



**Missouri State University
Foundation**

**2017
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AT MISSOURI STATE,

we discovered what it meant to be invested in something bigger than ourselves, realizing that community stretches not just across our campus but throughout our globe.

Here, we learned how to make a promise and then live that commitment fully. We learned to lead, not with self-importance, but with humility and intention.

It was on this campus where we grew courageous, thriving on new connections and open dialogue. Emboldened by our maroon and white community, and the knowledge that no one can stop a Bear.

**HERE, WE FOUND OUR VOICE AND
WE WILL MAKE IT HEARD.**

**TO FOSTER PURPOSE, TO BUILD INTEGRITY,
TO INSPIRE OUR CURRENT AND FUTURE ALUMS,
WE MAKE OUR MISSOURI STATEMENT.**





Message from the president



Do you know you have an amazing gift you can offer to Missouri State?

No, not funding: If you're receiving this annual report, you've likely already supported us financially. We can't thank you enough for that.

But right now, I am talking about the amazing power of volunteers.

WE RELY ON VOLUNTEERS WHO BELIEVE IN US

You know Missouri State's resources are shrinking. In Fiscal Year 2001, state appropriations covered 62 percent of our operating budget. In Fiscal Year 2018, those appropriations covered just 34 percent of our operating budget.

That's not because we're reckless or overspending. We're wise with our money, and have outlined ways we are protecting the core mission of the university — including keeping affordability for students as an important priority — as we face budget reductions.

But these shrinking resources make it even more important that we have support from volunteers who believe wholeheartedly in academic achievement, scholarship and student success. In short, supporters like you help us reach out and think big more effectively than we could ever do on our own.

WE HELD OUR FIRST CONFERENCE FOR VOLUNTEERS

In June 2017, we had our first volunteer leadership conference. You may have even been invited or played a role, and if so, great!

We count the conference as a success. We gave participants information about MSU's points of pride, budget, academics and physical campus.

When they left, we wanted them to have solid strategies on how to help recruit students to MSU, how to advocate for our legislative agenda, how to identify and cultivate potential donors, and other ways to shape and support the university.

The 2018 conference will be held June 22-23. We hope to see you there!

WE'D LOVE TO PUT YOUR SKILLS TO USE

So, other than learning about MSU's budget and recruitment needs, what can you do? Simple: Bring your own leadership strengths to the table.

We'll be creating new volunteer opportunities starting soon, and we can use your skills, no matter where you live.

We know life is busy. We know volunteering takes time and energy. That's why we are so appreciative of all of you who are reading this — you have already committed in some way to helping MSU be the best it can be.

We're lucky to experience such dedication. You are one of the reasons behind any success we have.

So, my last question to you would be: What would you like to help MSU accomplish next?

Clif Smart
President, Missouri State University





Message from the Foundation chair



It has again been my honor and pleasure to serve as chair of the Missouri State University Foundation Board. As I began to write this message, I reflected back to 1972 when I graduated from what was then Southwest Missouri State College.

At that time, there was no Missouri State University Foundation. And now, the endowment fund has approximately \$84,000,000 in net assets. The Foundation finished fiscal year 2017 with the second-largest fundraising total in the history of the Foundation. It received gifts from 21,292 donors totaling \$19,515,898. These gifts help fund student scholarships and programs, faculty research, facility enhancements and other needs at Missouri State University.

While enrollment is declining at other universities in the state, the enrollment at MSU continues to increase. This year's fall semester of 26,216 students was a record enrollment. Additionally, for the first time, last years' statistics show that of the Missouri students who took the ACT, more incoming college freshmen chose MSU as their first college choice rather than the University of Missouri.

If you have not been on the MSU campus lately, you really need to come visit. From the Welcome Center to the athletics facilities to the completely remodeled and new addition to Glass Hall and the remodeled Ellis Hall, it is truly a campus of which you can be proud.

Buildings and athletics facilities help recruit quality faculty and students to Missouri State. However, the above mean little, if anything, if a university does not have a strong administration and dedicated faculty. Under the strong leadership of President Clif Smart, the administration at MSU is, in my opinion, doing an excellent job and I am sure the faculty is doing likewise.

A strong university needs the support of its alumni and the community in order to excel. That is one of the many reasons my wife, Barbara, and I have chosen to support Missouri State both financially and through volunteer efforts. I hope that you agree with us and will join us this year by contributing to MSU. With your help, we can make a great university even better.

GO BEARS!

Michael Ingram
Chair, Missouri State University Foundation Board of Trustees





Message from the Foundation



Some people make choices that change lives. Thank you for being one of them!

Across the campuses of Missouri State University, the impact of supporters is everywhere. There is not a person affiliated with Missouri State whom private support isn't affecting. That impact is far-reaching. It goes beyond the university to the community, the state and beyond.

In fiscal year 2017, 21,292 of you made the choice to change lives. You supported student scholarships and experiences, programs and activities, faculty who are changing lives through their teaching and research as well as facility enhancements that not only take the university to the next level but take the educational experiences at Missouri State to the next level.

As state support decreases, you — our alumni and friends — stepped up. Fiscal year 2017 had the second-largest fundraising total in the history of the Missouri State University Foundation, ending with \$19,515,898 raised. Your commitment to an accessible and affordable education is unparalleled.

Many of you also chose to support Missouri State with your time and talents as a volunteer. In June 2017 we held our first-ever Volunteer Leadership Conference, which you will read about in this report. We have great people doing great things in the name of Missouri State and we celebrate them and the lives they change daily. We plan to host our second Volunteer Leadership Conference next year, June 22-23, 2018, and we invite you to be there.

You are the behind-the-scenes heroes. Because of you, Missouri State thrives as it grows to meet the needs of current Bears and pave the way for Bears of the future. Thank you. Your passion for Missouri State fuels us and your generosity never fails to humble us.

Brent Dunn
*Executive Director, Missouri State University Foundation;
Vice President for University Advancement*





FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE being a FIRST-GENERATION BEAR

Alumnus Tim Foote, '72, the first in his family to earn a college degree, now champions the Missouri State First Generation Support Campaign.

Tim Foote knows first-hand the challenges a first-generation college student can face, as well as the rewards of earning a degree. That's why he is now committed to helping other Bears.

A first-generation Bear turned businessman

Foote was born and raised in Osceola, Missouri, as one of four boys. His mother stayed home to keep order while his father was on the road for his truck-driving job.

"My mom was a saint. She raised all four of us, and she's a special person."

Foote was the first person in his family to graduate from college.

He worked 30 hours a week and took out student loans, but still managed to be an active member of fraternity Sigma Pi, play intermural sports and participate in the fraternity council.

"The thing about first-generation is that once you get that education, then your whole family is lifted by that."

After graduating in 1972 with a degree in business management, Foote went into sales. In 1981, he started his own manufacturing representative company. The business flourished under Foote's direction, leading to another facility opening in China in 2005.

Now, he hopes to semi-retire into a life of golf and relaxation at his houses in Colorado and Florida, leaving the everyday workings of his company in the hands of his daughter, Steph, currently a lawyer.

Tim Foote, a 1972 graduate, was the first in his family to graduate from college. He now supports first-generation students at Missouri State.



Giving back as an alumnus

Foote is a member of the Foundation Board of Trustees. He is a recipient of a bronze medallion from The Founders Club, and a co-presenting sponsor of the MarooNation Ball in Kansas City.

Earlier this year, he matched a donation to the Missouri State First Generation Support Campaign, which helped to put the campaign over its goal. He wanted to make it easier for a new generation.

“Being a graduate put me on a career path that has allowed me to be successful, which has allowed me to have the availability to give back.”

He also helped his fellow alumnus and Sigma Pi brother, the late Dr. Michael Compton (who passed away about a year and a half ago), establish a nonprofit organization called IDEAL: the Institute for Development of Ethics And Leadership. IDEAL is dedicated to developing ethical leadership among young men in the Sigma Pi fraternity and supporting the public affairs mission of Missouri State.

“Mike was a really special person in our fraternity. He traveled all over the world, and he came back and he asked a few of us to help support an idea that he had, and so we did, and we established this nonprofit organization.”

Foote is now the vice president of the organization. He helps to sponsor the Dr. Michael N. Compton Public Affairs Essay Contest. The contest is open to all MSU undergraduates. It rewards the winner with both a cash prize and a donation to the charity of his or her choice.

“I like helping other people. I’m lucky to be in a position that I can do it and I enjoy doing it. I think people need to always remember to give back.”





SUPPORT PROJECTS AND SHARE ON SOCIAL!

- See all of our crowdfunding campaigns! Donors may give any amount, no matter how small — with crowdfunding, it all adds up to help MSU.
www.missouristatecrowdfunding.org
- Anyone can join the **#BearCrowd!** Become a volunteer advocate by sharing campaigns or by making a gift.



Join the #BearCrowd

Crowdfunding continues to help us support many projects and student opportunities across campus.

Crowdfunding allows anyone, anywhere to contribute to Missouri State causes and projects. Some recent examples of crowdfunding campaigns:

- The Chorale performed in January 2017 at the presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C. Through crowdfunding, the Missouri State University Choral Studies program was able to pay for the cost of outdoor performance attire, including custom-fitted coats, hats, gloves and scarves. The group ended up raising \$50,000, much more than its original goal of \$13,500, thanks to 267 donors from around the world! That will help Chorale Studies as they build a much-needed endowment.
- The Pride Marching Band is close to its goal of raising funds to purchase new uniforms for each of its members. More than 235 people have given to the campaign so far!
- A new college experience for individuals with intellectual disabilities, called Bear POWER (Promoting Opportunities for Work, Education and Resilience), was supported by more than 100 donors and raised more than \$52,000. This campaign sought to get the program up and running, and help us provide a dedicated staff person and student scholarships.
- A campaign helped provide support for first-generation students, who are the first in their families to attend college. The new First-Generation Student Support Fund may be used for scholarships, special programming, networking, peer mentoring and other opportunities related to supporting first-gen students.

Alumnus Dr. Cameron LaBarr, '07, directed the performance of the Chorale at the presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C. Donors to an MSU crowdfunding campaign helped the students make the once-in-a-lifetime trip by supporting the purchase of their outdoor attire.







World-renowned presidential historian speaks on campus

Doris Kearns Goodwin is a Pulitzer Prize-winning author known for writing about U.S. presidents.

She presented during the Public Affairs Conference thanks to the generous sponsorship of Richard F. and Doris B. Young and support from the Missouri State Foundation.

Doris Kearns Goodwin, a renowned presidential scholar and author, signed books and talked with people who attended her April 4 speech. Private support helped bring her to campus.

Goodwin spoke April 4 to a full house at Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts in a speech entitled, “How did we get here? An historical perspective on our wild 2016 election.” She told lively stories about presidents such as Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. She has written award-winning books about both.

At 24, Goodwin worked with President Lyndon Baines Johnson as a White House Fellow, despite political differences she had with him. She described Johnson’s confidence in a recent podcast with political analyst David Axelrod: “Oh, let her come down here for a year, and if I can’t win her over, no one can,” Johnson reportedly said of Goodwin. She later helped Johnson write his memoir, which became a New York Times bestseller.

The Missouri State Foundation hosted a sold-out VIP reception and dinner with Goodwin prior to her speech.

DISCOVERER OF THE TITANIC TO SPEAK ON CAMPUS

Explorer, discoverer and historian Dr. Robert Ballard will headline the 2018 Public Affairs Conference. Ballard is best known for his 1985 discovery of the Titanic. He has also tracked down numerous other significant shipwrecks.

KEYNOTE SPEECH

When: 7:30 p.m. April 10, 2018

Where: Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts

Cost: The event is free and open to the public. More info on Ballard and the speech:

publicaffairs.missouristate.edu/conference/keynote

VIP RECEPTION

The Foundation will also host a private reception and Titanic-themed dinner with Ballard. The reception and dinner includes a signed book, a personal visit and photo with Ballard, and VIP-reserved seating for the keynote.

When: 5:15 p.m. April 10, 2018

Where: Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts

Cost: \$150 per person

To purchase tickets: Call Stephanie Smith, senior director of donor relations and special events, at 417-836-4143.





Let's get down to business: Glass Hall renovation and expansion ready to be dedicated

The four-year Glass Hall construction project, which allows us to compete for the best and brightest business students in Missouri and the nation, is now complete.

The project included a 37,000 square-foot addition, known as the Robert Gourley Student Success Center, and a renovation of the existing 173,000 square-foot building, which opened in 1988.

Features in the renovated spaces of the original Glass Hall and new Student Success Center include:

- A high-tech finance and trading lab that simulates the New York Stock Exchange trading floor
- A think tank for creative thinking in business
- A tutoring lab offering free tutoring for select business classes
- A Center for Academic and Professional Success that centralizes business advising and career-placement resources
- Seven collaboration and team meeting spaces
- Six corporate interview rooms
- Entrepreneurship labs
- Sales labs
- An executive board room
- An executive auditorium for distinguished speakers
- An Einstein Brothers cafe offering food service all day
- Two outdoor terraces
- New and remodeled classrooms

Business students were able to use these amazing amenities and more in the fall 2017 semester.

"This project was truly a labor of love and will transform business education at Missouri State University," said College of Business Dean Stephanie Bryant. "The combination of theoretical and real-world skills will enable our students to enter the business world fully prepared for professional and career success."

The artist's rendering at right shows the exterior of the new Glass Hall. This renovation will allow the College of Business to better serve its students. The state-of-the-art facilities will better prepare them for global careers in business, and will provide space for community and alumni events.



GLASS HALL TIMELINE

May 6, 1986:

Groundbreaking ceremony for what was then called “the new College of Business Administration building”

1988:

Naming gift from alumnus David D. Glass, '60, former CEO of Walmart and current owner of the Kansas City Royals

April 6, 1988:

Glass Hall dedicated

2013:

Steering Committee formed to plan renovation and expansion of Glass Hall

2015:

Groundbreaking for renovations

October 2015:

Gift from alumnus Robert Gourley, '60, and his family establishes the Robert Gourley Student Success Center

Oct. 26, 2017:

Glass Hall rededication



GIFTS FOR GLASS HALL EXCEED \$6 MILLION

This transformational project would not have been possible without the support of donors like you. The Missouri State University Foundation announced gifts and pledges totaling more than \$5.8 million for this project. We thank everyone who participated!



A great first impression: Outdoor courtyard at Welcome Center named for supporters

A gift from Chris and Bryan Magers funded an outdoor area that is now named in their honor. The courtyard will host gatherings and receptions.

The fragrance of spring filled the air as the sun burst forth on a breezy, warm afternoon in mid-May. MSU's campus was quieter than normal: Finals were about to begin, commencement was only a week away and it was Study Day.

Dozens of students, staff, faculty and community members had gathered to celebrate a gift to beautify a corner of Missouri State.

Brent Dunn, executive director of the Missouri State University Foundation, greeted the crowd: "Welcome to the Davis-Harrington Welcome Center, and the dedication of our new outdoor courtyard, named for Chris and Brian Magers."

A place to gather and grow

The Chris and Bryan Magers Courtyard is an outdoor gathering area. It includes built-in seating and a garden area. The courtyard will serve as a gathering place for events, University Ambassador tours and other receptions, activities and gatherings.

The addition of the courtyard will enhance the experience of families coming for campus visits, said Nechell Bonds, director of admissions.

A member of the University Ambassadors called it an ideal place for current students to meet possible new Bears.

"The courtyard will complete the look of the Welcome Center and enhance what we call our 'home for the Ambassadors,'" said Maddie McDonald, a senior entrepreneurship major. "With this space, University Ambassadors will now have a place to hang out and talk to the prospective students."

University President Clif Smart also welcomed the addition of the new courtyard.

"Several times a week, people are meeting and socializing here," he said, "and that's only going to increase with the addition of the courtyard."

University Ambassador Maddie McDonald, (from left), Bryan Magers, Chris Magers and MSU Student Government Association President Adam Coffman were on campus May 12 to celebrate the dedication of the Magers Courtyard.



Courtyard built thanks to long-time MSU supporters

Bryan and Chris Magers are longtime supporters of Missouri State. Bryan Magers is a member of the Missouri State Foundation Board of Trustees, and has served as chairman of the board. He resides in Springfield and has been in the local real estate business since 1979.

In 1991, Bryan Magers began the company Bryan Properties. Recently, Bryan Properties agreed to work with Missouri State for the building of a new residence hall on the west side of campus.

Bryan and Chris Magers supported the building of the courtyard, believing it will further advance the university's growth and create an even stronger first impression for visitors.

"The cornerstone for Missouri State was laid 110 years ago. At that time, they had no idea what the school would become," Bryan Magers said. "This is an exciting time in Missouri State's history."

A TIMELINE OF THE WELCOME CENTER

2015

MSU's Davis-Harrington Welcome Center first opens; it serves as the front-door of Missouri State

2016

The Welcome Center lobby receives a name: The Mike and Barbara Ingram Lobby

2017

The Chris and Bryan Magers Courtyard receives a name





A big year for agriculture: New name, new land, new gifts

Several alumni offered major support, helping programs thrive.

Growth — it's at the root of everything in agriculture. And now Missouri State University's agriculture school has grown as well.

In December 2016, Missouri State's Board of Governors voted to rename the unit from the William H. Darr School of Agriculture to the **William H. Darr College of Agriculture**. It becomes the seventh academic college at Missouri State University.

The change better reflects the organization of the college, which has doubled in student majors over the past five years, according to Missouri State Provost Dr. Frank Einhellig.

"Although the curriculum will not change in the short-term and students will not be directly affected, it is my belief that the students will command better recognition of the education they receive and the designation of 'college' will help the students as they seek employment and careers," Einhellig said.

The College of Agriculture keeps growing, with support from private donors making huge differences. Students can study agricultural business, agricultural communications, animal science, plant science, natural resources, wildlife conservation and management and much more.

Gifts include farm, endowments

In March, it was announced that several MSU alumni have made major gifts to the new College of Agriculture.

William H. and Virginia Darr, classes of '57 and '54 respectively, are the namesakes behind the Darr College of Agriculture, thanks to their boundless support of that academic area. They have created two new endowed funds:

- The Darr Family Facilities Endowment, to support the day-to-day operations of the college's facilities.
- The Family Agriculture Graduate Student Support Endowment, to assist graduate students with their research pursuits.



George Hartsfield and Rev. Dr. Paula Kindrick Hartsfield, '76, gave an 80-acre farm, located near the Springfield-Branson National Airport, to the college. The land is named the Kindrick Family Farm at Missouri State University. There, land will be used for crop production. Other uses include horticulture and plant science research and education.







BE PART OF THE STEINWAY INITIATIVE

Watch a video of our music students and faculty talking about why these instruments would help the university, and learn how to lend your support:
www.missouristate.edu/music/steinway



The sweet new sounds of Ellis Hall

Renovations and plans to become an all-Steinway school are elevating the music department.

Ellis Hall is the home of Missouri State's music department. The facility was built in 1959, and had few upgrades since — until recently.

Changes will help recruit, retain students

Ellis has been undergoing renovations since fall 2016. These changes mean improved acoustics, lighting, climate control (vital for proper instrument storage!), handicap accessibility, technology infrastructure, energy efficiency, fire safety and more.

The new Ellis Hall was dedicated in September.

The renovations come as the music department is moving toward attaining all-Steinway status in the next few years. This status means that all pianos owned by an institution are designed by Steinway & Sons. At Missouri State, all music students — not just piano majors — learn to play the piano. Being an all-Steinway school will give the music program national prestige and ensure that students have access to the gold standard in instruments.

"Great teachers, facilities and equipment are major factors in students choosing a music school," said Dr. Julie Combs, head of the music department. "We have the great teachers, our facilities are going to be renovated and we are aiming to replace our piano inventory. These steps will help with our recruiting and retention and move the MSU music department to a new and higher level."

Gift leads to MSU's first new Steinway grand

To earn this designation, Missouri State will need to replace its entire piano inventory during the next few years with Steinway & Sons pianos.

Music students' lesson fees have allowed the university to purchase more than 10 Steinway pianos.

Another exciting new acquisition: MSU was able to purchase its first new Steinway grand piano due to a significant gift by Sam Hamra, chairman of Hamra Enterprises.

"Mr. Hamra's generosity will provide the industry standard in grand pianos," Combs said.

The Steinway grand piano is housed in a renovated recital/lecture room at Ellis. That room is named the June S. Hamra Recital Hall in honor of Sam Hamra's wife, June, who was a member of Missouri State's Board of Regents from 1979-85. She is actively involved in the arts community.

"We are so pleased to be able to support the great things happening in the music program at Missouri State," Sam Hamra said. "June and I hope this gift will help music students achieve the goals they desire in life."

June and Sam Hamra (left) supported the university's purchase of its first new Steinway grand piano, the industry standard in grand pianos. The room in which the piano resides is now named for June Hamra.





Make plans to join us for Bears in the Know events

Bears in the Know is a Foundation program that gives supporters and friends of the university a deeper look at MSU points of pride.

Experts from different areas speak at the luncheons, which are held about once a month.

Topics have included MSU's outreach to disadvantaged communities, astronomy research on campus, innovation from the eFactory, and so much more related to our community involvement, student success and academic excellence.

Invitations for each event go to Founders Club members, supporters, alumni, friends and other MSU community members who have shown an interest in the area being featured.



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Purchase tickets: www.missouristate.edu/bearsintheknow



Upcoming events: Plan your series



NOV. 29, 2017

Reconsidering the Scots-Irish Ozarks: Forty Years of Ozarks Studies at MSU

Presenter: Dr. Brooks R. Blevins, professor of history

“Reconsidering the Scots-Irish Ozarks” will focus on a debate over the ethnocultural origins of the people of the Ozarks, a debate that stems from the earliest days of the Ozarks Studies program at MSU in the 1970s. Blevins will challenge, or at least complicate, the popular narrative that the historical Ozarks was a bastion of Scots-Irish culture.



JAN. 31, 2018

What an inorganic chemist can do in biomedical field? — A tale of one's investigations in MSU and overseas

Presenter: Dr. Nikolay N. Gerasimchuk,
professor of chemistry

For the past decade, MSU's department of chemistry has been studying compounds that may help against several notorious human pathogens. Also, a new generation of unique biologically active compounds for theranostics applications was developed at MSU. The term “theranostics” defines ongoing efforts to develop more specific, individualized therapies for various diseases, and to combine diagnostic and therapeutic capabilities into a single agent.



MARCH 28, 2018

An inside look at MSU Choral Studies

Presenter: Dr. Cameron F. LaBarr, director of choral studies, assistant professor of music

The Missouri State University Choral Studies program has had a reputation of success dating back many years. Director of Choral Studies Dr. Cameron LaBarr will discuss the current happenings of the program, including the Chorale's trip to the 58th Presidential Inauguration; performances at national, regional and state conferences; and other special endeavors. The Chorale will be present at this luncheon and will perform a small number of selections.



MAY 23, 2018

Recruitment, retention and a strong future in agriculture

Presenter: James D. Bellis, assistant to the dean of agriculture

The William H. Darr College of Agriculture has enjoyed growth in student numbers, as well as physical properties — which provides the students with unique land and animal “hands-on” applications. College of Agriculture leaders will give a brief synopsis of the college's heritage and share some reasons behind the college's recent growth. The College of Agriculture has also led the university in both retention and graduation of students. Find out the secrets of its success!

WANT TO ATTEND?

Where: Bears in the Know events are held in the Turner Family Hospitality Room on the first floor of the Kenneth E. Meyer Alumni Center, 300 S. Jefferson Ave.

Parking: Complimentary parking is available in the attached garage, with entrance off McDaniel Street

When: Events are scheduled throughout the year. Lunch will be served at approximately 11:30 a.m., followed by the program at noon.

Cost: Attendance is complimentary for Founders Club members. Otherwise, tickets are \$10 per person per luncheon or \$50 for the series.



JULY 25, 2018

How COB connects with businesses on real-world projects

Presenter: Dr. David B. Meinert, College of Business

The College of Business has five new cutting-edge learning laboratories in our newly renovated Glass Hall and Robert Gourley Student Success Center space. In this presentation, we will focus on the BKD Financial Trading Lab and the Marlin Think Tank for Creative Thinking in Business.



New conference celebrates university volunteers

This year, we held the inaugural Missouri State University Volunteer Leadership Conference.

This conference celebrates the value of volunteer leadership as well as foster engagement with alumni, friends and the next generation of citizen Bears. Those who have volunteered for the university at a highly visible level were invited to campus June 23-24.

Friday evening, a networking social and summer soiree was held, then volunteers were invited to the Tent Theatre show “She Loves Me.”

On Saturday, conference participants attended sessions on topics including student recruitment, MSU points of pride, the university’s budget, private support, future plans for campus and more.

Dr. Margie Vandeven, commissioner of education for the state of Missouri, a 1990 MSU graduate and the recipient of the Missouri State Alumni Association’s 2017 Outstanding Alumna Award, spoke at the Saturday lunch.

Saturday evening, conference participants were invited to wrap up the conference by attending the Alumni Association’s 2017 Bears of Distinction dinner and awards ceremony.

(Right): Gordon Kinne, a member of the Missouri State University Foundation Board of Trustees, speaks at the inaugural Missouri State University Volunteer Leadership Conference.
(Left): Participants socialize during a break at the event.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Missouri State's second volunteer leadership conference will be held in summer 2018. We are seeking volunteer leaders who believe wholeheartedly in Missouri State and will help us reach out to spread the word about MSU. We hope that you will attend. You will be among an incredible group of alumni and friends of Missouri State who celebrate the power of volunteer leadership and value the next generation of citizen Bears!

WHEN: June 22-23, 2018

WHERE: Missouri State campus

TO REGISTER FOR NOTIFICATIONS ABOUT THE EVENT:



www.alumni.missouristate.edu/volunteer



417-836-6666





Honoring a beloved husband

Alumna Chris-Anne Crabtree established a nursing scholarship in her will and trust after she lost her husband, Jeremy, to cancer.

After Chris-Anne Crabtree's husband, Jeremy, passed away at the age of 39, she knew she wanted to honor him.

She was appreciative of the education she received through the nurse anesthesia program at Missouri State, so she felt helping nursing students while memorializing her late husband would be a beautiful legacy for their family.

"Jeremy was a very giving and altruistic person, and I know that he would be all for this," Crabtree said.

Chris-Anne Crabtree earned a master's degree in nurse anesthesia from Missouri State in 2006. She fondly remembers her experience and her professors, who she feels were invested in her success as a student. She is pleased to be helping others following in her footsteps by establishing the Crabtree Family Nurse Anesthetist Scholarship.

While finishing her bachelor's degree, she was introduced to Jeremy Crabtree by mutual friends. Within months of meeting him, she knew she'd met the love of her life, especially after traveling with Jeremy to meet his cousin in New York for New Year's Eve.

"By then we both kind of knew where it was going, that this was a path that was leading us together."

Jeremy and Chris-Anne married in 2004 during a seaside wedding in Jamaica. In the years to follow they would celebrate the birth of their first child, a baby girl, Carson, followed by their son, Cameron.

"Jeremy had a big personality," Crabtree said. "He pretty much never stopped talking. He was very friendly with everybody, including introducing himself to strangers. He was very kind and compassionate and he was very into baseball. He was a hard worker. He was a wonderful husband and a loving father to our kids."

In the summer of 2016, life seemed to be great. Jeremy and Chris-Anne had just returned from a romantic trip to Paris and were enjoying summer activities with Carson, 8, and Cameron, 6. Then Jeremy began having chronic sinus infections and severe allergy-like symptoms. A serious nosebleed sent him to the emergency room. On Sept. 14, 2016, he was diagnosed with osteosarcoma — cancer.

A week later the couple, along with Jeremy's parents, drove nearly 600 miles to the world-renowned Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

"We didn't even have an appointment. We were going to go through the ER and make them see us," Crabtree said.

Luckily, they had connections with the hospital and were able to see a specialist. They spent nine days in Rochester, planning an aggressive treatment plan.

Heartbreakingly, the rigors of chemo sent him into acute renal failure. The couple returned to Mayo at the end of October, but doctors realized that they couldn't help Jeremy. After absorbing this shock, family and friends were told the devastating news.

Six short weeks after the diagnosis, the family requested hospice care so emphasis could be put on helping Jeremy live out his remaining days without pain. The family focused on their time together, receiving a constant stream of visitors during Jeremy's final months.

"Our kids crawled in bed with him every single day," Crabtree said.

Jeremy Crabtree died Jan. 13, 2017 — a month before his 40th birthday.

Chris-Anne sees Jeremy in her children every day.

"My son's a spitting image of him," she said. "It's kind of bittersweet, but maybe more sweet, to be able to see him living in them and their personalities and interests."

Chris-Anne Crabtree and her children, Carson and Cameron, hold a picture of her husband Jeremy. She established a scholarship for nurse anesthetist students after Jeremy lost a battle with cancer.





Health center lobby has new name, thanks to grant

A grant from the Sunderland Foundation in Overland Park, Kansas, has led to a new name for a portion of a new campus building.

The Sunderland Foundation's support is going toward the new University Health and Wellness Center.

As a result, the grand lobby in the center will be named in the Sunderland Foundation's honor. This prominent lobby is a high-traffic area on the first floor, and will be seen by thousands of patients.

A new medical home for Missouri State

The University Health and Wellness Center is the medical home for the Missouri State community.

The clinic has 19 board-certified physicians, as well as a nurse practitioner, diabetic educator, dietitian and psychologist. The center also has a full-service pharmacy, a laboratory and radiology services.

Students, faculty, staff, some family members and some MSU community members may use the services of the health center.

In 2014, a study showed Taylor Health and Wellness Center was on track to quickly outgrow its facility. In October 2015, students voted in favor of a fee to pay for a new center approximately twice Taylor's size.

By October 2016, medical care providers and staff had moved to a new temporary home. Interior and exterior demolition took place in fall and winter 2016.

Construction of the University Health and Wellness Center is expected to be completed in

These are renderings of the new University Health and Wellness Center. It is under construction, and expected to be completed in December 2017. The grand lobby in the center will be named in honor of the Sunderland Foundation.



December 2017, with the first patients likely to be seen in the new facility in spring semester 2018.

This three-story, state-of-the-art facility is expected to allow for expanded hours and introduce services that were not previously offered, including a women's health center, sports medicine clinic, drive-through pharmacy, mental-health counseling services and more.

About the Sunderland Foundation

The Sunderland Foundation was established in 1945 by Lester T. Sunderland, who served as president of the Ash Grove Cement Company for 33 years. He was a highly respected leader in the cement industry.

For more than seven decades, the Sunderland Foundation — which is still managed by Lester T. Sunderland's descendants — has focused on supporting brick-and-mortar projects, awarding grants to nonprofits in areas where the Ash Grove Cement Company does business.

"The Sunderland Foundation has a long history of support for higher education and health care," said Stephanie Matthews, Missouri State University Foundation director of corporate and foundation relations. "The Sunderland Foundation's generous gift in support of the new University Health and Wellness Center will aid Missouri State in continuing to provide quality, low-cost care for students and the entire campus community."





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Darian Bengston,
*theatre and dance major from the
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Emma Saake,
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The Founders Club 2017 Medallion Honorees

The Founders Club held its annual medallion reception and recognition ceremony Aug. 5 at the Davis-Harrington Welcome Center.

Each year, medallions are awarded to Founders Club members whose cumulative giving has reached certain levels: Founders, Platinum, Sterling, President's, Silver and Bronze.

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