Higher Values in Higher Education

2013 Foundation FY13 YEAR IN REVIEW
Dear Friends:

I am pleased to report a record year of fundraising for Western Illinois University. You have been remarkably loyal and generous through difficult economic times and declining state support. On behalf of the entire University community, I thank you for all you have made possible.

Your strong commitment to Western Illinois University helps our students and faculty succeed by providing the necessary resources and support. Your generosity allows the University to deliver an outstanding academic experience and send well-prepared citizens into the world. It makes it possible for Western to function and thrive in a time of uncertain funding.

Our current Higher Values in Higher Education $60 million campaign focuses on Western’s core values with its priorities of student scholarships, faculty support, capital improvement, and information and technology. As we prepare for the final academic year of the campaign, I am confident your contributions will allow us to reach our goal by Dec. 31, 2013.

Thank you for your investment in Western Illinois University. We pledge to use your gifts to keep a quality Western education accessible and affordable to as many students as possible.

Sincerely,

Jack Thomas
President
Greetings

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I continue to be impressed by, and grateful, for the commitment you, our donors, demonstrate to Western Illinois University. Despite the state’s difficult financial environment and ongoing economic challenges, many of you have come forward in support of Western students and programs.

Fiscal Year 2013 brought many fine accomplishments that would not have happened without your support—we broke ground for Phase II of the Quad Cities Riverfront Campus; saw our first-ever student to be named a Truman Scholar finalista; had three faculty members named Fulbright Scholars and cheered the men’s basketball Leathernecks to become first-ever true Summit League regular season champions. We even hosted an alumni event in Korea!

As we conclude our $60 million campaign for Western Illinois University: Higher Values in Higher Education, I thank each and every one of you for every gift that has us presently at 95 percent of our goal. I am confident we will have exceeded our goal by the time the campaign ends Dec. 31, 2013.

Despite the achievements and good news, higher education in Illinois and across the country is in a precarious position. No longer does money freely flow to the public colleges and universities, and no longer is it a given that students can apply for, and receive, financial aid. Western Illinois University is facing a critical time in its future, and there is no doubt that additional private support will be needed to continue to offer access and opportunity to higher education. The Foundation’s fundraising efforts are focused on keeping a Western education accessible to as many students as possible, regardless of means.

I am confident that the steadfast support of our many alumni, faculty, staff, friends, businesses and foundations will allow Western to continue on its path of success. I am grateful for your contributions, but it is not enough to just thank you. I invite you to visit the Macomb and Quad Cities campuses to see for yourself how your generosity influences our students, faculty, programs and facilities. Again, thank you!

Sincerely,

Brad Bainter 79’ 83’
Vice President, Advancement and Public Services
Executive Officer, WIU Foundation
Greetings

Alumni and Friends of Western:

In starting my second year as president of the WIU Foundation Board of Directors, I’m excited to continue to strive to meet the goal of the Foundation, to enhance the lives of our students at Western Illinois University. To do this, we need the continued support and generosity of our many alumni and special donors. Your donations help us reach our campaign goal of $60 million, which supports student scholarships, faculty development and capital improvements.

Because I am from the Quad Cities, I hope you have a chance to see the new WIU Riverfront Campus in Moline, IL. It is a great addition to our programming in the Quad Cities.

On behalf of the Western Illinois University Foundation Board of Directors, we thank all the individuals and businesses for their vision and continued support and commitment to Western Illinois University.

Think Purple…Think Success…Think Western Illinois University!

Sincerely,

Jim Lodico
President
WIU Foundation Board

Message from the Foundation Board President
Western Illinois University Foundation

**Major Gift Highlights**

**2012-2013 Foundation Year in Review:**

- A seven-figure planned gift and $100,000 charitable gift annuity from Mona Sawyer (’55) of Stamford, CT., to benefit students in the College of Business & Technology
- $400,000 commitment from Sodexo to fund scholarships as a stakeholder in the Western community and to assist students entering their industry
- $219,000 from the Moline Foundation for scholarships at WIU-QC
- $149,000 from the estate of Ralph & Gladys Anderson to support teacher education in the College of Education & Human Services
- $115,000 from Archer Daniels Midland for the Supply Chain Management program in the College of Business & Technology
- $76,250 in scholarship support from the Caterpillar Foundation for the College of Business & Technology
- $75,000 commitment from John & Kim Distefano for the Flip, Learn and Master iPad Project
- $58,400 from the estate of Burdette Knappenberger for scholarship support
- $50,000 commitment from longtime WIU Foundation Board member Donald Dexter to establish the Ruth Dexter Scholarship in Nursing
- $50,000 gift from Olga “Kay” Kennedy for Department of Kinesiology Scholarships
- $50,000 commitment from retired history Professor Gordon Kirk for history Honors students
- $50,000 from the Lowell N. Johnson Charitable Foundation for scholarships at WIU-Quad Cities
- $25,000 from Troy & Jennifer Eckman to establish the Noah Eckman Memorial Scholarship in honor of Denita Rouse for special education
- $25,000 gift from George Grice for the Grice Faculty Instructional Development Fund in the Department of Communication
- $25,000 addition to the Robin C. Frieden Memorial Scholarship from her daughter and son-in-law, Andrea Frieden Gulley & Joe Gulley II
- $25,000 additional planned gift from Professors Emeriti and long-time friends Maurice & Alice Kellogg
- $20,000 gift from Paul & Sheila Nollen to increase the number and amount of awards given each year through the Paul Nollen Biology Honors Scholarship
- $20,000 from the Riverboat Development Authority
- $10,000 in scholarship support from the Illinois Soybean Association for the School of Agriculture
On behalf of the entire Western Illinois University community, the WIU Foundation thanks all of the generous individuals who made contributions to the University this past year. The following report highlights financial information, programs and services, and contributions to the Western Illinois University Foundation covering the period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

- Private support received through the WIU Foundation, including cash gifts, gifts-in-kind, pledges and testamentary/deferred gift commitments totaled $7,951,673.
- The WIU Foundation processed 27,051 gifts from 13,517 alumni, friends, parents, faculty and staff members, corporations and business, foundations and other organizations.
- The average alumni contribution for all purposes was $243.66.
- WIU Foundation expenditures in support of the University for all purposes totaled $6,162,604.
- Contributions to the endowment added $1,257,329 to the WIU Foundation’s permanent asset base.

**TOTAL DOLLARS CONTRIBUTED BY CATEGORY—FY13***

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* Income only; outstanding pledges not included. Includes $161,081 of gift-in-kind income.

** Does not include $1,080,559 in outside scholarship donations for student support.

**NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS BY CATEGORY—FY13**

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* Does not include 533 employees who are included in the alumni count.

** Does not include 411 parents included in alumni count.
# Financial Summary

## Expenditures by Purpose—FY13

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## Contributions by Purpose—FY13

- **Public Service, Cultural Activities and Other Regional Outreach Efforts**
  - $853,744
  - 14.9%

- **Scholarships and Other Endowments**
  - $1,156,707
  - 20.3%

- **Foundations/Alumni-sponsored Programs**
  - $511,487
  - 9.0%

- **Academic Enhancements Instructional Initiatives/Research**
  - $1,056,208
  - 18.5%

- **Athletics**
  - $394,102
  - 6.9%

- **Unrestricted Contributions and Gifts to the Fund for a Greater Western**
  - $12,235
  - 0.2%

- **Capital Projects Equipment/Property**
  - $80,192
  - 1.4%

- **Student Scholarships and Aid**
  - $1,646,186
  - 28.8%

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*Income only; outstanding pledges and testamentary gifts not included.*

Includes all gift-in-kind and contribution income, including outside scholarship donations.
The Western Illinois University Annual Fund allows our alumni, parents, friends, faculty and staff to honor and renew their ties to Western with annual gifts directed to the areas of campus that are most important to them. These gifts are decisive in supporting our University’s core values in service to our students each year, and help bridge the gap between a student’s tuition dollars and the actual cost of a Western education.

As Western continues to address the current challenges to higher education, we are grateful for the thousands of Annual Fund donors who step forward each year to fund scholarships, enhance academic and campus life and support our areas of greatest need.

More than $2 million was contributed through the Annual Fund effort in Fiscal Year 2013, allowing us to build upon our high level of academic excellence and service to students in the most challenging of times. Corporate matching gifts (received from companies who match their employee’s charitable contributions) also add to the overall Annual Fund total, allowing our donors to double and sometimes triple their annual gift.

Each and every gift is both needed and appreciated at Western; it represents your commitment to our University and our current students. Thank you for participating in the Annual Fund and helping Western meet the needs of current and future Leathernecks.

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**WE ARE WESTERN**

**FACULTY/STAFF CAMPAIGN**

We are Western is the theme of the Faculty and Staff Campaign that is part of the current $60 million capital campaign to ensure student success at Western Illinois University. According to Foundation Annual Fund Director Tim Hallinan, “regardless of the job we do, students ultimately benefit from our effort.”

The annual Faculty and Staff Campaign allows the employees of Western Illinois University to make a difference beyond the day-to-day service to students. Through giving, employees demonstrate a personal, as well as collective commitment to students and the University.

In Fiscal Year 2013, 1,036 faculty, staff and emeriti donated a total of $578,433.* These contributions were directed mostly to student scholarships, but also supported academic programs, athletics, the performing arts and more.

*533 employees are included in the alumni count elsewhere in this report
The Foundation scholarship program at Western Illinois University attracts talented and promising students to the University, rewards academic achievement and makes a Western education more affordable to qualified students; scholarships enable many students to complete their education and meet academic career goals. The Western Illinois University Foundation Scholarship Program awards hundreds of named scholarships to students each year thanks to the financial support of alumni, friends of WIU, businesses and corporations, faculty and staff and private individuals. Donors often choose to perpetuate a family member or family name by establishing either an annual or endowed scholarship through the WIU Foundation. Below are highlights of the support and generosity from donors in Fiscal Year 2013:

• The WIU Foundation distributed more than $2.2 million in student scholarships this past year. Including institution-based aid and room scholarships, more than $3.6 million was awarded to over 3,000 WIU students in fiscal year 2013.
• Scholarship awards represented more than 36 percent of the Foundation’s total expenditures for the year.
• New contributions added an additional $1,257,329 to the endowment for scholarships, assistantships, research and similar areas.
• Donors to the WIU Scholarship Program include alumni, parents and relatives of WIU alumni, students, current and retired faculty and staff members.

The following new scholarships were established through the WIU Foundation in Fiscal Year 2013. We thank the individuals, corporations and foundations whose generosity made these scholarships possible.

- Phillip Benne Scholarship
- BGS Alumni Scholarship
- Rachel Carter Scholarship
- Center for International Studies Scholarship
- Chicago Mercantile Exchange Transfer Scholarship
- College of Education & Human Services Transfer Scholarship
- Computer Science International Graduate Student Scholarship
- Ruth Dexter Nursing Scholarship
- Robert & Betty Druien Scholarship in Foreign Languages
- Noah Eckman Memorial Scholarship in honor of Denita Rouse
- Fallen Soldiers Scholarship
- Foreign Languages & Literatures Study Abroad Scholarship
- Rhonda Haffner Scholarship
- Kay Kennedy Kinesiology Scholarship
- Gordon Kirk Honors History Scholarship
- Sarah Knight Memorial Scholarship for Bilingual Education
- Carl B. Larson Scholarship in Archaeology
- Laura Lee McLaren Scholarship
- Ed Ohlin Scholarship
- Sodexo Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising & Hospitality Scholarship
- WQPT Broadcasting Scholarships
Sodexo Scholarship Gift

In an effort to align with Western Illinois University President Jack Thomas’ commitment to increase funding for scholarships, Sodexo has committed $400,000 over the next four years to Western Illinois University to fund scholarships.

“Our intent is to assist with retention and graduation rates, as well as help recruit high achieving students,” said Sodexo Resident District Manager Allen Nemec. “Our effort is consistent with what Dr. Thomas mentioned in his inaugural address, as well as Sodexo’s commitment to support every community in which we have the privilege to provide our services.”

Sodexo’s scholarship commitment is shared between the new Western Commitment Scholarships and the Department of Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising and Hospitality (DFMH). A gift of $250,000 will be directed to the Western Commitment Scholarships to strengthen recruitment and retention, while $150,000 will fund annual scholarships for high-achieving students majoring in dietetics or hospitality management.

“A contribution of $50,000 will be made annually to the Western Commitment Scholarship for five years, and $50,000 will also be given to DFMH for the next three years to fund five $10,000 scholarships. ♦

ADM Supports Supply Chain Management Program

Western Illinois University’s College of Business and Technology (CBT) was pleased to announce a significant gift to its Supply Chain Management (SCM) Program from Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) in Decatur, IL.

Outlined in a gift proposal submitted to the ADM Cares program, the food processing and commodities trading conglomerate has pledged support of $115,000 to WIU’s Supply Chain Management Program over the next three years.

ADM Cares is the company’s social investment program that directs funds to initiatives and organizations that drive meaningful social, economic and environmental progress worldwide.

“The proposal outlined three specific areas of support,” said WIU Professor of Supply Chain Management Bart Jennings. “Focusing on student recruitment, online interaction and faculty involvement, the ADM contribution will help us increase awareness of supply chain management as a career option and encourage high school students to take a serious look at this as a degree opportunity.”

In addition, the funding allows for the creation of a named faculty position to assist with these initiatives. The “ADM Scholar in Supply Chain Management” will oversee the proposal’s progress and will serve as a liaison between ADM and the WIU SCM program. ♦
Sawyer Shares Success with College of Business & Technology

Mona Sawyer (’55) of Stamford, CT, has quite a family history with Western Illinois University. Her father, Wayne Yard, earned two degrees from Western: a bachelor’s of education in 1934 and a master’s of education in 1947. Wayne was one of six siblings; two brothers completed degrees at Western, one sister attended and another sister worked at Western for many years. In all, 12 family members attended Western.

Sawyer was born in Macomb in 1932, while her father was a student at Western, leaving at age 6 when he took a teaching position in Sherrard, IL. Mona returned to Western upon high school graduation, earning her bachelor’s degree in business education in 1955.

“I am a graduate of Western Illinois University’s College of Business,” said Sawyer. “I learned enough about business and research to open my own antiques business and build a fabulous customer base, all because people knew that I knew what I was doing. I thank Western for that.”

Sawyer recently established a $100,000 charitable gift annuity to benefit students in the College of Business and Technology. She also has included Western in her estate plans.

“I thank Western for getting me started,” said Sawyer, “and I am paying it back now. I firmly believe that whoever helps you get a start should be rewarded,” Sawyer noted.

“I kept my track shoes on all my life, running my own business (sink or swim) for over 30 years, always moving forward,” she continued. “I went to college on a scholarship, and I hope my gift will enable deserving students to get an education.”

Grice Scholarship Legacy at Western

A conversation with George Grice (’71), alumnus, benefactor, author, farmer and retired professor, always returns to three common themes: family, teaching and learning, and Western Illinois University.

“Mine is a family of educators, and we have a tradition with Western,” said George. “My parents, my two sisters, my aunt, my uncle and grandmother all earned education degrees at Western and were teachers at heart. We were farmers, but both my parents taught school, and the importance of education guided our lives.”

Another of the Grice traditions is generosity, especially toward Western. George established the first family scholarship, the Wrenn and Evelyn Grice Scholarship, in 1985, in honor of his parents. In 1993, the Carol Grice Major Scholarship was named for his sister, followed by the Leanne Grice Porch Scholarship in 1994 to also honor a sister. Again in 1994, George began the Jessie Ferne Routh Grice Scholarship to honor his paternal grandmother, a 1929 graduate of Western (in education, of course). Four teacher education students per year are chosen to be Grice scholars, all planning to teach at the elementary level.

This year, George endowed a Faculty Instructional Development Fund in the Department of Communication to fund proposals that make positive differences in classroom instruction and student learning. Projects that are extensions of classroom learning and that engage faculty and students in cooperative study are also encouraged. “I want to encourage active learning in the sphere of the classroom,” said George. “This fund is for faculty, or faculty may sponsor applications from undergraduate students and teaching assistants.”

Mona Sawyer

Evelyn Grice, 1938, Monroe Hall
Sarah Knight Memorial Scholarship for Bilingual Education

When Sarah Knight (‘09) of Marion, IA, was trying to decide where to attend college, she decided on a whim to visit Western. Her father, Gregory, earned a physical education degree at WIU in 1978, but she had not given Western much thought. That visit changed everything.

“It was an absolutely beautiful day when we decided to visit,” said Sarah’s mother, Susan. “It was love at first sight for Sarah. She didn’t know a soul when we dropped her off that August, but obviously she found her home.”

While working on her bilingual/bicultural education degree with a Spanish minor, Sarah studied abroad in Guadalajara, Mexico, and served on the Student Orientation Board. She graduated in 2009 and was hired as a bilingual kindergarten teacher at Hillcrest Elementary School in East Moline, IL.

“Her passion was for her work,” her mother said. “She loved being a teacher, and she particularly loved her children at Hillcrest. She was committed to maintaining their culture and helping them transition to English.”

Sarah died unexpectedly on Sept. 26, 2011, of myocarditis, a viral infection in her heart. Her family, parents Susan and Gregory, along with brothers, David and Tyler, have established a scholarship to honor the love and dedication Sarah brought to her classroom. The Sarah Knight Memorial Scholarship will offer financial assistance to students studying to become bilingual/bicultural educators and may be applied to the recipient’s study abroad expenses.

“We have to do something to share Sarah with others. We have to continue her legacy,” said Susan. “Sarah’s time in the classroom was too short, and this is one way we can continue her mission.”

Those who knew Sarah refer to her as a bright, spirited and delightful young woman. She was passionate about teaching and loved her students. Now, the Sarah Knight Memorial Scholarship for Bilingual/ Bicultural Education at Western will reward those with the same personal integrity and career goals.
Student Creates Original Artwork for Foundation

Western Illinois University junior Bachelor of Fine Arts candidate Tanisha Wisslead, of LaHarpe, IL, has a new addition to her portfolio … the 2012 WIU Foundation holiday card, which was sent to hundreds of donors, alumni and friends in December. Wisslead received a commission last fall for the design she created for the Foundation’s 2012 card.

“I decided to represent Sherman Hall by taking my own painterly approach to the project, making it look almost like a watercolor painting,” said Wisslead. “The particular silkscreen process I used to create the Sherman Hall winter scene allows me to leave my own handmade marks in this piece. I believe these marks add movement and show some of my unique style.

“The Foundation always looks for opportunities to showcase the work of students,” said Vice President for Advancement and Public Services Brad Bainter. “Tanisha was the recipient of the Foundation’s Patricia Bulkeley Scholarship, which is awarded to art majors with a GPA of 3.0 and above. She is an accomplished artist, with a bright future, who has been assisted by private support. Her work on our holiday card was a perfect greeting for our friends who so generously provide for student scholarships.”

Student Named University’s First-Ever Truman Finalist

Western Illinois University senior Elizabeth Etta (’13) was named the school’s first-ever Truman Scholar finalist.

Etta, an African American studies major with a sociology minor, originally from Bolingbrook, IL, was also a student in WIU’s Centennial Honors College.

“The Harry S. Truman Scholarship is widely recognized as the top scholarship in the United States,” said Richard Hardy, director of WIU’s Honors College. “The Truman looks for students who excel in academics, public service and civic leadership. Just to be nominated for a Truman is praiseworthy in its own right, but to become a finalist is a major accomplishment.”

Etta was a Presidential Scholarship recipient and also received Honors College and Undergraduate Summer scholarships while at Western. She graduated in May and said she would never have been able to finish her degree without scholarship assistance.

Student Alumni Leadership Council: Philanthropy Day

On Feb. 19, the Western Illinois University Student Alumni Leadership Council (SALC) joined more than 120 educational institutions worldwide to participate in the inaugural Student Engagement and Philanthropy Day.

SALC hosted a “Thank You” campaign at the Alumni House to recognize the continued support and participation that Western and the Alumni Association have received from local alumni, faculty, staff, community members and friends over the past year. WIU students gathered at the Alumni House to send more than 700 handwritten thank-you notes to alumni in the Macomb area. SALC invited the entire University student body to join in this outreach effort, said former SALC Adviser and Alumni Programs Assistant Director Angeline Harpman (’12).
WIU-Quad Cities—Foundation Year in Review

Western Illinois University-Quad Cities experienced another strong and successful year. WIU-QC fundraising was enhanced by many significant institutional accomplishments.

WIU-Quad Cities experienced increased enrollment in 2012-2013, highlighted by a record-high undergraduate enrollment of 799 students. New student enrollment increased by 12.9 percent, and online enrollment increased by 246 students, or 41.4 percent, over the previous academic year.

The Western Illinois University-Quad Cities Riverfront Campus completed its first full year of operations. The new campus—on the banks of the Mississippi River—was made possible by a gift of land and property from John Deere and Company. Phase I supports the College of Business and Technology, all other undergraduate programs, student services and administration.

An August 2012 Phase II groundbreaking (five interconnected buildings) leads to the 2014-2015 opening of our newest facilities that will house Quad Cities programs in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education and Human Services, Fine Arts and Communication and other staff areas.

The addition of WQPT-Quad Cities Public Television to the Western Illinois University-Quad Cities has enhanced our public service. As a public broadcasting service of WIU, WQPT serves a viewing audience of 600,000 residents of Western Illinois and Eastern Iowa. Some of the new local programs include:

- **WIU Presents**: A monthly program showcasing fine and performing arts presentations at Western.
- **The Cities**: A local public affairs program moderated by a local anchorwoman. Notable guests during the past year included Vice President Joe Biden, Arun Ghandi, national bullying expert Jennifer Caudle and elected officials from both Illinois and Iowa.
- **Out & About**: A one- to two-minute production throughout the broadcast day highlighting station programs and events sponsored by non-profit groups in the area.
- **Re-broadcasts of home Leatherneck basketball games.**

Cumulative Comprehensive Campaign and annual WQPT contributions total $8.225 million in gifts, pledges and grants for WIU-QC. There are 38 donors in major gift categories and 101 in recognition categories for annual gifts, up from a total of two just four years ago. FY13 donors include:

- 3M Foundation
- Alcoa Foundation
- AT&T Foundation
- Dr. C. Suzanne Bailey
- Derek Bloomfield
- William E. Brewer
- Thomas & Elaine Bridge
- Butler Insurance Services, Inc.
- CD Wiman Memorial Trust
- Dr. Marcia Carter
- Central Bank
- Roger Clawson
- Community Foundation of the Great River Bend
- Doris and Victor Day Foundation
- Derek & Nancy Dyer
- Figge Art Museum
- Illowa Construction, Labor & Management Council
- John Deere Classic
- Lowell N. Johnson Charitable Foundation
- Sid & Carlene Kemmis
- Dr. Lloyd Kilmer
- Jamie Lange
- LinguiSystems, Inc.
- McCarthy-Bush Foundation
- Melvin McKay Trust
- MetroLink
- Mid American Energy Foundation
- Midland Information Resources
- Dr. Kristi Mindrup
- Modern Woodmen of America
- The Moline Foundation
- Christopher & Pamela Ontiveros
- Robert & Blenda Ontiveros
- Dr. William & Carol Pratt
- Quad City Bank & Trust
- Raufeisen Development
- RIA Federal Credit Union
- Riverboat Development Authority
- Dr. Joseph Rives & Scott Brouette
- Dr. Susan Romano
- Gary & Linda Rowe
- Royal Neighbors of America
- Scott County Regional Authority
- Sedona Technologies
- Shive Hattery, Inc.
- Todd Sieben
- Dr. Emeric & Shirley Solymossy
- The Geneseo Foundation
- Dr. Jeanette Thomas
- Dr. Ann Walsh
- Robert D. Wismer

WIU-Quad Cities has 21 scholarship award funds and distributed $65,000 to 70 individuals during the past year. Generous community donors have contributed more than $500,000 for scholarships since 2008.

WIU-Quad Cities hosted their first minority student scholarship fundraiser in April in partnership with 100 Black Men of the Quad Cities, Davenport League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Greater Quad Cities Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Rock Island, IL, and Davenport, IA, chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and VIVA Quad Cities. The Moline Foundation provided a generous matching gift for funds raised. All funds raised match scholarships awarded by these organizations to students at WIU-Quad Cities.

“Every gift strengthens our community and makes an immediate impact on our campus and the students that we serve,” said Joe Rives, vice president of Quad Cities and Planning. We have set a strong foundation, a culture of giving and support, that benefits current and future generations of students. We will continue to build on our fundraising successes in the years ahead so we can remain the public choice for higher education in the Quad Cities.”
Higher Values in Higher Education:
The Campaign for Western Illinois University

As of Sept. 1, 2013, the WIU Foundation is 96 percent of the way to its $60 million goal, having raised more than $57 million. Begun in 2006, the campaign will conclude Dec. 31, 2013. We are confident that, with your help, we will meet and surpass this goal.

Private contributions are a necessary part of WIU operations. Currently, the State of Illinois supplies slightly more than half of Western Illinois University’s appropriated/general revenue budget. In addition, 85 percent of new freshmen on campus receive financial aid.

The campaign’s fundraising efforts have been (and will continue to be) focused on keeping a Western education accessible to as many students as possible, regardless of their means, and of continual improvement of that educational experience. This simply cannot be done without the assistance of WIU’s many alumni, employees, friends and corporate partners. Your investment is a meaningful way to share in Western’s values.