



# MOMENTUM



## Donors Rally Around Students Affected by Pandemic

**THOUSANDS OF SUPPORTERS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE VITAL ASSISTANCE TO UT DALLAS STUDENTS THROUGH EMERGENCY FUNDING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

**MEMBERS OF THE** UT Dallas community from around the globe are coming together to help students in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. When the crisis began in North Texas in March 2020, UT Dallas created the Student Emergency Fund (SEF) to assist students with necessary expenses related to food, housing, technology, child care, medical care and other unplanned needs. To date, more than 2,000 students have been awarded over \$1 million in emergency funding.

UT Dallas students have demonstrated a great need for emergency assistance over the past 10 months. Food insecurity threatened 68% of applicants, and 43% found themselves short on monthly rent. After the transition to virtual learning in the spring and with many students requiring distanced instruction through the 2020-21 academic year, purchasing a reliable computer and covering internet utility costs have been prevailing needs felt by 70% of applicants.

Senior Wilfred Labue is one student who found help through the Student Emergency Fund. Labue previously drove for Uber to pay his bills and cover living expenses, but when he stopped driving to reduce his potential exposure to the virus, he quickly ran out of money.

“One day I saw an email about the Student Emergency Fund. The money I got took care of my phone and internet bills and allowed me to have food in my home,” Labue said. “It’s helped keep me afloat, and I really do appreciate the contributions of our donors.”

In the early months of the pandemic, federal and state funding for coronavirus relief provided an immediate source of aid, granting over \$10 million to 7,616 UT Dallas

students. However, this injection of government funding was insufficient to cover all student need, and many UT Dallas students — including the University’s significant international student population — were ineligible for support from these programs. As a result, the generosity of UT Dallas alumni, friends and corporate partners has been an invaluable resource, ensuring students’ well-being and success.

Alumnus Bob Quillin MS’77 saw the challenges facing students and made multiple contributions to the Student Emergency Fund in 2020.

“This year Mother Nature decided to throw us some extra curves. For students who live on the edge, these extra challenges may be almost insurmountable,” Quillin said. “Having been there in my day, I know that with even just a little help from those of us that can, these students can go back to the path of learning and contributing. I urge you to donate to the emergency fund. Help a student. Together we’re stronger.”

University partners in the corporate sector also took notice of the incredible need felt by students. State Farm gave \$25,000 to the SEF, the largest single donation for student support.

“We are pleased to provide a grant to The University of Texas at Dallas for the Student Emergency Fund,” said Jen Alvarez, manager of corporate responsibility at State Farm. “We believe all youth deserve an education that will help them reach their greatest potential. We do not want a student to have to choose between repairing their car or dropping out. These funds will help students in need stay in school and on track to graduate.”

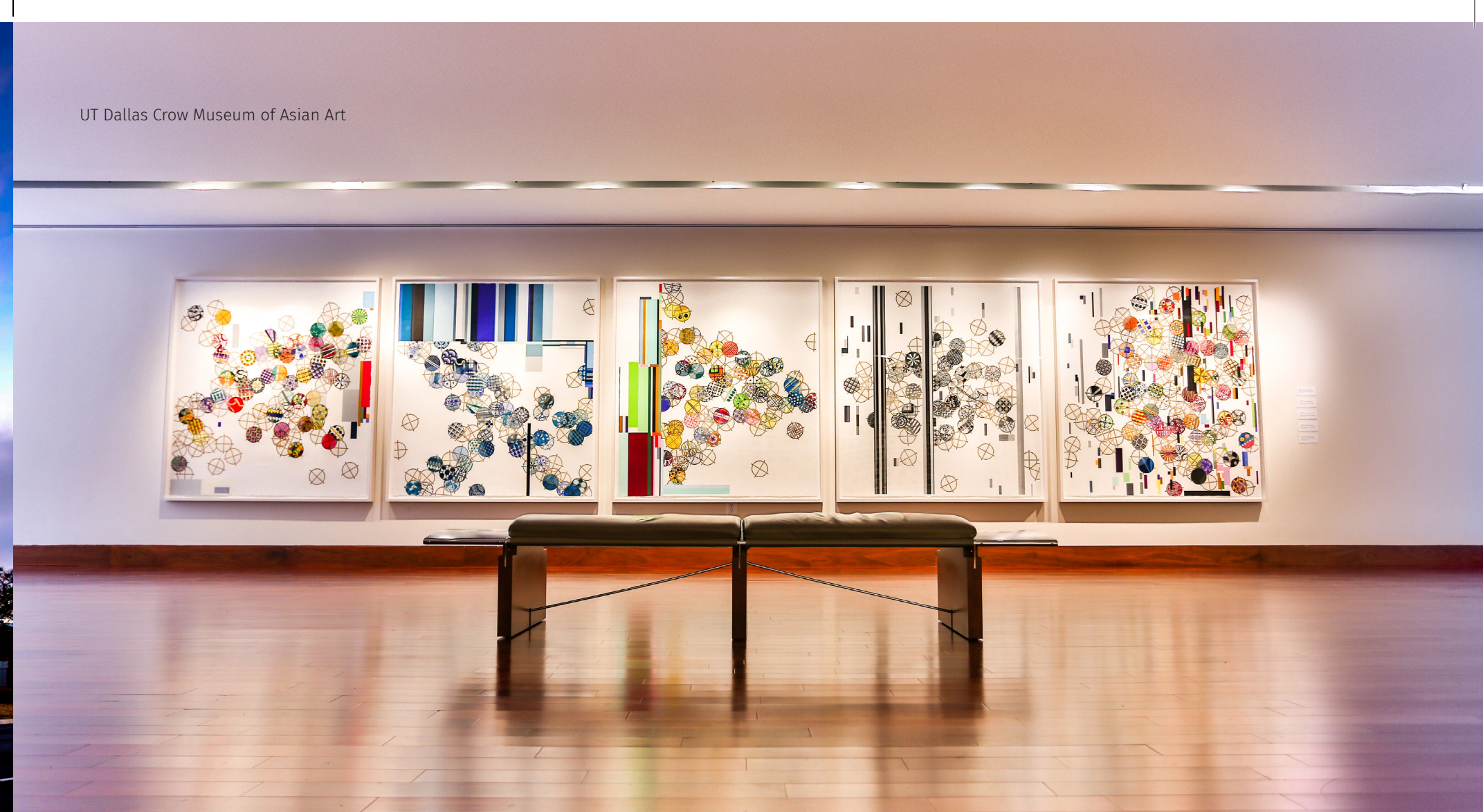
The far-reaching effects of this crisis continue to be felt at UT Dallas, and University leadership expects to receive student requests for aid long after on-campus operations are fully resumed. Many students who have requested support come from low-income families whose financial situations remain strained. Students themselves have

lost much-needed jobs at restaurants, retailers and other businesses affected by ongoing economic instability. Those who come from middle- and upper-income households have not been immune to difficulty either, as families across the country experience sudden unexpected losses of income.

“So many students and their families have been put into situations where they no longer have an income to support themselves,” said senior Hope Cory, former vice president of the UT Dallas Student Government. “The Student Emergency Fund can help students get back to some type of normalcy, but that weight can’t be lifted if there are not enough funds to go around. Donating to the fund is crucial, and we simply cannot provide this aid without our donors.” ■

**To contribute to the fund, visit [impact.utdallas.edu](https://impact.utdallas.edu).**





## Friendship Inspires Planned Gift to Revolutionize Brain Health

A \$1.1 MILLION planned gift from the estate of Janet DeSanders will empower life-changing research and treatment at The University of Texas at Dallas' Center for BrainHealth. DeSanders, a native Dallasite and graduate of Southern Methodist University, was described by her friends as clever, quick-witted and the life of the party. She was devoted to helping local causes throughout her life, and this particular act of generosity to UT Dallas was inspired by her love for her best friend of over 50 years, Jill.

DeSanders and Jill were roommates after graduating from SMU and remained close as "Thursday friends," gathering for lunch every Thursday for years until Jill suffered a serious stroke following surgery to repair a heart valve. During this challenging time, DeSanders began researching organizations committed to improving brain fitness. She was quickly drawn to the Center for BrainHealth's pioneering work and would eventually revise her will to include a planned gift to the center in Jill's honor.

"Having known Janet and her family for many years, I wasn't surprised that one of her last acts was a generous and purposeful gift," said Debbie Francis, past advisory board chair of the Center for BrainHealth. "Janet was a kind, decisive and thoughtful person who realized that one's brain health was the key factor in living a long and fulfilling life. She knew her gift – her investment – in the Center for BrainHealth would greatly further the chances

of lasting brain health for each of us, and for generations to come. I will remember her with great fondness and great appreciation."

DeSanders' gift will be directed to support the center's BrainHealth Project, a landmark scientific study that is helping to define, measure, maintain and retain brain health in an effort that could revolutionize the field. The project comprises an international collaboration of leading experts focused on developing scientific protocols to strengthen the brain's upward potential.

"We are overflowing with gratitude for Mrs. DeSanders' extraordinary gift," said Dr. Sandra Bond Chapman, chief director of the Center for BrainHealth. "Science clearly shows that our brains hold an immense power to adapt, change and improve throughout our entire lives, given access to the right tools. Janet would be thrilled to know that her gift is already empowering people across the nation to improve their brain health and performance. She honored us with the forethought of a meaningful estate gift to support our vision for a brain-healthy world and will always be a foundational part of our momentum."

Participation in the BrainHealth Project is now open to adults and children. Registrants first assess their cognitive capacity and potential through questionnaires and game-like tasks. After completing the assessment, the project's

clinicians deliver personalized recommendations for developing new brain-healthy habits, meeting regularly with participants for quarterly coaching sessions. ■

Visit [thebrainhealthproject.org](http://thebrainhealthproject.org) to sign up.



Janet DeSanders' lifelong friend, Jill, inspired a \$1.1 million estate gift that is supporting the BrainHealth Project.

## Support for Brettell Creates a New Era for the Arts

**GIFTS MADE IN MEMORY OF THE LATE RICHARD BRETTELL ARE FUELING HIS VISION FOR THE EXPANSION AND INTEGRATION OF THE ARTS AT UT DALLAS.**

FOR MORE THAN 20 years, Dr. Richard Brettell animated The University of Texas at Dallas with his vision for a community united and enriched through artistic creation, education and appreciation. Following his death in July 2020, longtime friends and partners came together to spur the realization of Brettell's dreams for the arts at UT Dallas.

Nearly 40 individual gifts have raised over \$491,000 for the Rick Brettell Memorial Fund, which will name a reading room in the soon-to-be-constructed UT Dallas Athenaeum in Brettell's honor.

The Athenaeum project was Brettell's magnum opus in his final years at UT Dallas. Envisioned as an on-campus museum and performing arts complex, the Athenaeum will house world-class collections of art gifted to the University in recent years such as the Barrett Collection of Swiss Art, the Crow Collection of Asian Art, the Wildenstein-Plattner Library and the Carolyn Brown Archives. Boasting classrooms and studios alongside traditional galleries, the Athenaeum will be a meeting place where students, faculty and community members can collaborate across disciplines and cultures.

"For Rick, his legacy was making the arts at UT Dallas a real and tangible thing," said Dr. Michael Thomas, director of the Edith O'Donnell Institute of Art History and Richard R. Brettell Distinguished University Chair. "This reading room will be the perfect place for him to be remembered. It represents an important combination of research and engagement with the arts, located in the place we hope will be the hub for the arts in the North Dallas community."

Thanks to decades of effort by leaders like Brettell and a progressive University vision that inspired the creation of the O'Donnell Institute and the School of Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication, UT Dallas is uniquely positioned to create a new arts district for North Texas right on its own campus.

"We're the only public university that has 'Dallas' in our name," Thomas said. "We really make sure that Dallas is a part of everything we do. We have a responsibility to represent this city."

Part of this responsibility lies in integrating UT Dallas' traditional areas of excellence with the arts to create a university environment unlike any other. By embracing an approach to art history and artistic expression that combines science, technology, engineering and mathematics with the creative disciplines, UT Dallas can offer new perspectives on the STEM fields and humanities while opening unexplored vistas for artistic endeavor.

These efforts are already taking place in classrooms and studios across campus through work on conservation science and programs that apply digital technology to the arts. The construction of the Athenaeum will facilitate new partnerships that invite faculty and students to think differently about the place of art in our lives.

"The Athenaeum and its collections will become our laboratories, our data sets for people to work with," Thomas said. "Its collections will be study-oriented. We can put a piece of art in a classroom, and just from having that physical piece in a room, we can have an art historian talk about it, a historian talk about it, and a scientist can come and tell you about its chemical composition and the process of restoration. It can be a laboratory for multiple disciplines, and it gives all levels of access for research and study."

Continued philanthropic support will be vital to realizing a new era for the arts in North Texas. Construction of the Athenaeum complex is estimated to cost more than \$100 million. The University has already raised \$39 million toward this goal.

"Dallas has the philanthropists and the people who are willing to recognize a visionary like Rick," Thomas said. "Now we have an obligation to make sure that this vision doesn't result in anything short of first-rate. We'll live up to the ideals that Rick created through the generosity of our supporters. There's no excuse for us to be anything other than successful!" ■



Kyle Edgington PhD'13  
Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations

## New Dimensions Emerging at UT Dallas

A NEW ERA is shaping itself at UT Dallas. For over 50 years, visionary leaders, scholars and supporters have created a University unlike any other. Dedicated to generating ideas and technologies that change the world, UT Dallas is home to transformative research and education that makes a difference in lives throughout North Texas and beyond.

Generous gifts from donors like those in this issue of *Momentum* have built a foundation for our future. With an endowment that recently surpassed \$634 million, UT Dallas is well-positioned to take advantage of new opportunities in our changing world. For a University built on innovation, philanthropic support enables students and faculty to respond to challenges with ingenuity and invention.

In the years to come, this foundation will help open doors to every motivated young mind who wants to pursue their dreams at UT Dallas. Those students will be educated on a campus that welcomes the world to explore new vistas of human knowledge and achievement. I look forward to sharing these accomplishments with the loyal partners who make them possible. ■



Dr. Richard Brettell

More than 40 donors contributed to a memorial fund in the late Dr. Richard Brettell's honor. Their gifts will name a reading room after Brettell in the planned UT Dallas Athenaeum.

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## Gift of Photography Captures Spaces for All Time



Photographer Carolyn Brown has left the entirety of her archive to the Edith O'Donnell Institute of Art History, including thousands of images documenting important cultural spaces in the Middle East, Mexico, the Southwest and Dallas.

IN 1969, CAROLYN BROWN departed Chicago on the first flight of her life to Egypt to study Islamic art and architecture at the American University in Cairo. Her experience over the next three years began a career in photography that would take her across the Middle East, Mexico and the southwestern United States. After 50 years documenting the beauty of important cultural spaces around the world, Brown has committed to leave her entire life's work to the Edith O'Donnell Institute of Art History at The University of Texas at Dallas.

Her archive includes thousands of print and digital images from 14 countries, including 24 Mexican states and locations across Texas and the city of Dallas.

"Collections like Carolyn's mean the world to a place like UT Dallas," said Dr. Michael Thomas, director of the O'Donnell Institute and Richard R. Brettell Distinguished University Chair. "Having meaningful art on campus opens up visual storybooks that engage audiences and bring them to our University. It brings individuals together to tell stories about people, cultures and history that you otherwise don't have."

Born in the grasslands of Colorado, Brown fell in love with art at a young age, originally working in ceramics and sculpture before teaching art at the junior high and high school levels. During her time in Egypt, she found herself inhabiting a space that enlivened all her senses. From bustling streets to endless desert landscapes strewn with timeless monuments, Brown was captivated by her surroundings. She purchased her first camera to capture what she saw, launching an obsession that later evolved into a professional career.

Perhaps because of her background in the studio arts, Brown contemplates the spaces she photographs with an eye toward their design elements. She thinks in terms of lines, light, colors and the division of space. This helps her capture the unique aesthetic qualities of her subjects, which include archaeological sites, culturally important architecture and the everyday life of human beings.

"My work is fairly traditional," Brown said. "I like to document something as it is and show it in its most beautiful aspect."

However traditional her composition, what Brown really captures in her photography are fleeting moments that can be relived in the future. Much of her work depicts locations that are difficult to access today or have been lost to the erosion of time and human conflict.

"Today it is practically impossible to travel to some of the places I've been, like Yemen, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon," Brown said. "But these photographs will always be there to look at and learn from. This material is a document that shows these places at their best."

Even for those subjects still existing and accessible today, Brown views the art of photography as a way to transport oneself in time and memory.

"The beauty of photography is that by looking at it, one can immediately experience long-ago moments, never to be forgotten. The places and people I photograph will always be remembered exactly as they were on the day the shutter was snapped," Brown said.

UT Dallas is the perfect home for such artwork.

"Documenting and preserving cultural heritage is a central idea for the O'Donnell Institute," Thomas said. "Carolyn's photographs are truly some of the last great documents of these places. They are beautiful photographs of artwork and architecture that constitute our cultural heritage."

Brown's relationship with UT Dallas began when she met the late Dr. Richard Brettell, founding director of the O'Donnell Institute. When Brettell approached her to consider leaving her work to UT Dallas, Brown agreed.

"Once I could work with Rick right here in Dallas, that was the best thing," Brown said. "I feel very fortunate to know that my work will go on to help educate people about these places I've been."

Selections from Brown's archive documenting the ancient city of Palmyra in Syria will be on display at the Crow Museum of Asian Art in October 2021. ■

## Gift-In-Kind Helps Outfit Laboratories in New Sciences Building

WITH THE CONSTRUCTION of the Sciences Building nearing completion last summer, UT Dallas received a \$370,000 gift-in-kind from Laboratory Builders Inc., a design and build firm and authorized dealer of ICI Scientific specializing in laboratory furnishings and lab construction. The firm donated top-of-the-line equipment to outfit the building's lab spaces, which will be used by students studying molecular and cell biology, materials science, engineering, physics, chemistry and biomedical engineering.

"Research is at the heart of education at UT Dallas; it inspires faculty and students to ask big questions, to dig deeper, to learn and apply new knowledge to real-world problems," said Greg Ginger, president at Laboratory Builders.

The donation, which included painted steel base and wall cabinets, chemical storage cabinets, mobile cabinets and chemical fume hoods, helps provide comprehensive and functional lab layout and design solutions.

"The laboratory furnishings from Laboratory Builders Inc. provide students the opportunity to learn and perform research with state-of-the-art equipment," said Dr. A. Dean Sherry, interim dean of the School of Natural

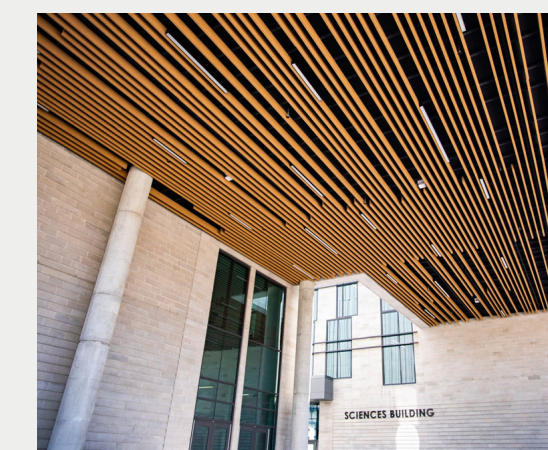
Sciences and Mathematics and Cecil H. and Ida Green Distinguished Chair in Systems Biology. "This donation is a physical representation of the company's investment in UT Dallas and the future of our graduates."

Materials from the donation have also been used to complete laboratories in Research and Operations Center West, since the items received could also be used to renovate old lab spaces. Using cabinets and chemical fume hoods, the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics was able to update three current lab spaces.

"We're able to design the build-out of the laboratories in-house and implement the materials how we see fit," Sherry said. "With these labs, our students will be able to develop their skills and contribute to developments and discoveries in mathematics and science."

The 186,000-square-foot Sciences Building officially opened in July and includes laboratory space for the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. The building recently received LEED Gold status by the U.S. Green Building Council.

"We hope that, in some small way, this donation can play a part in the successes achieved in these lab spaces," Ginger said. ■



## HumCap Invests in First-Generation STEM Students

AS THE CHILD of an immigrant, HumCap President and CEO Tad McIntosh knows firsthand how valuable opportunities are for first-generation college students. So when it came time to decide how the Dallas-based recruiting company was going to make an impact, HumCap set its sights on supporting first-generation STEM students at UT Dallas with a \$50,000 endowment.

"We're hoping this gift will be the first of many gifts," McIntosh said. "We want to make a big, focused, partnered impact."

Since HumCap is a high-tech HR consulting and recruiting firm, its focus on STEM education was a natural decision.

"Unfortunately, we are seeing a growing deficit in STEM graduates in the Metroplex, so we think efforts to increase STEM talent in the area are critical to keep Dallas a high-tech hub," McIntosh said.

McIntosh hopes the gift's recipients will be able to focus more on their goals for the future instead of having to work long hours to pay for college and the costs that come with it.

"We want to help those students get an education, then go

out and do something good," McIntosh said. "It will change generations."

McIntosh has remained invested in the success of UT Dallas and its students by serving on the Dean's Executive Council for the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science. Charlie Quinn MBA'08, vice president of recruiting solutions for HumCap, is also an active member of the Military and Veteran Center's Community Advisory Council and the Naveen Jindal School of Management's Advisory Council. The company's vested interest in higher education is evident in the talent it helps produce, according to Courtney Brecheen, senior associate dean of undergraduate education at UT Dallas.

"HumCap's endowment is an investment in first-generation student success that our students will return with vigor, because it reinforces their value within our community," Brecheen said. "The scholarship will reward a hardworking scholar and provide valuable financial support."

Generating new resources and avenues of support for first-generation students is a core University objective. In 2019, UT Dallas was named a First Forward institution by the NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and The Suder Foundation. This designation recognized

UT Dallas for prioritizing engagement and improved experiences for first-generation students.

"This award serves as a public illustration of our mutual commitment to social mobility and the cultivation of human capital assets from within our first-generation student population," Brecheen said. ■



Tad McIntosh, HumCap president and CEO

# Oberkotter Foundation Partners with Callier to Help Infants Hear



**IN TEXAS, 51%** of infants who fail their newborn hearing screenings do not receive early intervention treatment — one of the worst rates in the nation, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

With grant funding of nearly \$400,000 from the Oberkotter Foundation, the Callier Center for Communication Disorders aims to radically improve this outcome through its Early Intervention for Infant Hearing Loss Project.

"We envision a world where infants receive hearing aids within the first weeks of life," said Bruce Rosenfeld, executive director and trustee of the Oberkotter Foundation. "We are excited to partner with the Callier Center to ensure that newborns with hearing loss across the country may begin life with the same opportunities as typical hearing children."

According to Early Hearing Detection and Intervention 1-3-6 national guidelines, a baby should receive a hearing screening at birth or prior to the first month of life. Infants who do not pass the screening should receive a diagnostic evaluation before 3 months of age, and when necessary,

should receive early intervention by 6 months. In 2019, the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH) specified that states that meet the 1-3-6 benchmark should strive to meet a 1-2-3 month timeline.

Thomeir Evans received his hearing aids from the Callier Center at 3 months old — three months earlier than the 1-3-6 guidelines and on par with the JCIH goal.

After only one week with hearing aids, Thomeir and his family noticed the difference.

**"Now that he has hearing aids, he can actually hear himself. He looks at you when you're talking to him now."** — LaShunta Evans, Thomeir's mother

Without hearing aids, Thomeir cannot hear certain speech sounds and consonants.

"When children don't have access to these sounds, it affects their speech and language development," said Dr. Amanda Frost, Thomeir's audiologist. "If they are not able to hear the sounds, then they cannot learn to produce them."

Without treatment, infants with hearing loss suffer from auditory deprivation. The lack of sound causes the auditory nerves and speech processing areas of the brain to atrophy.

"Even if you put hearing aids on later, the child may continue to have problems understanding words, because the brain has already rewired itself due to auditory deprivation," said Dr. Andrea Gohmert, director of audiology clinical operations.

The initial goal of Callier's Early Intervention for Infant Hearing Loss Project is to move North Texas toward a 98% early intervention rate for infants who need hearing and speech-language services by or before 6 months of age. The aspirational goal is to put hearing aids on babies within the first month, thereby implementing a gold standard of care that serves as a model for systemic change across the state and nation. ■

## A Celebration of Comets



In his annual **State of the University** address, UT Dallas President Richard C. Benson highlighted University progress, challenges and opportunities. As the University responded to the "staggering" events of 2020, it has kept focus on its mission to be one of the nation's best public research universities, he said. Find the full address at [utdallas.edu/sotu](http://utdallas.edu/sotu).



Student peer advisors took part in a socially distanced **Comets Giving Day**, which netted more than 2,600 gifts from supporters and raised over \$1.1 million to help 70 causes around campus, nearly doubling last year's efforts.



Dr. Calvin Jamison (left), vice president for facilities and economic development, with keynote speaker **Fred Perpall**, CEO of The Beck Group, at the Naveen Jindal School of Management's Scholarship Breakfast. The virtual event raised a record-setting \$109,000 in donations from Jindal School friends, corporate partners and alumni.



From left: **Errol Gurung**, **Alice Su**, **Omer Reshef** and **Elissa Williams** are the first four recipients of UT Dallas' largest scholarship for computer science students. **John Olajide BS'04**, CEO of Axxess, established the Axxess Scholars Program with a \$500,000 endowed gift to the University. "These talented students truly deserve the honor of being the first Axxess Scholars," Olajide said. "They are intelligent, driven and caring individuals who embody the best qualities of UT Dallas students."



From left: Dr. Matthew Brown, director of the Center for Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology at UT Dallas; **Kathy Stone** and **Dr. Marvin Stone**, clinical professor in the School of Arts and Humanities; and Dr. Magdalena Grohman, associate director of the Center for Values, are shown in October 2019. The Stones created a distinguished professorship and a scholarship fund for the center.



### IN MEMORIAM

**Edith O'Donnell**, one of Texas' — and The University of Texas at Dallas' — most generous philanthropists and a strong proponent of education, science and the arts, died Nov. 14 at the age of 94.

Over the past 60 years, O'Donnell and her husband, Peter O'Donnell, contributed quietly and substantially to educational and arts establishments in Texas. At UT Dallas, the Edith O'Donnell Arts and Technology Building was dedicated in her honor in 2013. The following year, she made a \$17 million gift to establish the Edith O'Donnell Institute of Art History.

In addition to O'Donnell's signature gift to establish the first art history institute founded in the digital age, the O'Donnells made several multimillion-dollar donations to establish endowments to recruit and retain faculty for the School of Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication. ■



## Endowed Scholarship Helps Grow Jindal Young Scholars Program

**ALUMNI COUPLE CREATES A SCHOLARSHIP TO SUPPORT OUTSTANDING DALLAS ISD STUDENTS ENROLLING AT THE JINDAL SCHOOL.**

**LONGTIME NAVEEN JINDAL SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT** supporters Nancy Gundy Davidson BS'80 and Charles "Chuck" Davidson MS'80 have made a \$500,000 gift to endow the Charles and Nancy Davidson Scholarship for the Jindal Young Scholars Program.

Now in its third year, the Jindal Young Scholars Program (JYSP) is a critical pillar of UT Dallas' community outreach initiatives. In partnership with five Dallas ISD high schools, the program provides a variety of resources that help broaden opportunities for local students after high school.

"We're trying to make students aware of what it takes to transition from high school to their postsecondary lives," said Billy Schewee, director of JYSP. "Whether that's a traditional four-year college, two-year college, vocational schools or whatever that looks like for them. Anything we can offer that increases what is available to students after high school is a win for us."

To accomplish this goal, JYSP embraces a multipronged approach to engage students, including guest speaker series, mentorship opportunities with current UT Dallas students, ACT/SAT test prep encouragement and campus visits to UT Dallas that provide a glimpse of college life to students who may never have been on a college campus before.

JYSP also offers significant scholarships to outstanding program participants who are admitted to the Jindal School, covering any unmet need after federal, state and institutional financial assistance is granted. These prestigious awards provide an incentive for DISD students to engage with the program's offerings and apply themselves academically.

Endowments like the Davidsons' scholarship support these talented students while providing the resources needed for JYSP to grow. Besides motivating local youths to earn a spot at UT Dallas, these gifts grant financial flexibility that empowers JYSP's core programming.

"Even though the majority of our programming is geared toward high school students, the overwhelming majority of our costs comes from funding these scholarships for UT Dallas students," Schewee said. "When folks like the Davidsons come through, that's exactly what we need to provide for more students. It helps us get down to business with our primary mission."

The Jindal School currently enrolls 15 Jindal Young Scholars, and more than 300 students participate annually in JYSP's various initiatives. In coming years, the program hopes to expand to more local schools to reach more students.

"We want that 300 to turn into 500, and soon to 1,000," Schewee said. "The more resources we can procure, the more impact we can have." ■



**"I'm working hard to attain the career I have passion for. My family isn't financially capable of putting me through college. The only way I had a chance to pursue higher education was through scholarships."**

— Joshua Jernigan, Jindal Young Scholar

# Student Emergency Fund Aid

**1,906**  
Students Supported

**\$1,055,089**  
Emergency Aid Disbursed

**\$554**  
Average Award Amount



**Food**  
68%



**Rent**  
43%



**Computers**  
65%



**Internet**  
71%



**Utilities**  
59%



**Supplies\***  
72%



**Moving/Travel**  
40%



**Health Care**  
19%

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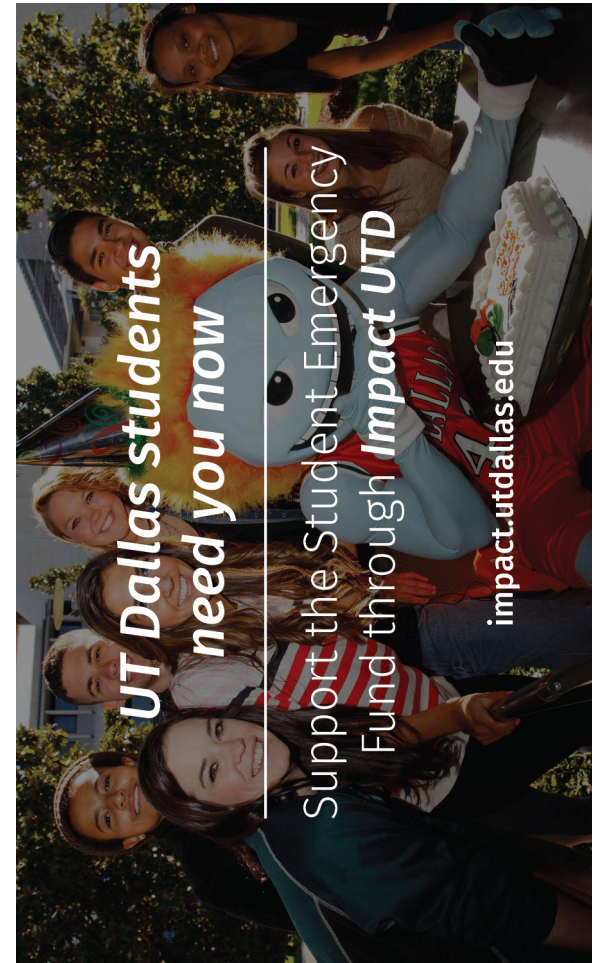
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