



# MOMENTUM

WVU ROBERT C. BYRD HEALTH SCIENCES / PHILANTHROPY ANNUAL REPORT 2014



COVER: STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY SIMULATION BASED EDUCATION IN THE DAVID AND JO ANN SHAW CENTER FOR SIMULATION TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR PATIENT SAFETY (S.T.E.P.S.)

THIS PAGE: RESEARCH IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY



West Virginia University's ambitious goal of raising \$750 million to lay a foundation for future generations of service is now an accomplished fact. Months ahead of our announced goal, the WVU Foundation reported that Mountaineers around the world have stepped up, donated, and pledged well in excess of the original amount. Our future as the state's flagship University is more secure than ever, thanks to you and your support for WVU's *A State of Minds* campaign.

Each of the priorities for this campaign have an impact on the Health Sciences Center. As outlined in WVU's Strategic Plan, they are designed to:

- Enhance the undergraduate student experience and global education;
- Advance the research initiative of the University;
- Enable WVU to improve West Virginia's health, economy and quality of life;
- Foster faculty excellence;
- Enhance WVU through professional and graduate education;
- Support healthcare through research, education and patient care.

[In this report, you will see the impact that your generous gifts, and those of many others, are having on our students, faculty, patients, and our state. All of us are profoundly grateful for your support.](#)

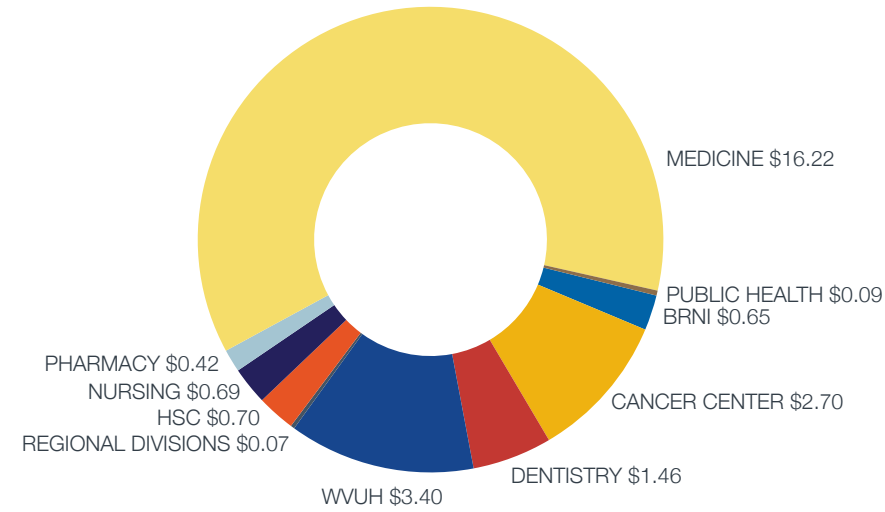
Most importantly, we are not finished. With the support of our broad-based campaign committees and encouragement from our new President, E. Gordon Gee, WVU has extended the campaign through 2017 and reset the goal to \$1 billion. With your help and advice, the five schools at the Health Sciences Center, our campuses in Charleston and the Eastern Panhandle, and WVU Healthcare have evaluated our most pressing needs and set new goals in support of these mission. We have set our sights higher than ever. With your vital interest and support, we will make this new goal, and its benefits for West Virginians, a reality.

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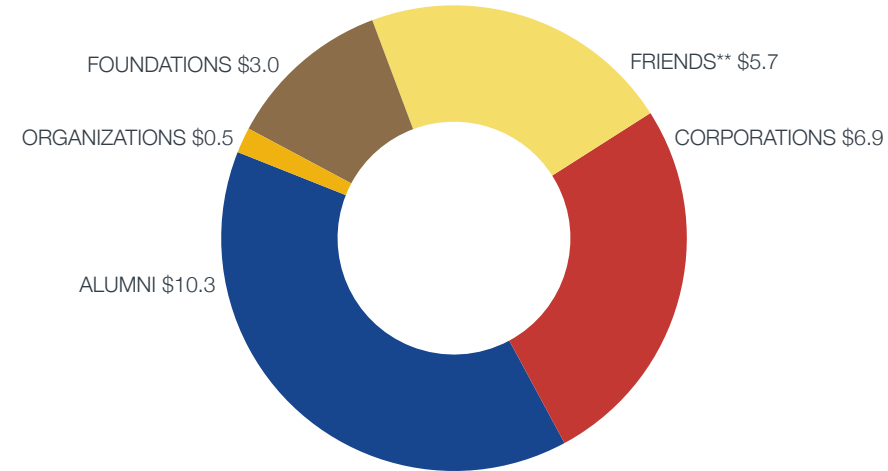
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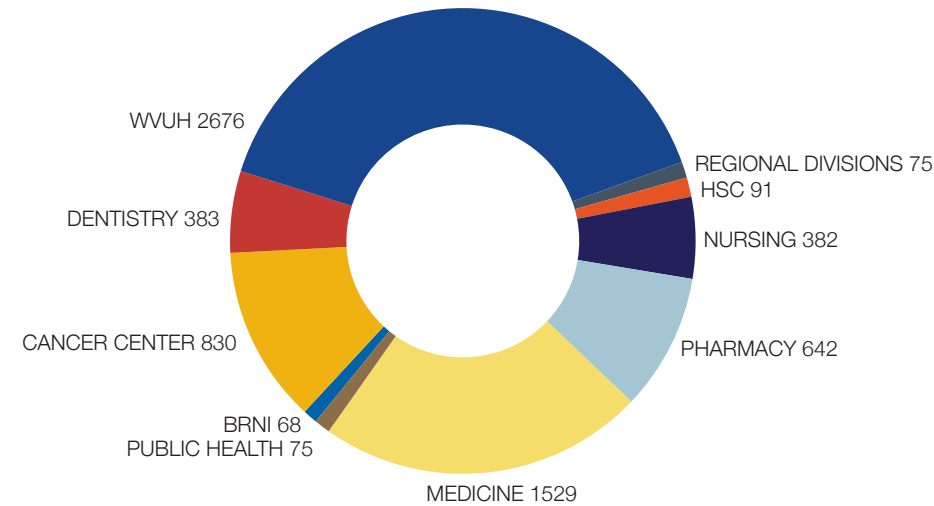
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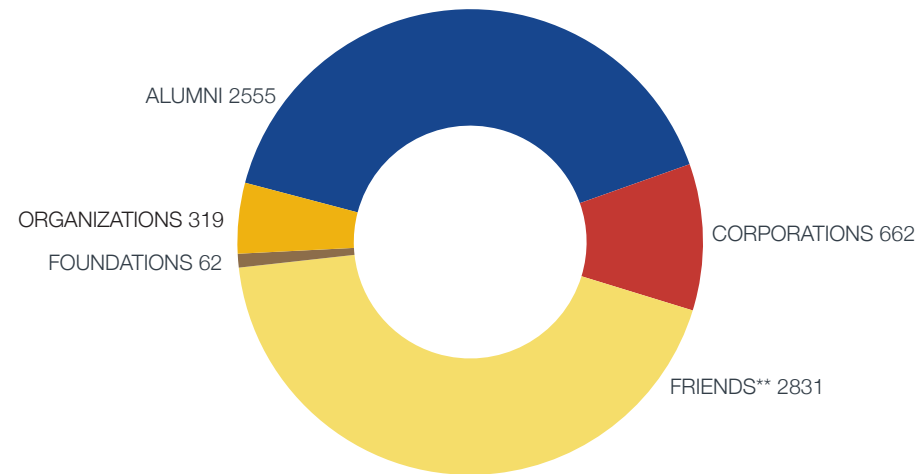


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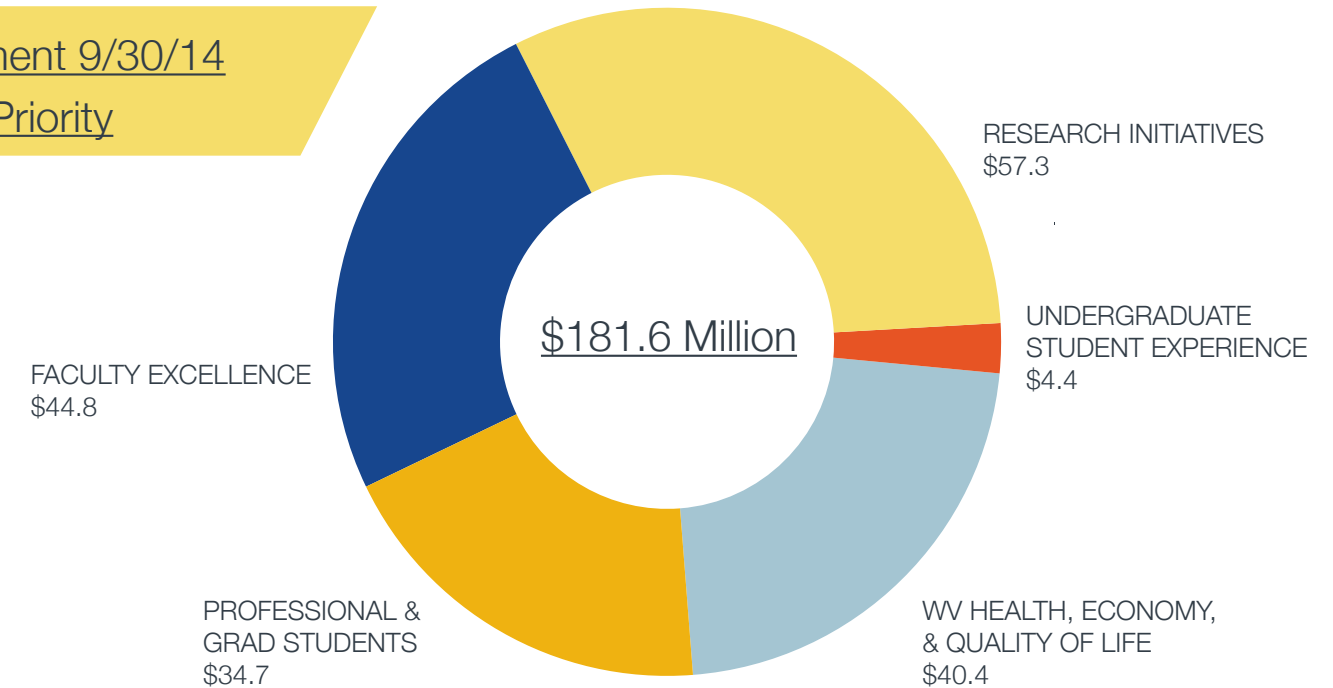
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# CAMPAIGN ACHIEVEMENT



The largest fund-raising effort in West Virginia University's history has shattered its \$750 million goal more than a year before the original deadline. In September, University and WVU Foundation officials announced the extension of the State of Minds campaign through December 2017, with a new goal of \$1 billion.

HSC Achievement 9/30/14 by Campaign Priority



# OUR EXTRAORDINARY FRIENDS

## SCHOOL / UNIT KEY

<b>D</b>	School of Dentistry	<b>CC</b>	Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center
<b>M</b>	School of Medicine	<b>CH</b>	WVU Children's Hospital
<b>N</b>	School of Nursing	<b>H</b>	WVU Hospitals, Inc.
<b>P</b>	School of Pharmacy	<b>FH</b>	Rosenbaum Family House
<b>PH</b>	School of Public Health	<b>E</b>	WVU Eye Institute
<b>CD</b>	Health Sciences Charleston Division	<b>NI</b>	Blanchette Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute
<b>ED</b>	Health Sciences Eastern Division		
<b>HS</b>	HSC Inter-Professional Programs		

## \$500,000 & ABOVE

Dr. Cynthia A. Branson and Dr. Philip J. Branson **D**  
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 James H. Walker Charitable Lead Annuity Trust **M**  
 WV United Health System **HS**  
 West Virginia University Hospitals, Inc. **CC CH D M P FH**  
 WVU Med Corp **CH HS**

## \$100,000 TO \$499,999

Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation **D HS N**  
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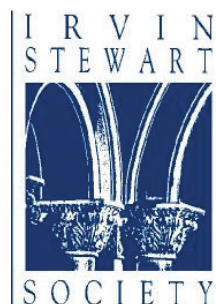
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This year, we established the following new endowments:

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Endowed faculty positions are a time-honored tradition and the highest academic honor that a university can bestow on a faculty member. The endowment honors the holder and serves as an enduring tribute to the donor who establishes it. Endowed faculty positions are crucial for recruiting and retaining the highest-quality faculty and for honoring faculty that have made a significant impact. One faculty position can touch thousands of lives through the courses its holders teach, the students they mentor, the knowledge they create, and through their own scholarship. By funding endowed faculty positions, our donors and benefactors help to convene the brightest minds.

This year, we had the privilege to celebrate six new faculty appointments during investiture ceremonies honoring our donors and faculty:

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Judie F. Charlton, M.D., *Judie F. Charlton Chair for Glaucoma Outreach*  
Ronald L. Gross, M.D., *Jane McDermott Shott Chair of Ophthalmology*  
Paul Lockman, Ph.D., *Douglas D. Glover Chair of Pharmaceutical Sciences*  
Peter W. Ngan, DM.D., *Branson-Maddrell Endowed Professor in Orthodontics*  
Alison Wilson, M.D., *The Skewes Family Chair for Trauma*



“I do not know of another university that has the potential to make as clear an impact on the people of a state as does West Virginia University.

“Our campaign and the support of our alumni and friends have brought us to excellence, and now, by extending our campaign, we will be able to move further, faster to eminence.”

President Gordon Gee



# Our Giving Stories



# INAUGURAL CHAIR FOR GLAUCOMA OUTREACH



DEAN ARTHUR ROSS WITH DR. JUDIE CHARLTON

A group of visionary leaders recognized an opportunity in 2013 to serve West Virginia through glaucoma outreach in conjunction with honoring a distinguished faculty member of the Department of Ophthalmology at the WVU Eye Institute.

This special group of individuals, dedicated to the well-being of West Virginians particularly in the area of glaucoma vision care, began the journey to celebrate and recognize the work of Judie F. Charlton, M.D. and her dedication to the vision needs of West Virginians. In the fall of 2014, the \$1.5 million endowment became a reality, and the Judie F. Charlton Chair for Glaucoma Outreach was established. When creating an endowed chair, which is an irrevocable commitment, the University ensures that the area of study is of long-term interest, such as glaucoma outreach. The chair honors both the named holder of the chair and also serves as an enduring tribute to the donors who establish it. Endowed chairs are the highest academic honor that a university can bestow on a faculty member and are crucial for recruiting, retaining and recognizing exceptional faculty.

On October 30, 2014, Dr. Charlton was named the Judie F. Charlton Chair for Glaucoma Outreach during a ceremony honoring her outstanding service to the citizens of West Virginia. Dr. Charlton, a

native West Virginian and graduate of the WVU Schools of Pharmacy and Medicine, and the WVU ophthalmology residency program, continued her training with a fellowship in glaucoma. In addition to her roles as professor, she is Chief Medical Officer of WVU Healthcare. Her personal commitment, supported by this training, drives her to be a champion for vision outreach care in West Virginia.

“Knowing that West Virginians, regardless of their circumstances, will have access to care thanks to this endowment is an amazing milestone for our department,” said Dr. Charlton. “Since the Department of Ophthalmology was first established by Dr. Robert Trotter in the early 1960’s, outreach has been an important component of our mission. Thanks to this endowment, it will continue on as long as our University exists. It is an honor to be recognized in this way, and it is a privilege to take care of those in need.”

The Department of Ophthalmology at the WVU Eye Institute is grateful for the many individuals who recognized Dr. Charlton’s commitment to vision care for West Virginians. This commitment to accessible vision care will be recognized through the Judie F. Charlton Chair for Glaucoma Outreach Fund in perpetuity.





DAVID AND JO ANN SHAW WITH  
THEIR SCHOLARS, AMANDA  
DELLIGATTI AND STEPHEN DEWEESE

## MEDICINE

# THE SHAWS' GREAT GENEROSITY

David Shaw, pharmacist, and Jo Ann Goldbaugh Shaw, M.D., know what it's like to be "starving students." They worked their way through undergraduate and graduate school, sometimes trudging up hill in the snow just to get to class and then to work.

David worked as a pharmacy technician while enrolled in the WVU School of Pharmacy, and Jo Ann worked as a medical technologist while completing her medical degree at WVU.

Because of their experiences, the Shaws, originally from Wheeling, have chosen to dedicate a substantial financial gift to the School of Medicine that will help support a \$5-million expansion of the WV STEPS Center (Simulation Training and Education for Patient Safety), an inter-professional healthcare training laboratory that provides students and clinical learners with hands-on access to patient simulators capable of everything from trembling and crying, to bleeding and giving birth. Using advanced technology, the Simulation Center helps clinical learners improve their analytical, diagnostic, communications, and crisis-intervention skills.

"The WV STEPS Center couldn't be a more perfect fit for our intentions," Jo Ann Shaw said. "We can impact a broad group of students and clinicians and provide a team environment where pharmacy, nursing, and medical students and others get the hands-on training they need. As a practitioner, you can finish school with clinical experience that makes you feel confident and prepared to begin working immediately in the healthcare field."

The gift will enable the WV STEPS Center to expand its footprint within the Health Sciences Center: improve computer-based systems; open a fifth simulation laboratory dedicated to "mothers and babies" that is equipped to simulate the obstetrical environment; and enhance programs, such as the Standardized Patient and the Clinical Skills programs. The Shaws hope to inspire others to give back and change the future of healthcare education.

An additional donation will also support the Jo Ann Goldbaugh Shaw Scholarship Fund, which they established in 2011 to help students from each of the four years of medical school with tuition and expenses.

The Shaw Scholarship Fund recently reached the \$1-million mark and will successfully support four separate students. Three WVU medical students are currently receiving scholarship assistance from the Shaw Scholarship Fund, and a fourth student will be named in the near future.

"The Shaw Scholarship Fund is an essential tool in helping West Virginia students stay in West Virginia for their education," Dr. Ross said. "With this type of financial gift, we can offer students a competitive scholarship that would entice them to pursue their medical studies at WVU, rather than at an institution elsewhere. We are so fortunate to have very special alumni who have put their WVU education to work and value the opportunity of supporting future WVU graduates."

## GEORGE A. AND LURANIA K. TOPAKAS



George Topakas began a pharmaceutical career with an education at the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy more than 60 years ago. Following graduation in 1952, George and wife Lurania have remained engaged with the School of Pharmacy while enjoying a busy lifestyle that includes traveling, painting, collecting art, and a passion for Greek heritage.

George and Lurania are celebrating 15 years of supporting students through scholarships. Over the years, the George A. and Lurania K. Topakas Pharmacy Scholarship has awarded approximately 49 scholarships.

“We were very fortunate in our life,” George said. “Lurania and I had some money that we could do some good with after we paid for our grandkids’ schooling, and we wanted to help others who might be in need in West Virginia.”

George grew up in Summit Park, West Virginia, formerly known as “Tin Plate,” an area of Harrison County named for the Phillips Sheet and Tin Plate Company. Originally enrolling in an engineering program at West Virginia University, George heard about a close

friend’s experience in the School of Pharmacy, and transferred into the program as a sophomore. George says he has fond memories of his time at West Virginia University. When he wasn’t in class, he enjoyed going to the Mountainlair with fellow classmates and playing sports. George also worked part-time throughout college at a dorm cafeteria and as a cashier in a downtown restaurant.

After graduation, George spent two years in the Army and was stationed at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC. Early in George’s career, he worked in retail pharmacy and at Geigy and Ciba-Geigy Pharmaceuticals, which was interrupted with a short stint with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Upon retirement from Ciba-Geigy Pharmaceuticals, George established a company called PromoTech Research Associates, a pharmaceutical marketing and market research firm. Under George’s guidance, PromoTech grew to be a leader in the market for outsourced pharmaceutical marketing services, including the distribution of samples and educational materials to sales representatives and physicians. George sold PromoTech to Snyder Communications, Inc. in 1999.



Now twice retired and residing in Boulder, Colorado, George was inducted into the WVU School of Pharmacy Centennial Hall of Fame this year. Part of the inaugural class of inductees, the Hall of Fame was created in celebration of 100 years of the School of Pharmacy. George and other alumni were recognized for outstanding pharmacy careers and accomplishments in healthcare.

George and Lurania have established two endowed funds in the School of Pharmacy – the George A. and Lurania K. Topakas Pharmacy Professional Development Fund and the George A. and Lurania K. Topakas Pharmacy Fund. Gifts that the Topakas’ made in 2013-2014 were given to the George A. and Lurania K. Topakas Pharmacy Fund for student scholarships.

George says what he enjoys most about giving back to WVU School of Pharmacy students and faculty is simply “a nice thank you note.” He said, “If you enjoy the pharmacy profession as much as I did, I hope you could help others too.”



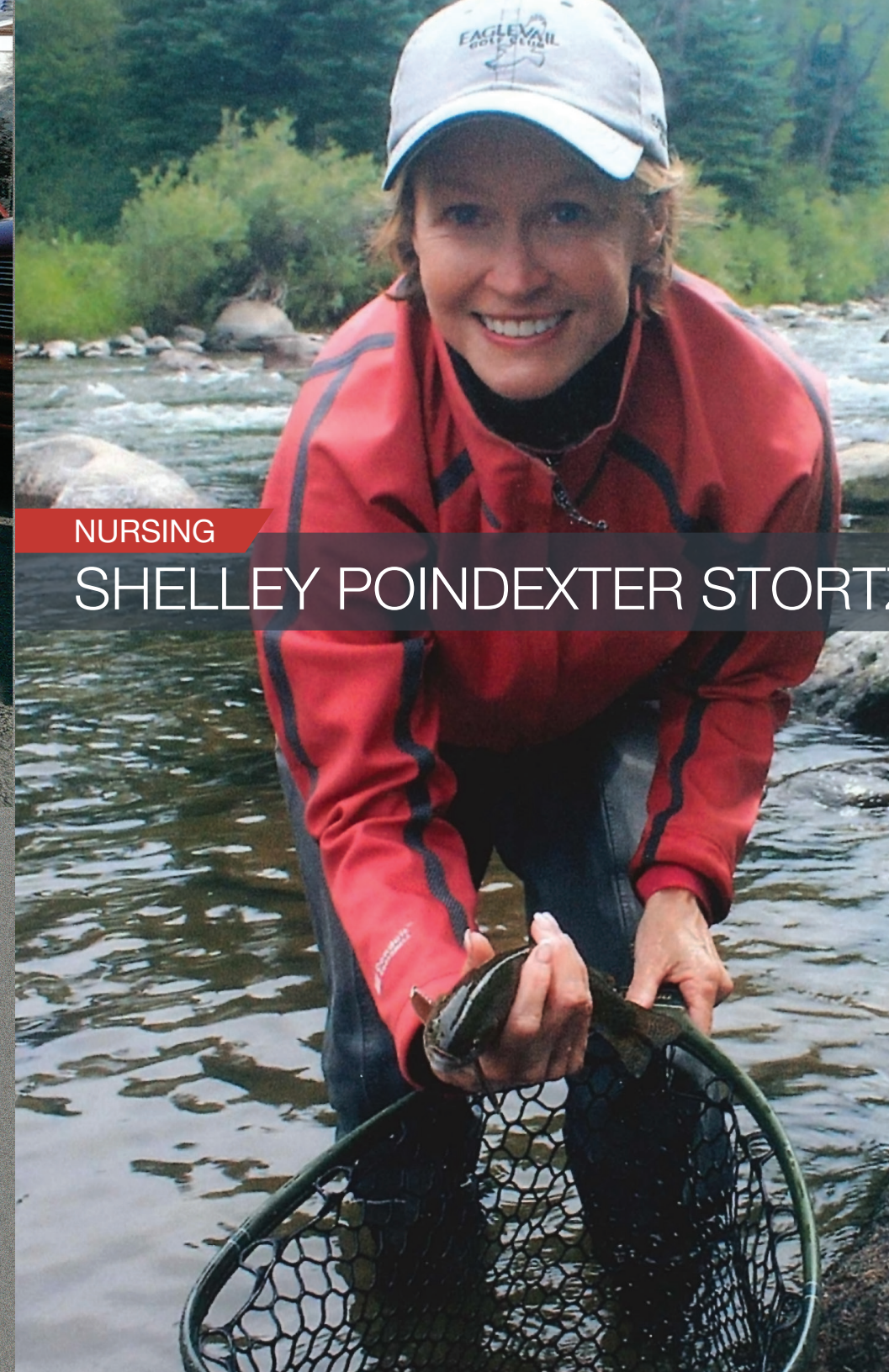
## CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL SUPPORTING KIDS

Kroger has raised over \$160,000 for WVU Children's Hospital during the last five years, to say nothing of their long history of prior support. Kroger stores have conducted numerous events across the state and region raising funds in their communities for West Virginia's kids. Individual stores have hosted bake sales, car shows, dunking booths, pumpkin painting, hot dog sales, and the second annual Kroger poker run to raise money for WVU Children's Hospital. Stores throughout the region collect change at the registers for Children's Miracle Network, adding to the thousands of dollars they raise annually.

In addition to individual fundraisers, Kroger sponsors the annual WVU Gold-Blue football game, which donates proceeds to WVU Children's Hospital. Kroger has been an integral part of the success of the annual Hop for Hope Radiothon, which has raised \$424,192 for WVU Children's Hospital since 2007.



Kroger is also a proud partner of the Cards of Hope project and the newly created Dance Dash for WVU Children's Hospital's Cure Kids Cancer Fund. Thanks to Kroger's generosity, the Cards of Hope project, now in its 23rd year, is able to put 100 percent of the sale of every package of cards directly toward helping pediatric patients battling cancer.



## NURSING SHELLEY POINDEXTER STORTZ

Shelley Poindexter Stortz believes in a solid undergraduate education. She has chosen to support the nursing Fast Track program, enrolling students who have a degree in another field and have returned to school to study nursing. These non-traditional students do not qualify for federal loans and grants as they already have an undergraduate degree and must rely entirely on their own resources or on private financial support.

The gift vehicle Shelley used is a charitable lead trust of \$100,000 that will be paid out over a period of ten years. Because these funds are available to students now, she is able to see the difference that she is making in the lives of her scholars. Fast Track students often give up a productive career to return to school to complete their nursing degree within 18-24 months. Many have families and private support can truly make a difference in their quality of life, as they cannot work while in nursing school due to the intensity of the program.

Shelley is a 1968 graduate of WVU, earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She has chosen to give back to her alma mater because she received an excellent education and wants to help others have the same experience. In addition to her passion for education, Shelley is an avid bridge player. She and her husband spend part of each year in Colorado where she actively pursues hiking, fishing and skiing, and she also volunteers with the emergency Beaver Creek Clinic.

# Rosenbaum Family House

## FAMILY HOUSE A NEW HOME

The new Rosenbaum Family House welcomed more than 200 guests to its Open House on August, 28, 2014. The day included tours, refreshments, musicians, and a ribbon cutting ceremony. Rosenbaum Family House Board President, Barbara Alexander welcomed guests and introduced Debbie Rosenbaum Jones who spoke about her mother, Hilda's, vision for Family House. WVU Healthcare Vice President for Human Resources, Charlotte Bennett spoke about the numbers of families and individuals at Family House. WVU Healthcare President and CEO, Albert Wright concluded the ceremony by reading a proclamation (see below) before he and others cut the ribbon to officially open Rosenbaum Family House.

### ROSENBAUM FAMILY HOUSE PROCLAMATION

*On this day, the 28th of August, 2014, we are proud to dedicate the Rosenbaum Family House of West Virginia University Healthcare.*

*As we present this special home-away-from-home to our patients and their families, we acknowledge all who worked to create and build a place specially designed to foster a healing and supportive family environment.*

*This building will stand as a monument to founding donor Hilda Rosenbaum, our former and future patients and their families and to all those who carry out the mission of West Virginia University Healthcare on a daily basis.*

*May our home always be a reminder that healing involves the entire family, and may it be a testament to the commitment of West Virginia University Healthcare to make our patients first in all that we do.*



ALBERT WRIGHT, JENA PROKOPCHUK, DEBORAH ROSENBAUM JONES, CHARLOTTE BENNETT, BARBARA ALEXANDER MCKINNEY

# REMEMBERING AMY PRATT HARTMAN



RICHARD HARTMAN WITH FAMILY FRIEND ROSALIE PERRY



AMY PRATT HARTMAN

Amy Hartman began her nursing career at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Virginia, after graduating magna cum laude from the WVU School of Nursing in 1990. She then went on to a twenty-two year career at the Surgi-Center of Winchester, ultimately serving as the clinical manager there. A native of Moorefield, West Virginia, she was a devoted professional who cared for her patients with compassion.

Friends and family have created the Amy Pratt Hartman Nursing Scholarship to honor and remember her life and devotion to her career in nursing. Amy and her husband Richard spent many hours together bicycling with the Winchester Wheelmen cycling club. At a club meeting, family friends Rosalie and Mike Perry suggested the idea of a scholarship in Amy's memory. Another friend offered a challenge to match gifts up to \$10,000. That goal was met and then exceeded as members of the Winchester Wheelmen, coworkers, friends, and family worked together to fully endow the fund within just a few months' time. Amy's scholarship provides support for undergraduate nursing students.

Amy loved the outdoors and enjoyed nature through photography, hiking, cycling, cross country skiing, and running. While at WVU she was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International, which promotes nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service, and the Golden Key National Honor Society. There is a permanent brick recognizing the Amy Pratt Hartman Scholarship in the Ernest L. Hogan Scholars Walk located in front of the WVU Library on the main campus.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT KAYLA BOWERS

# A LIFE SAVED



Jim and Franny Butch donated \$25,000 to WVU Children's Hospital to honor Robert Gustafson, M.D., F.A.C.S.—known as Dr. Gus to his young patients—and his team for the care provided to their grandson Isaac Franck.

Isaac Franck is the youngest of four boys. Early in his infancy, his parents noticed delays in his physical development. At 18-months-old, he underwent an

echocardiogram, which revealed that he had an atrial septal defect – a hole in his heart. By May 2013, a second hole developed in Isaac's heart, and his parents turned to Dr. Gus at WVU Children's Hospital to perform open heart surgery to repair their son's heart.

Isaac's parents are able and were willing to travel out of state to make sure their son received the best care available. They chose WVU Children's Hospital because of Dr. Gus' experience and reputation. "In his concise and plain-spoken way, Dr. Gus explained the success rates of this surgery in general and in his practice. He was able to alleviate our concerns, as well as give us confidence that Isaac would be given the best care available," wrote Darren and Maria Franck, Isaac's parents. In July 2013, Isaac had a successful surgery to repair his heart. Within four days of his surgery, Isaac walked out of the hospital. He is now playing soccer and is a healthy, happy five-year-old boy.

Through the Butch family donation, the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit nurses station near bed 5, just outside the room Isaac stayed in and where many of Dr. Gus' patients stay, will be named in honor of Dr. Gus and his team in the new expansion and renovation of WVU Children's Hospital.

## DENTISTRY

# THE MICHELE ROSS DENTAL HYGIENE LAB

Michele Ross, a 1999 graduate of the West Virginia University School of Dentistry's Dental Hygiene program, will be the first to tell you how proud she is to be a Mountaineer. In fact, she's so proud of her alma mater that she made a \$100,000 gift toward the renovation of the Dental Hygiene Lab, which was officially dedicated October 3, 2014.

With Ross' gift and the \$20,000 she helped to raise through donations from some of her fellow alums, the Dental Hygiene Lab received a major facelift. All the countertops, cabinets, and lighting were replaced. An additional lab station was added – for a total of 25 – and each station is equipped with a new dental simulator manikin head and monitor. The stations also have the added feature of laptop connectivity.

“Our students and faculty are very grateful to Michele for her continued support of our program,” Amy Funk, director of the WVU Division of Dental Hygiene, said. “Our Dental Hygiene Lab was long overdue for these renovations, and we couldn't be happier with the results. It looks like a completely different room.”

For Ross, a Weirton, WV, native who currently lives in Chicago, the biggest reward from her donation came at an unexpected time and place.

“I was in Boston for a yearly dental hygiene conference, and a few students came up to me and thanked me,” she said. “At that point, the renovations weren't done yet. It was exciting for me to see and hear how excited they were about it.”

This gift isn't Ross' first to the School of Dentistry. She also gave \$12,000 in 2011 to name a dental operator in the student clinic. Both gifts were made on behalf of Ross and her husband Tom Clark through the Clark Family Foundation.

Anthony “Tom” Borgia, D.D.S., interim dean of the WVU School of Dentistry, said it is the generosity of alums and donors that helps the School attract and retain the best and brightest students and faculty.

“We often talk about how we are known for producing highly skilled, clinically competent dentists and dental hygienists. In order to do that, we have to have cutting-edge equipment and technology on which to train our students,” Dr. Borgia said. “There are needs within the School that we cannot meet with state funding alone. With gifts like the one from Michele Ross, we can bridge that gap, so we thank her for helping us fulfill our mission.”



TOM BORGIA WITH MICHELE ROSS AND AMY FUNK

## PHARMACY

# RECOGNIZING PERSEVERANCE AND CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Brothers James “Randy” Hood and Larry Hood, of Follansbee, WV, recently set out to honor the Hood family legacy in pharmacy that began with their father more than 60 years ago, by establishing a new scholarship in the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy.

The late James C. Hood was a 1948 graduate of the WVU School of Pharmacy and led a successful career as a pharmacist, establishing Hood’s Pharmacy in Follansbee in 1967, which still operates today. James operated his pharmacy for 50 years and took on leadership roles in several local, county, and state organizations despite a lifelong battle with the effects of polio which he contracted at the age of nine.

James’ granddaughter Melissa Hood, currently a fourth year student pharmacist, also grew up in Follansbee and was very close to her grandfather until his passing in November 2010. She and other family members recall stories of James and his perseverance to overcome difficulties that touched everyday life, such as his days as a student climbing the hills of Morgantown to attend class, despite having locked knees and requiring the assistance of a cane.



“My grandfather’s story has taught me to not let any roadblocks hold me back. He overcame so much to reach his goals. We are just so fortunate,” Melissa said. “Because of him I also appreciate how much one person can make a difference in a community. People will stop me and tell me stories of how my grandfather helped their family through his pharmacy.”

To honor James’ perseverance and civic leadership, Randy and Larry Hood established the James C. Hood Pharmacy Scholarship to recognize students who exemplify the qualities they admired in their father.

“It wasn’t until years after college that I realized the significance of what my dad was able to overcome as a student. It was difficult for him to get around, and he didn’t let that stop him,” Randy Hood said. “We established the scholarship because we want to recognize and reward those who are taking on challenges. It is just harder for those who have disabilities, and we want to support those students by providing assistance to get through school.”

← LINDSEY GLOTFELTY (L) ACCEPTS THE JAMES C. HOOD PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP FROM MELISSA HOOD

## DENTAL HYGIENE

# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!



The Dental Hygiene Program celebrates its 50th anniversary during the 2014-2015 academic year!

We dedicated the Michele Ross Dental Hygiene Lab (see page 24) on October 3rd, 2014, while Dental Hygiene students and alumni also marched in the WVU Homecoming parade (below).





## WEAVER FAMILY LEGACY OF GIVING

When you reflect on the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center's stature as West Virginia's premier cancer center, you quickly realize the impact certain individuals have had on the Center's growth.

Among the first who come to mind are Shirley and George Weaver. The Wheeling couple's advocacy of the Cancer Center dates back before the first shovel of dirt was turned.

Shirley helped organize the first statewide fundraising gala to have the cancer center built in Morgantown. She believed West Virginia needed a premier cancer center because not everyone who develops cancer can travel out of state for care as she did when she developed the disease in her 40s.

In addition to continuing her involvement with the gala, Shirley is also an emeritus member of the Center's Visiting Committee.

Most recently, Shirley and George established the Shirley M. Weaver Cancer Research Fund at the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center. The unrestricted fund provides a way for the Weavers' family and friends to contribute to cancer research.

"We wanted to give what we could and now some of our children are involved and we're happy about that," Shirley said.

The Weaver Cancer Research Fund supports the ongoing work of Cancer Center labs and investigators such as Alexandra Shillingburg, PharmD. The goal of Dr. Shillingburg's research is to determine differences in blood levels of medications given by injection that are dosed based on weight in obese patients when compared to non-obese patients. This research could be used to identify more appropriate dosing strategies for obese patients. The fund also supported the development and establishment of the WVU School of Medicine Department of Radiation Oncology.

"The Weavers are extraordinary, long time advocates and supporters of the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center, and we thank them for all that they've done and continue to do," Scot C. Remick, M.D., director of the Center said during an evening honoring the Weavers at the 2014 Cancer Center gala. "They've been there from day one, and are constantly pushing us to strive for excellence in research and patient care."

Thanks to the generosity of Shirley and George Weaver and their children, research at the Cancer Center continues to flourish and will benefit countless numbers of cancer patients for years to come.



GEORGE AND SHIRLEY WEAVER



## PUBLIC HEALTH

# AVASHIA SCHOLARS

Dr. Bipinchandra Avashia and his wife, Rita, of Austin, TX, want to help public health students have access to education. The new Avashia Family Scholarship supported three students this academic year. Avashia explained, “Education is the best way to help people gain a better quality of life. Basically, we want people just like us who are able to, for want of a better phrase, move up the economic ladder, help other people achieve the same thing through education.”

Chelsea A. Ashby, (*shown center, opposing page*), one of the recipients, certainly hopes to follow in his footsteps. She is an M.P.H. candidate in the Department of Epidemiology. Her concern about viral hepatitis throughout the Appalachian Region led her to enroll in the School of Public Health. “My interest in researching viral hepatitis in West Virginia is especially important because of the state’s high national ranking for Hepatitis B and C. I plan to use my research to improve

the well-being of West Virginians. Pursuing a career in Epidemiology will bolster my research in infectious diseases within underserved and underrepresented communities,” she says.

In addition to her research, she has taken an active role in supporting WVU as a student worker and public health ambassador. “My involvement in both the CEPH accreditation process and school promotion has strengthened my interest in pursuing a career in academia and has encouraged me to apply to the Ph.D. program.”

Thanks to the financial investment in Chelsea’s education by Dr. Avashia, the School of Public Health can continue to attract and nurture future students like her, who desire to make a significant difference in advancing population health.

AT LEFT (L TO R):  
ALLISON COLE,  
CHELSEA ASHBY,  
EMILY EDDY

## CHARLESTON

# A MAN WITH A VISION

William “Bill” J. Maier, Jr., a native of West Virginia, went off to Harvard at age 16 with the aid of a Price Greenleaf Scholarship. As he neared the end of his third year in Cambridge, he successfully applied for and won a Rhodes Scholarship from the state of Massachusetts. Now 19, Bill set sail for England to attend Oxford University for three years. He then returned to study at Harvard Law School, graduating cum laude. Upon graduation, Bill returned to his beloved West Virginia and left his imprint upon the community in a myriad of ways. His legacy is alive today in Charleston and the greater region.

One of Bill Maier’s dreams was to establish a Charleston division of the WVU School of Medicine in order to meet the needs of communities in southern West Virginia. The Maier Foundation joined the efforts of local physicians like John T. Chambers, area hospitals, and federal and state governments to help establish the WVU Charleston Division in 1972.

At first, a very small number of WVU medical students received their clinical training in Charleston at Charleston Area Medical Center during their third and fourth years of schooling. Today, the WVU Charleston Division serves over 500 students from a variety of health disciplines each year. What began as an attempt to solve unmet healthcare needs in southern West Virginia, as well as overcrowded



BILL MAIER



PAULINE MAIER

BILL AND PAULINE MAIER  
ON THEIR HONEYMOON >



classes at WVU’s medical school in Morgantown, has resulted in a flourishing health sciences campus in Charleston.

Today, following in his father’s footsteps, Ed Maier and the Maier Foundation continue their commitment to the educational and health care needs of our region. The Maier Foundation has announced its funding of a \$500,000 two-year challenge grant to the Charleston Division. Medical students graduate with an average debt of \$150,000. This need-based scholarship endowment will help to support third and fourth year medical students at the Charleston Division, with a preference given for students from West Virginia. Under the leadership of its newly appointed dean, Dr. John C. Linton, the Charleston Division development office has launched an alumni campaign to match the Maier challenge amount with a total goal of raising \$1,000,000. “We are reaching out to each of our 1,024 graduates, asking them to invest in scholarship endowments to support our future physicians,” Dr. Linton explained.

The Charleston Division continues to strive to educate and train the best students from West Virginia with the hope that they will stay in southern West Virginia to continue to meet the healthcare needs of our state, region, and community.

We deeply appreciate the Maier Family and Maier Foundation for their history of outstanding support of West Virginia University’s Charleston Division.



INTERIM DEAN BORGIA WITH PETER NGAN

DENTISTRY

# BRANSON-MADDRELL ENDOWED PROFESSOR

Peter Ngan, D.M.D., chair of the West Virginia University School of Dentistry Department of Orthodontics, has been installed as the inaugural Branson-Maddrell Endowed Professor in Orthodontics.

The professorship was established by Princeton, WV, residents Cynthia Branson, D.D.S., an orthodontist, and her husband Philip Branson, M.D., an orthopaedic surgeon, who are both graduates of Northwestern University. When their alma mater closed its dental school in 2001, Dr. Cynthia Branson became concerned about the future of dental education and took action to support the only dental school in her adopted home state.

Dr. John and Beverly Maddrell, Cynthia Branson's parents, also contributed to the endowment, which was matched by the West Virginia Research Trust Fund. Dr. Maddrell is a retired orthodontist. "My father and I have always felt blessed to have had the opportunity to practice orthodontics. Our ability to give something back to our profession is a blessing," Cynthia Branson said. "We know that Dr. Ngan has been a fantastic orthodontic chairman and will put the gift to good use."

Ngan joined the WVU School of Dentistry faculty in 1994. He received his dental degree from the Harvard University School of Dental Medicine and certificates in orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, and hospital dentistry from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine/Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

He has published more than 135 original research and clinical papers in refereed journals and 160 abstracts, including contributions in several monographs and textbooks. He has been invited to lecture at various professional organizations in 35 countries. His focus is in the early treatment of dental and skeletal malocclusions, and his research interest includes growth and development, biology of tooth movement, dentofacial orthopaedics, orthodontic appliance therapy, oral implantology, orthodontic bonding systems, and adult interdisciplinary treatment.

"The endowed fund will help the Department of Orthodontics to nurture young faculty in research and education. This is a timely gift for the School of Dentistry because of the diminishing support from the state. The Branson-Maddrell Endowment will allow faculty to conduct research and to attend and present at research meetings," Ngan said. "I am honored to be selected as the first holder of this professorship and appreciate the family's support of the Department and the School."



L TO R: SARA BRANSON, JARROD BRANSON, CYNDY BRANSON, PHIL BRANSON, NICHOLAS BRANSON IN 2009 >

## MEDICINE

# SKEWES FAMILY CHAIR FOR TRAUMA

Alison Wilson, M.D. and Bill and Ann Skewes have two very important characteristics in common: their love for the people of West Virginia and their desire to change lives.

“The Jon Michael Moore Trauma Center employees have a great attitude. We could see that they’re very dedicated to what they’re doing,” Bill Skewes said. “Dr. Nakayama told me that they needed an endowed chair in order to retain good people.”

“Every time Alison Wilson goes to a professional meeting, she gets several job offers, often from the top trauma centers in the U.S. They know her reputation and the quality of the trauma program at WVU,” Nakayama said.

“I could relate to that,” Bill Skewes recounted. “In my business experience, it’s critical to keep your best employees while bigger businesses constantly try to steal them away.” Understanding this need, the Skewes’ passion and generosity led them to endow the Skewes Family Chair for Trauma.

Wilson was named the inaugural recipient of the chair. The \$1.5 million endowment will provide a broad range of faculty support for

patient care, education, and outreach services for the people of West Virginia and beyond with a particular focus on the areas of trauma care, acute care services, surgical care, and quality surgical care. “We want to help the largest number of people. I was struck by the vision and the big heart there at the Trauma Center,” Anne Skewes said. “This kind of endowment benefits everyone in West Virginia and even benefits the whole world through Dr. Wilson’s travels.”

Wilson, who has helped facilitate trauma programs in the Ukraine and China, said she is very appreciative of the Skewes family’s generosity and humbled to receive such a prestigious honor. “I am incredibly grateful to the Skewes family for their generosity and honored to be selected as the first Skewes Family Chair for Trauma,” she said. “Their support will help us provide the highest quality trauma care to the citizens of West Virginia. We are already using this gift to provide the latest training to our trauma team.”

Wilson joined the WVU faculty in 2002. She is chief of the West Virginia University Division of Trauma in the WVU School of Medicine Department of Surgery. She received her medical education at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, where she also

completed her surgical residency and surgical critical care fellowship. She is board certified in general surgery and surgical critical care.

“Endowed chairs enable the School to attract and keep the most talented and productive physicians and scientists as faculty members – and support the work they do, over decades and generations, to educate physicians, advance science, and care for patients. This endowment in particular will have a lasting impact on the care of seriously injured West Virginians,” Arthur J. Ross III, M.D., M.B.A., dean of the School of Medicine, said.



L TO R: GRATEFUL PATIENT CORPORAL ANDREW LOUDIN,  
ALISON WILSON, DEAN ARTHUR ROSS

# SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-15

## DENTISTRY

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### Distributed

*Dr. Camillo Alberico Scholarship*  
Eleanor Hardman

*Arbuckle Family Scholarship*  
Andrea Minigh

*Norman & Nathan Baker Dental Scholarship*  
Timothee Gansore  
Ermas Semaie

*Dentistry Scholarship in Memory of Champe Butler Sr.*  
Homed Motlagh

*Dr. Clarence C. & Maxine D. Cottrill General Dentistry Scholarship*  
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