The Don G. Creamer Fund

Your Gifts at Work

Award Recipients Make Good Use of Funds

So far, six students have received Don G. Creamer research awards and they have made excellent progress.

Kristin Albright and Beth Zielinski, both Master’s students, graduated in 2006. Kristin is a hall director and Beth is applying to doctoral programs in sociology.

Bethany Flora was named the Higher Education student of the year by the School of Education and received her Ph.D. this past May. She is currently the Coordinator for Special Projects in the Provost’s Office here at Virginia Tech.

Tonya Saddler also completed her research and graduated. She will be doing post-doctoral work at Northwestern University in the fall. And finally, Raquell Stimpson and Sharrika Davis are in the final stages of data collection and both expect to graduate in December of 2008. Sharrika’s progress has been slowed a bit since being named the Associate Dean of Students at Virginia Tech.

Congratulations to all. And to our donors, remember your contributions to the Creamer Fund make a significant difference in the lives of our students. Thank you!

Fund Receives Its 100th Gift

The Progress Continues

Despite the soft economy, the first and second quarters of 2008 were very active. As many of you remember, the fund was officially named in Don Creamer’s honor on July 15, 2005. As we get ready to celebrate the Fund’s third anniversary, we are pleased to announce that 80 donors have made 100 gifts in Don’s name - another great milestone.

A profile of the typical donor is pretty difficult to construct. In this group of 80, there are former and current college presidents, vice presidents and deans, admissions recruiters and hall directors, family members and colleagues, and military buddies and childhood friends. The ages of our donors range from 25 to 80 but perhaps the one common denominator is best summed up by a recent Benefactor who said, “It is a pleasure to contribute. I would not be where I am today if not for Don Creamer.”

Here are a few facts about those who have contributed:

- The program faculty (Don Creamer, Joan Hirt, and Steve Janosik) have given each year since the Fund’s creation.
- The Class of 2006 leads with the total number of donors (N=6), followed by the Class of 2004 (N=5) and the Class of 2001 (N=4).
The Class of 1987 has given the most ($5,450), followed by the Class of 2002 ($3,400) and the Class of 2001 ($2,775).

Of course, this is what happens when you give Fund Coordinators a spreadsheet! Clearly the most important number is the total. As we close the book on the first half of 2008, current pledges and gifts total $55,285. To everyone who has given, thanks so very much.

Make Giving a Habit

Gifts and Pledges

In the past six months, Belinda Bennett-McFeeters ('01), Catherine Copeland ('93), Mia Ortega ('07), and Diana Ridgwell ('04) added their names to our list of donors.

Several individuals have extended their commitment to the Don G. Creamer Fund by making multiple gifts in this reporting period. The Foundation would like to recognize and thank Laura Bayless ('01), Teresa Conaway ('81), Deborah Floyd ('79), Joan Hirt, Judi Lynch ('03), and Steve ('87) and Rhoda Janosik for their continued giving.

For those thinking about giving over time, remember we can charge your credit card at any interval for any amount you choose.

Special Thanks and Recognition

Benefactors Named

And finally, Harry Knight and Dawn Medlin ('01) became the Foundation's fourth and fifth Benefactors in June. Their specially designed lapel pins are in the mail! To both of you goes our deepest gratitude.

A complete list of contributors appears to the right. Benefactors have contributed $1000 or more through one or more gifts. Leaders have contributed between $500 and $1000 to the Fund, and Patrons have contributed between $25 and $500. Additional information and forms for those who would like to contribute can be found at the Fund's website - www.cplv.vt.edu/hesa/Fund.

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