trips!

- October 2015—Greek Isles Odyssey
- February 2016—Sands & Shores (Caribbean)
- May 2016—Essence of the Atlantic (New York to Lisbon)
- July 2016—Alaska Cruise
- October 2016—European Hideaways (Italy, Spain, France, and Monaco)
- November 2016—India



excellence among raiders

Each fall during Homecoming weekend, the Wright State University Alumni Association recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of Wright State alumni. The outstanding alumni, who are selected from a pool of more than 100,000 Wright State alumni, are recognized

for achieving numerous accomplishments in their chosen fields and communities. In addition to possessing high standards of integrity and character, they have also given their time and talent to benefit Wright State University and the Alumni Association.



On October 3, families and friends celebrated as seven distinguished alumni were honored by the Wright State Alumni Association, their colleagues, and peers. Back row: Wright State University President **David Hopkins** and WSUAA Board President **Carolyn Wright**, '73, '78; front row, left to right: *Alumnus of the Year Award*—**Eric A. Graham**, '86 B.S.; *Alumni Society Award of Excellence*—**Brooke Johnson-Leppla**, '05 B.S.B., '11 M.Ed.; *Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award*—**Vercie L. Lark**, '86 B.S.Egr.; *Volunteer Service Award of Excellence*—**Chris Brookshire**, '11 B.S.N, '14 M.S.; *Honorary Alumna Award*—**Sarah Twill**, M.S.W., Ph.D.; *Graduate of the Last Decade Award*—**Sasanka Prabhala**, '02 M.S.Egr., '07 Ph.D.; not pictured: *Alumni Network Award of Excellence*—**James R. Harris III**, '76 B.A.

do you know wright state alumni who deserve to be recognized?

The Alumni Association encourages the public to nominate alumni deserving recognition. Go to wrightstatealumni.com/alumniachievement for award criteria and nomination form. There are no restrictions on the number of nominations a person may submit, and people submitting nominations do not need to

be graduates of Wright State University. The Alumni Achievement Awards Selection Committee will make the final award-winner selections.

The deadline for nominations for the 2015 Alumni Achievement Awards ceremony is August 7, 2015.

2014

Mitchell Bailey (M.P.A.), chief of staff Office of the President at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, OH, was named among the *Dayton Business Journal's* Forty Under 40, which honors the region's brightest young professionals.

Ethan Heigel (B.S.B.), a firefighter with the Washington Township (OH) Fire Department, was honored by the Centerville Noon Optimist Club with the 2014 Part Time Employee Award of Excellence.

Lisa Jasin (D.N.P.) is a neonatal nurse practitioner at Dayton (OH) Children's Hospital.

Danielle Shaw (B.A.) was hired as a parole officer for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

2013

David Arquilla (B.S.B.) is chief operating officer and head of sales in New York City for BERWA LLC, a premium menswear company.

Samantha Griffiths (B.A.) obtained a certificate in law enforcement from Hennepin Technical College in Brooklyn Park, MN.

Jordan Hockett (B.S.B.) was hired as a digital audience specialist by the Cox Ohio Media Group.

2012

Michelle Adams (A.A.B.)(B.T.A.S.) opened Michelle's Macarons bakery in New Bremen, OH.

Dan Baker (B.S.) is disaster response coordinator for the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department.

Scott Eastbourn (M.S.Eg.) is working as a development engineer for Virgin Galactic, a company founded by British entrepreneur Richard Branson that is focused on using space in fuel-efficient and cost-effective ways.

Robin Heise (M.A.) was named archivist of Greene County (OH), responsible for maintaining and preserving all of the county's records.

Dave Manges (M.S.), military collections consultant for Garst Museum in Greenville, OH, put together an exhibit honoring Darke County native Douglas Dickey, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in the Vietnam War.

Cliff Rosenberger (B.S.) was named speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives beginning in 2015, placing him among the youngest speakers in Ohio history.

Misti Spillman (M.A.) was appointed executive director of the Preble County (OH) Historical Society.

Kyle Stauffer (B.S.B.) was named MDP accountant in the Springfield, OH, office of Konecranes Inc., a manufacturer of lifting equipment.

Glenna Todd (B.A.) was named marketing coordinator for Dayton, OH-based Cox Media Group Ohio.

Rebecca Weaver (B.A.), a protected-species observer for RPS Group in Sandusky, OH, participated in Miami University's Earth Expeditions global field course in Mongolia, where she studies reintroduction efforts of key species on the great steppe.

Josh Weinmann (B.A.) was hired as an officer by the Ohio University Police Department.

2011

Todd Bradbury (B.S.Ed.) teaches eighth-grade math and geometry at DuBose Middle School in Summerville, SC.

Alex Smith (B.A.) was promoted by Kettering (OH) Health Network to web and digital marketing manager.

2010

Shea Castle (B.F.A.) is helping create a new, independently produced sitcom called *Dream Writers*.

Kelsey Esquinas (B.A.)(M.S.), talent acquisition manager for Faurecia Emissions Control Technologies, was elected to the Society for Human Resource Management's (SHRM) prestigious Young Professionals Advisory Council.

David Kell (M.P.A.) was named executive director of the Madison County (OH) Chamber of Commerce.

Sharif K. Rasheed (B.A.) published *Women, Are You Serious?*, a book that asks women to question their relationships with both themselves and others.

2009

James E. Dahlman (B.S.B.E.), who completed his Ph.D. at the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is working at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, a biomedical and genomic research center in Cambridge, MA.

2008

Shane Farnsworth (B.S.) was hired as manager of business development in Lee County Economic Development Office in Fort Myers, FL.

Arch Grieve (2008 B.A.) was elected to the Xenia (OH) Community Schools Board of Education.

Justin Mistovich (M.D.) joined Youngstown (OH) Orthopaedic Associates as a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon.

2007

Eric Brionez (B.S.B.) is working in the apparel and fashion industry in New York City.

Brian Harmych, M.D., a facial plastic surgeon specializing in cosmetic and reconstructive procedures for the face and neck, opened his practice, Harmych Facial Plastic Surgery, in Pepper Pike, OH.

John Luchin III (M.Hum.) is an adjunct instructor in the Public History program at Wright State University.

2006

James Brubaker (M.A.), who teaches creative writing at Southwest Missouri State University, is author of *Pilot Season* and *Liner Notes*, which won the 2013 Subito Book Prize for Prose.

Frederick A. Ferris II (M.B.A.) is an assistant professor and program director at the University of Charleston (WV).

Charles W. Lewis (M.P.A.) is working for Pinnacle Solutions in Lexington, KY, creating technical manuals for MH-60M Special Operations aircraft.

2005

Jenna Beck (B.A.), chair/associate professor of paralegal, law, and real estate at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, OH, was named among the *Dayton Business Journal's* Forty Under 40, which honors the region's brightest young professionals.

Greg Glaus (B.S.Ed.) was promoted to associate athletic director for academic and compliance services at Kent State University.

Avinash Konkani (M.S.Eg.), a clinical engineer at University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville, VA, graduated with a Ph.D. in systems engineering from Oakland University in Rochester, MI.

Kyle Smoot (M.D.), primary care physician for the University of Iowa football team, spoke at the University of Arkansas campus about a condition called exertional rhabdomyolysis that resulted in the hospitalization of 13 Iowa players in 2011.

2004

Randy Brown (B.S.B.) helped found and operates Refurb 1, a heavy duty truck and trailer repair and conditioning shop in Medway, OH.

Kevin Cleereman (M.S.) was hired as a senior software engineer by Informz, Inc., a Saratoga Springs, NY-based provider of digital marketing solutions for the association and nonprofit industries.

John Luchin, Jr. (M.A.) is an adjunct instructor in the public history program at Wright State University.

Christopher May (B.A.)(M.A.) was promoted to deputy director of the Mansfield/Richland (OH) Public Library.

Ryan Taylor (B.S.)(M.S.), internship and community engagement coordinator in Wright State University's Department of Human Services, was named among the *Dayton Business Journal's* Forty Under 40, which honors the region's brightest young professionals.

Larry D. Williams (B.S.) was named by Wood Herron & Evans LLP, an intellectual property law firm in Cincinnati, as an associate focusing on chemical patent prosecution.

Sarah Williams (B.S.), executive director of Hannah's Treasure Chest, a nonprofit organization that provides needy children with clothing, furniture, and toys, was named Certified Nonprofit Professional of the Year by the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance and among the Forty Under 40 winners selected by the *Dayton Business Journal*.

2003

Scott Kirkpatrick (B.F.A.) has a book coming out on filmwriting titled *Writing for the Green Light: How to Make Your Script the One Hollywood Notices*.

TJ McGeean (B.S.B.) was named chief financial officer for C.R. England, a Salt Lake City-based transportation provider.

Sundaram Nagarajan (M.B.A.), executive vice president at Illinois Tool Works, was named to the board at Hartsville, SC-based packaging firm Sonoco.

Jason O'Mara (B.S.E.E.), co-founder of the Portland, OR-based PDX Pet Design, designed SHRU, an intelligent toy that responds to a cat's play by mimicking a small animal's erratic movement and sound.

2002

Joyce Bostick (M.Ed.), a fourth grade math teacher at Wilder

Intermediate School in Piqua, OH, received an Outstanding Elementary Teacher Award from the Ohio Council of Teachers in Mathematics.

Jill Campbell (B.S.B.) was hired as director of information technology by Heidelberg Distributing in Dayton, OH.

Lissa Stapleton (B.A.), assistant professor in the Higher Education Student Affairs program at the University of Southern Mississippi, was named the winner of the 2015 Melvane D. Hardee Dissertation of the Year Award presented by Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.

Jeff Woeste (B.S.), partner at Flagel Huber Flagel, a Dayton, OH, accounting firm, was named among the *Dayton Business Journal's* Forty Under 40, which honors the region's brightest young professionals.

2001

Tony Arnold (B.S.B.), director of human resources for the Sidney, OH-based Freshway Foods, was named among the *Dayton Business Journal's* Forty Under 40 for his extensive volunteer work.

Jonathan Hollister (M.D.), a physician with Central Ohio Geriatrics, was appointed medical director of The Sarah Moore Community, an assisted living and skilled nursing and rehabilitation center in Delaware, OH.

Joe Tritschler (B.S.E.E.) (M.S.Eg.)(Ph.D.), an instructor in Wright State University's Department of Biomedical, Industrial and Human Factors Engineering, is a singer and guitar player who toured with rockabilly stalwart Deke Dickerson and has put out five albums, including *The Doctor Is IN!*, released last year.

2000

Kevin Cantrell (B.A.)(M.Ed.) was hired as a teacher at Piqua (OH) High School.

Dawayne Kirkman (M.A.), director at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, OH, was named among the *Dayton Business Journal's* Forty Under 40, which honors the region's brightest young professionals.

Bill Lutz (B.S.)(M.P.A.) was named executive director of The New Path Inc., a Tipp City, OH-based nonprofit that operates two food pantries and three retail locations, offers GED and life skills classes, has a medical equipment ministry, and runs a car program.

Erin O'Neill (B.A.), a reporter, copy editor, designer, blogger, and photographer for *The Marietta (OH) Times* daily newspaper and editor of the alternative entertainment magazine *Graffiti WV*, won four awards from *The Associated Press* for her design and writing work.

Beverly Stambaugh (M.S.)(M.E.D.) (M.E.D.), a STEM science teacher at Baker Middle School in Fairborn, OH, was named an Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellow.

1999

Rob E. Boley (B.A.)(M.A.) has written *That Ravenous Moon*, the third book in THE SCARY TALES series.

Larry Feinstein (B.S.) joined the faculty at the University of Maine at Presque Isle as an assistant professor of biology.

Beth Ferrin (B.S.), CFO/shareholder at McGohan Brabender, a Dayton, OH, insurance agency, was named among the *Dayton Business Journal's* Forty Under 40, which honors the region's brightest young professionals.

Brad Klontz (Psy.D.) is a founder of the Financial Psychology Institute™, which increases the understanding of how psychological factors impact financial behavior.

1998

Karin VanZant (B.A.)(M.P.A.), founder of Think Tank Inc., a Springfield, OH-based organization that strives to solve social problems, was named among the 2015 YWCA Women of Influence.

Michael Wiehe (B.A.)(M.U.A.), director of Wright State University's Center for Urban and Public Affairs, was named among the *Dayton Business Journal's* Forty Under 40, which honors the region's brightest young professionals.

1997

Cedric Alexander (Psy.D.), director of public safety in DeKalb County, GA, which includes part of Atlanta, and president of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, was appointed by the White House to the Presidential Task Force on 21st Century Policing. He was also the convocation speaker at Wright State University's School of Professional Psychology.

Beth Whelley (M.A.) was appointed to the board of directors of the Troy, OH-based Miami Conservancy District.

1996

Meg Bailey (M.Ed.) was named the 2013/2014 Teacher of the Year by New Lebanon (OH) Local Schools, which cited Bailey's outstanding instruction in the classroom and strong leadership skills.

Dianne Hart Pettis (M.S.), founder of Dianne Hart Wellness, was a featured television guest on *The Brian Tracy Show*, filmed in San Diego, CA.

Louis W. Ralofsky (M.D.), president and CEO of NOMS Medical Specialists, Inc., of northern Ohio, was honored by the Ohio State Medical Association for his vigorous support.

Judith Ann Sigmund (M.D.), a hospital psychiatrist in Marblehead, MA, completed one unit of clinical pastoral counseling to learn the skills of a hospital chaplain.

1994

Melea (Weimer) Blaskovich (B.A.) is vice president of sales for YourMembership.com, a software company based in St. Petersburg, FL.

Arif S. Malik (B.S.M.E.)(M.S.Eg.)(Ph.D.), an assistant professor at the Saint Louis University Parks College of Engineering, Aviation, and Technology, won a prestigious National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development Award.

Anthony Orr (B.S.Ed.) was named superintendent of the Hamilton (OH) school system, effective Aug. 1.

Katie Sullivan (B.A.) released her first novel, *Rocks, Paper, Flowers*, which won acclaim from author Pat Conroy, who called it "wild, hilarious, and a compendium of hard wit and wisdom."

1993

Joylynn Brown (B.A.), former head volleyball coach at Wright State University, was named assistant athletic director for internal operations/senior woman administrator at the university.

Mike Thirtle (M.B.A.)(M.S.) was named president and chief executive officer of Bethesda Lutheran Communities, a Watertown, WI-based provider of services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

1992

Timothy Burneka (B.S.)(M.S.E.) was hired by Eaton Crouse-Hinds in Cicero, NY, as Americas regional quality manager.

Douglas V. Combs (M.D.) has joined Heartland Women's Healthcare team, which consists of 13 physicians, two midwives, and four nurse practitioners in 14 locations in the Marion, IL, area.

Randall W. Franz (M.D.) is chief of vascular and endovascular surgery at OhioHealth/Grant Medical Center in Columbus, OH. His group was rated as the No. 1 vascular surgery program in the nation for 2013, 2014 and 2015 by CareChex, a hospital rating organization.

Renee Lukas (B.A.) released her debut novel, titled *The Comfortable Shoe Diaries*, which explores gay culture and gay marriage in a humorous way.

Brenda Vinson (M.Ed.), a consumer science teacher in the Shawnee (OH) school district, was honored with an Excellence in Teaching Award.

1991

Mark Donahue (B.S.Ed.) is working on a movie about his novel *Last at Bat*, which portrays a baseball player who recaptures his on-the-field greatness under a new identity.

Eddie McClintock (B.A.), who has starred in numerous television shows and recently played the role of a Secret Service agent in the popular Syfy series *Warehouse 13*, served as master of ceremonies for the public launch of *Rise Shine.*, Wright State's \$150 million fundraising campaign.

Stacy Oldfield (B.S.B.) launched Minerva Management Partners, LLC, a Charleston, SC-based practice dedicated to providing business consulting services to businesses owned or operated by women and providing life coaching to professional women.

Jerry Sargent (B.A.) was named director of human resources for the WinStar World Casino and Resort in Thackerville, OK. The resort is in the southern region of the Department of Interior Services for the Chickasaw Nation, a federally recognized Native American tribe.

1990

Michael Hanes (M.A.T.) was named chief executive officer of Eagle Ridge Institute, an Oklahoma City-based nonprofit organization that promotes healthy lifestyles for family preservation, youth development, and community progress.

Jon Reichman (B.S.N.) works as an emergency room nurse at Premier Health Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, OH.

Cherlyn Wishart (B.A.) is southwest Ohio director for A&I Solutions, which provides companies with integrated enterprise IT solutions.

1989

Stephen L. Davis (B.A.), a brigadier general in the U.S. Air Force, was named principal assistant deputy administrator for military application by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration.

Andrew Steele (B.S.) was promoted to fire marshal with the Dayton (OH) Fire Department.

Lynn Zimmerman (B.S.), a science teacher at Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center in Centerville, OH, participated in Miami University's Earth Expeditions global field course in Costa Rica, where she studied biotic, physical and cultural forces that affect tropical biodiversity at the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve and La Selva Biological Station.

1986

Steven Bognar (B.F.A.), filmmaker and faculty member at Wright State University, premiered his latest documentary—*Last Reel*—at the Telluride Film Festival.

Eric Dietrich (B.A.) was hired as news technology manager at WHIO-TV in Dayton, OH.

Deb Holthaus (B.S.Ed.)(M.Ed.) retired as career tech supervisor at the Upper Valley Career Center in Piqua, OH.

1985

Jerry Banks (B.S.B.) was hired as senior vice president of asset enhancement, Atlanta region, by

The Dilweg Companies, a Durham, NC-based commercial real estate investment company.

Jeff Cooper (B.S.)(M.S.) was named commissioner for Public Health-Dayton (OH) & Montgomery County.

Mark Dickman (B.S.Ed.)(M.A.), a teacher with Findlay (OH) City Schools, led his AP Government and Politics class to the We The People: The Citizen and The Constitution State Championship for the 14th consecutive year.

Joseph Gyenes (B.S.B.) will retire (on Sept. 30) after 26 years of employment with the U.S. Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as the civilian training and development program manager for the Air Force Materiel Command's Personnel, Manpower, and Services Directorate.

Stephanie Okey (M.S.), head of North America, Rare Diseases, and senior vice president, general manager of the U.S. Rare Diseases business for the biotechnology company Genzyme, was elected to serve on the California Healthcare Institute's board of directors.

Adam White (B.F.A.), who has created films about the Tuskegee Airmen and the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders, delivered the keynote address at the Wright State Public History Graduate Symposium.

Aaron Whittenberger (B.S.B.) joined the Cincinnati Insurance Company as an enterprise business analyst.

1984

Julie Deis (B.A.) has co-written *Flyers*, a musical play about the Wright brothers scheduled to be published by Dramatic Publishing of Woodstock, IL.

Lauree Lawler (B.S.N.)(M.S.) was hired as a clinical nurse practitioner by Cedarville (OH) Family Practice.

1983

Dennis Mesker (B.S.)(M.D.) was honored by Washington (OH) High School, where he served as team doctor for the football and soccer teams for 20 years.

1982

Marti Goetz (M.A.T.) was named executive director of the Friends of Bear's Mill, a nonprofit formed to ensure the 165-year-old mill near Greenville, OH, will be protected and remain open to the public.

Gary LeRoy (B.S.M.T.)(M.D.), associate dean of student affairs and admissions at Wright State University and associate professor of family medicine at Wright State's Boonshoft School of Medicine, was named to the board of trustees of CareSource, a nonprofit, Ohio-based health plan.

Curtis A. Rowland (B.S.Eg.)(M.S.), a 32-year veteran at the National Air and Space Intelligence Center, was named chief scientist at the Dayton, OH, intelligence agency, which analyzes air, space, and cyber threats to the nation's security.

1981

Jean Feldman (B.A.), is head of the policy office in the Division of Institution and Award Support within the National Science Foundation's Office of Budget, Finance and Award Management.

1980

Jacquelyn Campbell (M.S.), a national leader in research and advocacy in the field of domestic violence, is a professor and Anna

D. Wolf Chair at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing (MD).

1977

Cheryl Bailey (B.S.B.), a certified public accountant, was hired as a tax return specialist by Shelly L. Denney, LLC, of Clayton, OH.

Larry Klaben (B.A.), chair of Wright State University's Board of Trustees and vice chair of Dayton Children's Hospital Board of Trustees, received the 2014 Outstanding Philanthropists award at the Association of Fund-raising Professionals' National Philanthropy Day.

Robert J. Sweeney (B.S.B.)(M.B.A.), executive vice president for planning at Wright State University, was honored by the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission for supporting and advancing the interests of the Hispanic community.

1975

Rosemary Wimmers Heise (B.S.Ed.) has published *Benign Intent*, a murder mystery with roots in the Holocaust.

1970

Jim Jeffries (B.A.), a certified appraiser and licensed real estate broker, was named by Texas Gov. Rick Perry to the Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

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Raider pride was alive and well on October 3 and 4, 2014! Almost 900 Raiders participated in a variety of Homecoming events hosted by various organizations, colleges, and departments on campus.

Friday evening was a special night with alumni, friends, faculty, and staff honoring seven deserving alumni at the Alumni Association Alumni Achievement Awards banquet. Just across the hall in the Student Union Apollo Room, alumni and friends of the College of Education and Human

Services were testing their knowledge at the first-ever CEHS Trivia Night.

Wright State was bustling with Homecoming activity on Saturday. Whether it was the Wright State men's and women's soccer games, club football vs. Ohio State, the Homecoming Festival and annual Chili Cook-Off at the Rinzler Pavilion, the Student Alumni Association Nearly Naked Mile, or one of the many Wright State Athletics team reunions, Raider alumni were sure to find an event to enjoy!

Thanks to all the alumni, students, faculty, staff, and Raider supporters who came out to celebrate Raider pride during Homecoming 2014.

We hope you'll join us on campus October 9-10 for Raider Homecoming 2015!



raiders' scott born to golf

BY ANDREW CALL

To say Nick Scott was born with a golf club in his hand would not be entirely accurate. To say he had a club in his hand soon afterward would not be far off.

"We had a mat and net in our garage, and I was probably 2 years old when I started hitting the ball," Scott said.

Todd Scott, Nick's father, remembers golfers gathering around 4-year-old Nick to watch him hit balls at a driving range in Clayton, Ohio.

"He might only hit it 50 yards, but that was because he was looking at all the people around him instead of the ball," Todd Scott said.

Scott is now fulfilling the promise he showed as a youngster. The Wright State junior business management major was medalist among 84 players at the Wright State Intercollegiate in April and was named Horizon League Golfer of the Week for the third time since joining the Raiders in the fall of 2014 after transferring from Kent State.

"The course at Miami Valley Golf Club has treated me pretty well," Scott said. "It has always been a good course for me. Two years ago, I shot 30 on the back nine (holes). I expect to win there."

Scott has expected to win since age 11, when he was medalist in a multistate Plantations Junior Golf Tour event. He was ranked the No. 1 junior golfer in Ohio and the No. 32 recruit in the country when he finished high school.

When Scott completes his eligibility at Wright State, professional golf is the next step.

"I want to finish my degree, but being a professional golfer has always been a dream of mine, and I don't want to give up on this dream without giving it a chance," Scott said.



Left to right, top to bottom: CEHS Trivia Night; Rowdy meets a new friend at CEHS Trivia Night; Participants hustle during the Nearly Naked Mile; a Homecoming Weekend Football game; a Homecoming Weekend soccer game; Alumni Association Achievement Awards

CAMPUS



Students take a break in the Student Union Atrium between classes.



Golf Fore Student Scholarships

The 38th Annual Wright State University Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship Golf Outing was a success again this year. Over \$17,000 was raised by alumni and friends to support the Legacy Scholarship program.

The event was held on August 25 at the Beaver Creek Golf Club and hosted over 100 golfers. Participants enjoyed dinner, raffle prizes and a great day of golf—all while raising funds for student scholarships.

Established in 1994, the Legacy Scholarship program has awarded more than \$500,000 in scholarship support

to the spouses, children, step children, grandchildren, and legal dependents of Gold Level Alumni Association members. For more information about the program, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (937) 775-2620.

The Wright State Alumni Association would like to extend a very special thank you to the following sponsors and individuals who made the 2014 outing a great success!

Please save the date, Monday, August 10, for the 2015 Legacy Scholarship Golf Outing to be held at Beaver Creek Golf Club.

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