ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ROBERT AND MARIE FAYZ ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Robert and Marie Fayz Endowed Scholarship.

This scholarship fund will recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Law School.

Background

Michael C. Fayz, Law School Class of 1991, and Robert N. Fayz, Jr. (“Donors”) along with their wives, Caroline M. Fayz, Law School Class of 1994 and Candyce Balmas Fayz, College of Lifelong Learning Class of 1981, respectively create this endowed scholarship fund in honor of their late father, Robert Fayz and their late mother, Marie Fayz. The original purpose of this scholarship was to recognize the achievements of and provide financial assistance to law students of Arabic descent with demonstrated qualities of scholarship and character.

Due to changes required by Proposal 2, the donors have agreed to modify the criteria and include students who speak Arabic or have taken a leadership role in the Middle Eastern Law Students Association or the Muslim Law Student’s Association.

Endowment Amount

$10,000*

*grandfathered
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CANDACE BEUTELL GARDNER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Candace Beutell Gardner Endowed Scholarship.

This scholarship fund will recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Background

Intrigued by languages since the 4th grade when she came across her older sister’s Latin book, Ms. Beutell Gardner started her formal study of Spanish in the ninth grade. She took Spanish throughout her high school years and began German as a freshman in college. At the U of M she also learned French, Gothic, Old Saxon, and Old Icelandic.

After graduating from the U of M with a Master’s in Germanic Linguistics, Ms. Beutell Gardner taught French, German and Spanish for thirty years at Dearborn High School. Following her retirement in 2001, she enrolled in Wayne’s doctoral program in Modern Languages in the fall of 2002, majoring in German and minoring in French and Spanish. After defending her dissertation on a German translation of the famous Spanish novel Don Quixote, she received her Ph. D. in 2006.

Out of the deepest gratitude for the support and encouragement given her by Wayne State and her professors, she and her husband Richard have established this scholarship in order to help other graduate students in German, French and Spanish achieve their own “impossible dream.”

Endowment Amount

$25,000
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOSEPH J. MIKA AND MARIANNE HARTZELL-MIKA ENDOVED SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Joseph J. Mika and Marianne Hartzell-Mika Endowed Scholarship.

This scholarship fund will recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the School of Library and Information Sciences.

Background

Joseph J. Mika, professor in the Library and Information Science (LIS) Program, is a longtime member of the faculty, having joined the LIS Program in August 1986. He served as Director from August 1986 to January 1994 and again January 2002 to September 2007. His areas of expertise in LIS are administration; strategic planning; leadership; collection development; customer service, and personnel assessment.

Marianne Hartzell-Mika has worked both in, and in support of, libraries for thirty years. For almost ten years she was on the staff of the Willard Public Library in Battle Creek (MI), leaving that position to become the Executive Director of the Michigan Library Association. During her almost eighteen years with the Association, membership nearly doubled and revenues grew by over 400%.

In 1999, Marianne left the Michigan Library Association and in partnership with Joseph Mika, began two new firms to serve the library community. Library Jobs Network is focused specifically on securing highly qualified candidates to fill positions in public, academic, and special libraries. Library Training Network develops and delivers training for all levels of library staff, as well as library trustees.

The Mikas have established the Joseph J. Mika and Marianne Hartzell-Mika with a gift of $10,000, which has already been received by the university.

Endowment Amount
$10,000*

*grandfathered
Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the David and Andrea Robertson Endowed Scholarship.

This scholarship fund will recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Nursing.

Background

David and Andrea Robertson have created this scholarship to assist students in the College of Nursing in obtaining their education.

Endowment Amount
$25,000
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DAVID AND BEVERLY RORABACHER ENDOWED FUND IN CHEMISTRY

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the David and Beverly Rorabacher Endowed Fund in Chemistry.

This fund is intended (1) to recognize scholastic achievement in analytical chemistry coursework, and (2) to encourage undergraduate chemistry majors to pursue original research under the guidance of a chemistry faculty member.

Background

Professor David B. Rorabacher and Beverly Brown Rorabacher were born in Ypsilanti and Detroit, Michigan, respectively, on the same day (June 8, 1935) and met while students at the University of Michigan. After receiving their bachelor's degrees in 1957, they both were employed in the auto industry for two years before moving to West Lafayette, Indiana, where Dr. Rorabacher received his Ph.D. degree in analytical chemistry from Purdue University in 1963 under Professor Dale Margerum. During that time, Mrs. Rorabacher worked for Purdue University as a staff accountant. Dr. Rorabacher joined the chemistry faculty at Wayne State University in Fall 1963, taking a leave of absence in 1964-65 to pursue postdoctoral research under Nobel Laureate Manfred Eigen at the Max Planck Institute for Physical Chemistry in Goettingen, Germany.

During his 43 years as a Wayne State University faculty member, Dr. Rorabacher frequently taught the introductory course in quantitative analytical chemistry as well as honors courses incorporating similar material. For many years he was also the faculty member designated to assist undergraduate chemistry majors in selecting suitable research groups within the department; and undergraduates were frequently members of his own research group.

Endowment Amount

$25,000
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FREDERICK J. AND ROSE SIEVERT BUSINESS INFORMATION ENDOWED FUND

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Frederick J. and Rose Sievert Business Information Endowed Fund.

This endowed fund is being established to support the purchase of information resources of value to the students and faculty in the Wayne State University School of Business Administration and related disciplines.

Background

Fred Sievert, president of New York Life Insurance Company, since January 2004 has shared responsibility for overall company management in the Office of the Chairman with the current Chairman and CEO, Sy Sternberg. Mr. Sievert is a member of the company’s Executive Management Committee, which is responsible for establishing management policies in all areas of the company’s business and affairs. In addition, he is president and a member of the board of New York Life Insurance and Annuity Corporation and serves as chairman of the board of NYLIFE Insurance Company of Arizona. He is a past-chairman of the LICONY board of directors and is the Chairman of The American College. He is a director of LIMRA and the Actuarial Foundation.

Endowment Amount

$50,000
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOSHUA M. STEIN MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Joshua M. Stein Endowed Scholarship.

This scholarship fund will recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Background

Joshua Stein was born December 8, 1967. His excitement about music appeared at the age of 2½ when his love of Bach was revealed. He took flute lessons at an early age and loved playing flute with his grandmother who played the piano. While at Berkley High School, Josh taught himself to play piano and to play Bach’s Preludes and Fugues beautifully. In the early 1980s, he became captivated by computers and programmed games for the Apple II using machine language. His technological skills, including making up his own program for generating random numbers, were all performed “in his head, meaning he never wrote down the steps. He sold a small game that he had programmed for the Apple II and made a very modest amount of money from that. Basketball became a prime focus for Josh at Berkley High School and he was on the varsity team in his junior year but spent most of the time on the bench. In his senior year, he joined the high school choir and became part of a barbershop quartet that sang at the varsity basketball games.

After high school, Josh was diagnosed as having bipolar affective disorder. This was treated initially and as a result, Josh was able to attend and complete his studies and receive a BS degree in Computer Science at Wayne State University, graduating Magna Cum Laude, participating in the WSU Men’s Glee Club, interning with IBM in North Carolina a number of times, and winning awards for his contributions while there. However his bipolar problems continued to have a major impact on his life and on his family and imposed severe limitations on what he was able to accomplish after graduating from WSU. This picture was further complicated when Josh was diagnosed as having Multiple Sclerosis in his mid-20s. Prior to this, Josh was very athletic and competed successfully in triathlons, was an avid mountain biker, rode a unicycle while...
juggling several bowling pins, and loved all of these intensely physical activities. The form of MS that Josh had was progressive (it was not the relapse-remitting form) and his physical abilities declined relentlessly after receiving the diagnosis of MS until he passed away at the age of 39 in 2007.

Josh was a very social person throughout his high school years and beyond and had a large number of very caring friends wherever he went. Although the latter part of his life could be viewed as tragic by people who did not know him, he had an amazing, truly indomitable spirit, and had an immense amount of joy in his life. He spent many years in San Luis Obispo, California and was very well known and loved by many in that town in large part because of his sweetness and liveliness. When Josh’s MS had progressed to the point that he had to be placed in a nursing home, his family managed to get him back to Michigan for the last 2 months of his life, where he reconnected with many of his dear Berkley High School friends.

Josh wrote a poem with the first letters of each line spelling out his name describing himself while in a Berkley Junior High English class. His family did not know what that portended but it turned out to be prophetic: It read:

> Just a plain
> Ordinary guy,
> Sitting on top of the world,
> Hanging on life’s edge.

**Endowment Amount**

$25,000
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WXYZ/SCRIPPS HOWARD FOUNDATION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the WXYZ/Scripps Howard Foundation Endowed Scholarship.

This scholarship fund will recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and assist students in financing their education in the Journalism Program of the Department of Communication in the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts. It is the intent of this fund to provide funding to underserved populations in the profession of journalism to encourage diversity in the field.

Background

The Scripps Howard Foundation, founded in 1962, strives to advance free press through support of excellence in journalism, quality journalism education and professional development. The Foundation helps build healthy communities and improve quality of life through support of sound educational programs, strong families, vital social services, enriching arts and culture and inclusive civic affairs with a special commitment to the communities in which the company does business. The accomplishment of their mission is evident through their many programs, awards and scholarships.

WXYZ, an ABC affiliate owned by Scripps Howard Broadcasting, has become a news leader under the guidance of Vice President and General Manager Grace Gilchrist. A Michigan Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame member, Grace Gilchrist has achieved numerous professional recognitions for her work and leadership in the Metro Detroit area. She has received community service honors, national awards for news coverage, civic leadership positions and recognition as an influential role model. At her recommendation, the Scripps Howard Foundation, led by current foundation President Judith G. Clabes, has created an endowed scholarship to fund journalism students underserved in their field.

Endowment Amount
$25,000