Advancing research, knowledge and opportunity.
Advancing the next generation.
“UC Davis is setting new standards for academic achievement, and reaching new heights of excellence in all that we do. Our momentum comes from our great legacy as a land-grant university and from our vision for our future—a vision to build a healthier, more sustainable future, to catalyze innovation, to address pressing global problems, to foster economic development, to teach and discover with great distinction. And while we receive important core funding from the state, we must seek out additional sources of support if we are to achieve our ambitious goals for our university and our world.”

Chancellor Linda P.B. Katehi

“Philanthropy is part of the fabric of higher education. It helps drive advancements in education and innovation. As deans of the College of Letters and Science, we see every day the difference that inspired giving can make in the lives of students, faculty and researchers. We are enlivened by the philanthropic contributions made to the college, and look forward to the next few years in the campaign to continue to advance education for generations to come.”

George R. Mangun
Dean, Division of Social Sciences
Jessie Ann Owens
Dean, Division of Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies
Winston Ko
Dean, Division of Mathematical and Physical Sciences
The College of Letters and Science is in the midst of its first-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign, setting its sights to raise $70 million. The effort is part of The Campaign for UC Davis—a university-wide initiative to inspire 100,000 donors to give $1 billion by the end of 2014. The Campaign for UC Davis creates an opportunity to achieve transformational change, both locally and globally. With the help of your contributions, students, faculty and staff in the College of Letters and Science are finding solutions to our global energy problems; interpreting culture through language, literature, art and the media; defining a way forward through research in the social sciences and humanities; and unlocking keys to our health, our climate, and our universe.

Ambitious vision. Ambitious goal.

Help the College of Letters and Science raise $70 million to advance future generations.

The College of Letters and Science Campaign Goal

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Advancing research, knowledge and opportunity

The College of Letters and Science has been fortunate to see unprecedented growth in faculty, students and research funding in the past decade. The college is advancing research, teaching and student opportunities more than ever before. Philanthropic contributions are needed to fund research and scholarly work to address today’s toughest problems—poverty, disease, injustice, natural resource conservation and more. Above all, gifts help educate today’s students—the leaders of tomorrow.

Support what matters to you

In the College of Letters and Science, you can impact what you care most about. Your support enables students to pursue their college dreams. Your support creates new fields of study, new programs and helps fund new research. Please join us. Help create a better tomorrow by advancing the students, faculty and programs that make UC Davis one of the top universities in the world.

THE COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE AT UC DAVIS

The College of Letters and Science embodies curiosity. It is home to seekers of truth in the mystery of the human way, of the stars and everything in between. It is home to future leaders, innovative thinkers, world-renowned researchers, accomplished scholars and engaged global citizens. The College of Letters and Science is the largest of the university’s schools and colleges. Nearly half of all UC Davis undergraduate and graduate students major in a program within the college’s three divisions: Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies; Mathematical and Physical Sciences; and Social Sciences.
Ways to give

The College of Letters and Science is dedicated to helping you find the gift method that best suits your personal goals. We will work with you in confidence to develop a gift plan. We can also work with your financial advisor upon request.

Areas to support

Gifts to support students
- Create a student scholarship
- Create a graduate fellowship
- Enrich the experience of students
- Fund international research and educational programs

Gifts to support faculty
- Establish a faculty fellowship, professorship, chair or deanship
- Endow a research fund
- Support teaching and instructional programs

Gifts to support programs and facilities
- Support a department or program
- Provide equipment, art or other instruments
- Name a classroom, laboratory or wing
- Name an area of a new or existing building
- Name the college, academic division, department or program

Unrestricted gifts
- Provide flexibility to meet new opportunities by joining the Herbert A. Young Society, a recognition group for donors who give $1,000 or more to the college’s three deans to use annually where funds are most urgently needed.

Types of funds

There are two basic types of funds that you can establish with your gift:

Current-use funds
These gifts have an immediate impact, fully expended over a short time period.

Endowed funds
These gifts provide a permanent source of money through annual use of the proceeds earned on the principal gift.

Different forms of gifts

Pledges
A gift made over time, offering flexibility for you as a donor

Cash gifts
Check, credit card or wire transfer

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Many companies have matching gift programs (see your employer)

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Making the College of Letters and Science a beneficiary in your estate plans.

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Support undergraduate and graduate students through scholarships, fellowships and programs: $16.7 million

Today’s College of Letters and Science students are the next generation of leaders. They are tomorrow’s researchers, global problem solvers, great teachers and interpreters of language, cultures, literature, art and media. Philanthropic support makes it possible for many talented yet disadvantaged students to achieve a first-class university education.

**March Family Internship Endowment**
Providing opportunities for practical experience

“The intern program was probably the most important opportunity I had in determining my career path during my time at UC Davis,” says Roy March, who received his B.A. in economics from UC Davis in 1978. That experience inspired the March Family Foundation to create a $100,000 Internship Endowment—the first of its kind at UC Davis—for students in the Department of Economics. Internships supplement classroom study in critical ways. Students gain practical, real-world experience which gives them a step up in their careers after graduation. Internships often help students choose career paths, as well.

Unfortunately, many working students can’t afford to take advantage of unpaid internships. This was UC Davis student Gaby Lion’s situation before she received the March Family Internship Award that allowed her to intern with the investment banking firm Morgan Stanley. The internship gave her new insights on the financial services industry, including techniques on qualitative, quantitative and technical analysis of investment opportunities. Lion has nothing but positive comments about her internship, including an outcome that surprised her. “After working in the financial services industry for a quarter, I realized something about myself: a quantitative-focused career is probably not for me. The internship has helped me determine where I want to direct my future career path.”

The March Family Foundation’s $100,000 gift supports students in gaining real-world job experience through unpaid internships.
Maurice Prize in Fiction
Supporting the dreams of aspiring writers

New York Times bestselling novelist John Lescroart has looked upon his success with gratitude, and has made a gift to the College of Letters and Science to help further the dreams of aspiring writers.

While attending UC Berkeley, he finished his first novel. A second novel followed the year after he graduated in 1970. Fast-forward 19 years. Still unpublished, he wrote for two hours early in the morning each day before starting his day job at a Los Angeles law firm. Surfing provided respite from his 14-hour days typing legal briefs. But one day it nearly killed him. In 1989, he contracted spinal meningitis from contaminated seawater while bodysurfing in southern California. Doctors didn’t expect him to live. But he did. The experience compelled him to pursue his passion and encourage others to do the same. In 2005 he established the Maurice Prize in Fiction, named in honor of his father. The $5,000 annual prize goes to UC Davis alumni of the creative writing program who haven’t yet published a book-length manuscript.

Published Maurice Prize winners
Angie Chau, 2009 winner (Class of 2005). Quiet as They Come, 2010 IG Publishing.

Heather Nikkel-Lampe Scholarships
Recognizing students pursuing education despite hardships

“You get the bird-dog award for perseverance,” Kerri Engelder’s childhood soccer coach said as he presented her with a bobble-head dog. Little did she know the prescient nature of the award. Two years later, in sixth grade, doctors diagnosed her with a rare form of leukemia. “Those same bird-dog sensibilities of determination and drive are what got me though treatment,” says Engelder, who wore a wig and wicker sun hat to her sixth grade graduation. Despite health setbacks, she graduated from high school with a 4.0 grade point average.

Now a UC Davis art student, Engelder is one of four annual recipients of the Heather Nikkel-Lampe scholarship award. Nikkel-Lampe graduated from the College of Letters and Science in 2001 with a B.A. in history and minor in education. After a long illness, she died in 2005 at age 32, leaving behind her husband, Ross Lampe, and their young daughter, Stella. Lampe and his law partner, UC Davis alumnus Mark Muro, created a scholarship fund in Nikkel-Lampe’s honor for students who have persevered in their education through difficult circumstances. They have given $10,000 annually to the fund; and it supports more students each year.

“It took Heather a long time to finish school but she stuck with it,” says Lampe. “She hit some big bumps along the way.” Nikkel-Lampe suffered from seizures, and the normal stress of college deadlines, tests and papers could bring them on. “It would really please Heather to know that these students, who have gone through so much, could use the funds for a bit of relief.”
Darryl and Lois Goss Support the Program in African American and African Studies

Paying it forward: supporting a program of study

College of Letters and Science alumni Darryl and Lois Goss share a pay-it-forward philosophy. Their donation to the African American and African studies program helps students build a successful future. “Students in need can fund their education with grants and loans,” says Lois Goss, who was the first in her family to attend college. “But it’s increasingly difficult for them to afford opportunities like unpaid internships or studying abroad that may help shape their post-graduation path or lead them to a fulfilling career. That’s where scholarships, funded by alumni gifts and endowments, can fill the gaps.”

Darryl Goss attended a special transitional summer program targeting low-income and disadvantaged students to prepare for his first year at UC Davis. “Once I was at UC Davis, I earned my degree like everybody else,” says Goss. “Anyone who has achieved anything has received help from someone.” Darryl Goss went on to earn his M.B.A. from the University of Chicago and he did postgraduate work at Oxford University. He is a member of the College of Letters and Science Deans’ Advisory Council and is the vice president and general manager of United Kingdom operations at BioReliance.

Darryl Goss (B.A., African-American Studies, ’83) and Lois Goss (B.A., Sociology, ’85) met as students. The couple is grateful for the environment at UC Davis that supported their success.
Gadberry Student Support Award
$1 million gift helps students pursue careers in art

What programs at UC Davis garner world acclaim? Many answer agricultural and veterinary medicine. But those who know the world of art even casually are aware that the Department of Art has been ranked amongst the highest in the nation for decades.

Johanna Barron, an installation and mixed-media artist, came to UC Davis for graduate work in art because of the Department of Art’s reputation for freedom to experiment across media. A Gadberry Student Support Award, made possible by a 2007 gift of $1 million from the estate of Freemond E. “Pete” Gadberry (M.F.A., Art Studio, 1967), expanded her opportunities for creative exploration.

In the late 1960s, Gadberry studied under, and was inspired by, an illustrious collection of artists and faculty including Robert Arneson, Wayne Thiebaud and Roy DeForest and others who helped bring the department to national prominence. Gadberry’s $1 million gift came at an opportune time. Declines in scholarship funding meant the art program faced stiff competition from top programs at Yale, Rhode Island School of Design and Stanford. These private schools have large endowments and provide graduate students with significant financial help. Thanks to Gadberry’s gift, the program is now better able to attract talented students worldwide.

“UC Davis has a truly great and special art program,” Barron said. She offers heartfelt gratitude for Gadberry’s support. “I understand why he believed in the program.”

Shang-Fa and Eleanor Yang Scholarly Exchange Program
Shared academic scholarship across the globe

The scientific collaboration and scholarly exchange taking place between UC Davis and Academia Sinica—the most prominent research academic institution in Taiwan—would have pleased Shang-Fa Yang. Yang was a renowned professor in plant sciences at UC Davis and a Wolf Prize recipient in 1991. When he retired from UC Davis, he served as vice president of Academia Sinica in Taipei and fostered research collaboration between the two institutions he served with distinction. After his passing, Yang’s widow, Eleanor Yang, funded a $300,000 endowment with a $30,000 start-up fund to make the scholarly exchange program a reality. Yang Scholars, as they are known, include faculty and postdoctoral scholars, graduate and undergraduate students from any of the four undergraduate colleges at UC Davis. Academia Sinica invested heavily in state-of-the-art laboratories and equipment rarely available elsewhere. Yang Scholars are already engaged in collaborative research projects and undergraduates have the opportunity to participate in this research as part of a 10-week quarter abroad program.
Support faculty through endowed funds: $9 million

Many endowed funds—gifts that produce income in perpetuity—have been established to support faculty at the College of Letters and Science thanks to the generosity and foresight of individuals and organizations. These gifts, which include chairs and professorships, help the college and university advance its role as a world-class research and teaching institution.

C. Bryan Cameron Distinguished Chair in International Economics
Advancing in ranking and prominence

The Department of Economics is known today as an international economics powerhouse, due in part to strategic hiring of world-renowned faculty in this field, including professors Wing Thye Woo and Robert Feenstra. The department was able to accelerate research in international trade thanks to a $1 million gift from Bryan Cameron to endow the first chair in economics. Cameron earned a bachelor’s degree in Economics from UC Davis and an M.B.A. from Stanford.

Cameron wanted his gift to enable the chairholder to sustain UC Davis’ distinction in research and teaching and to make important discoveries. The funding has allowed Robert Feenstra, the first holder of the C. Bryan Cameron Distinguished Chair in International Economics, to take on a long-term, high-profile research project. The decades-old project was formerly known as the Penn World Table and is now called PWT@UCDavis and PWT@University_of_Groningen.

The project’s standard-of-living calculations are highly valuable to organizations like the World Bank and United Nations and are respected throughout the economic policy world. “Now, people will associate this long-standing, widely used data set with UC Davis,” says Feenstra. “That’s a commitment I would have been reluctant to take on without the endowed chair.”

Through Feenstra’s efforts, UC Davis houses the Center for International Data, the huge body of trade-data sets he and his team have gathered for more than 20 years. The data covers detailed imports and exports for the United States and nearly 200 countries. Scholars, policymakers and analysts seeking this information can access it through UC Davis.

An endowed chair has allowed Robert Feenstra, the holder of the C. Bryan Cameron Distinguished Chair in International Economics, to join an international collaborative project, hire graduate students and fund speakers and seminars.
Roy J. Shlemon Chair in Applied Geosciences
Research that’s relevant: solving current and future water problems

Jeff Mount, the first holder of the Roy J. Shlemon Chair in Applied Geosciences, shares his benefactor’s objective of practical, interdisciplinary research in geoscience. Roy Shlemon taught Quaternary geology and geomorphology at UC Davis from 1965 to 1972. Now a Senior Fellow of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, a member of the College of Letters and Science Deans’ Advisory Council and a trustee of the UC Davis Foundation Board, Shlemon created the endowed chair to support applied science in the field and academia.

As the holder of the Roy J. Shlemon Chair in Applied Geosciences, Jeff Mount’s goal—identifying and minimizing future water and river management crises in California, whether from scarcity or flood—is critical to residents of the Golden State and beyond. While the 1,400 dams and 6,000 miles of levees in California are designed to eliminate variability, a new approach to managing rivers reestablishes variations in flow, including the very important winter and spring flood pulse (the peak flow during a flooding event). The interdisciplinary field of applied geosciences links biology, geology, hydrology, engineering, law and land use planning. Mount believes he’s lucky to be at UC Davis, one of the best universities in the world, actively solving water problems for today and tomorrow.

G. Thomas Sallee Mathematics Teaching Endowment
Awarding our talented teachers and students

During his distinguished 40-year career at UC Davis, Tom Sallee was one of the founders of the Northern California Mathematics Project for teachers and also the College Preparatory Mathematics textbook project. Both were aimed at supporting teachers and students to improve mathematics learning. In the same spirit, the G. Thomas Sallee Mathematics Teaching Endowment provides an annual award to the best teacher of lower-division mathematics based on student evaluations and also provides an award to the upper-class (junior or senior) winner of the mathematics department contest held each spring.

WHAT IS AN ENDOVED CHAIR?

Endowed chairs and professorships are among the most prestigious honors a faculty member can receive. These positions support faculty teaching, research and public service, helping to advance new knowledge for generations to come. They also help the university attract and retain top faculty. An endowed chair or professorship is created through the establishment of an endowment designated for this purpose. These endowment funds are invested, providing annual interest income in perpetuity to support the chair holder's work. Endowed chairs and professorships create a lasting and highly visible link between the donor and the university, associating the donor's name with an area of UC Davis academic excellence into the future. Endowed chairs may be established with gifts of $1.5 million or more. Donors who create an endowed chair or professorship ensure the pursuit of new knowledge in a major field of interest and create a lasting tie between the donor and the university.
Barbara K. Jackson’s Philanthropy Creates Indelible Legacy
Making the difference

Barbara K. Jackson came to Davis in the early 1950s with her late husband, W. Turrentine “Turpie” Jackson, who became a distinguished author and professor in the Department of History. While Barbara Jackson spent decades supporting the region’s music and arts endeavors, she and Turpie Jackson were also making financial investments that would later allow them to make an impact on students and cultural life at UC Davis. Before his death in 2000, they endowed the W. Turrentine Jackson Chair of Western United States History. Since then, Barbara Jackson has made several gifts that support renowned faculty and promising students:

- Barbara K. Jackson Chair in Choral Conducting
- Barbara K. Jackson Chair in Orchestral Conducting
- Barbara K. Jackson Endowed Fellowship in Student Conducting
- W. Turrentine Jackson Chair in Western U.S. History
- W. Turrentine Jackson Graduate Fellowship

Philanthropist Barbara K. Jackson is a recipient of the UC Davis Medal, the highest tribute bestowed by the university.
Yocha Dehe Chair in California Indian Studies
Sustaining Native American culture and languages

At the heart of every culture is language. For more than a decade, Martha Macri, the holder of the Yocha Dehe Endowed Chair in California Indian Studies, and her team of graduate students have been reviving Native American tribal languages through the J.P. Harrington Project. The project creates a database for the J.P. Harrington papers. Harrington was a prolific anthropologist who took more than a million pages of notes, recorded wax cylinders of sound and photographed Native American tribes throughout the West in the first half of the 20th century. Many of his interviews were with the last speakers of native languages.

“I think the most important part of the project is the work we’ve done with native communities and placing the material in their hands,” says Macri, who uses funds from her endowed chair to support the project. The project’s success has led the National Science Foundation to pay graduate students a stipend to transcribe and code the notes from microfilm into a database. Eventually, tribes and researchers will be able to generate dictionaries of native languages and their dialects, including Western Mono, Coast Yuki, Chimariko, Tubatulabal, Wintun and many more.

Native American Studies at UC Davis began in 1969, the first program of its kind in the nation. Today, UC Davis is one of only two universities in the country to offer a Ph.D. in Native American Studies. The Yocha Dehe tribe operates Cache Creek Casino Resort in western Yolo County and has become the county’s largest private employer. Its past gifts to UC Davis have benefited the medical center’s pediatrics department and the campus’s Native American Cultural Days and PowWow.
The Large Synoptic (meaning big picture) Survey Telescope is a new kind of telescope. With its three-billion pixel digital camera, data recorded will create a 3D map of the universe with unprecedented depth and detail and will spark a new challenge in processing vast amounts of data. Each night the camera will generate terabytes of data, eventually storing more than 50 petabytes.

Members of the team building the LSST gather to celebrate the successful casting of the telescope’s 27.5-foot-diameter mirror blank, August 2008. (Photo: Howard Lester/LSST Corporation)

Support groundbreaking research and innovation:
$13.2 million

Achieving transformational change begins with innovation. The UC Davis College of Letters and Science’s investment in groundbreaking research promises to translate into life-changing applications of benefit to society.

Searching for Clues to the Creation of the Universe

Physics professor leads international telescope project

UC Davis’ Department of Physics is at the forefront of a revolution in cosmology. Distinguished Professor J. Anthony Tyson directs the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST) project, a massive international endeavor that hopes to give clues to the secrets of the universe. From its mountaintop site in Chile, the LSST will capture the entire visible sky every few nights over a 10-year period. When the project ends, the LSST’s camera—the largest digital camera in the world—will have recorded the greatest movie ever made: our universe.

The LSST project opens up unparalleled opportunities. Scientists will be able to investigate the fundamental mysteries of the universe, from the masses of the heaviest galaxies to the nature of dark matter and dark energy. And anyone with a computer will be able to fly through the universe, zooming past asteroids, exploding stars and comets. The Research Council for the National Academy of Sciences has ranked the LSST as its top priority for ground-based astronomical facilities. Significant gifts to the project have come from the W.M. Keck Foundation, the Research Corporation, the LSST Corporation, Microsoft founder Bill Gates, Eric and Wendy Schmidt, the Charles Simonyi Fund for Arts and Sciences, and others who recognize that the project’s findings could drive a revolution in fundamental physics comparable to the general relativity or quantum mechanics revolutions. Many generous gifts have also been made to UC Davis’ Department of Physics in support of the faculty involved in the project.
The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Advances Humanities Research

Accelerating scholarship in the humanities

The UC Davis College of Letters and Science received a $1.485 million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support four research initiatives in the humanities. The grant is the largest single award to UC Davis from the foundation and enables the Division of Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies to hire visiting assistant professors, offer graduate student fellowships and support seminars and colloquia. The first two initiatives focus on early modern studies and environments.

Agilent Technologies, Inc.’s Gift Leads to Breakthrough Research

Studying the incredibly small to give new life

Agilent Technologies, Inc.’s gift of a mass spectrometer to the Department of Chemistry has led to breakthrough research into why a mother’s milk is the perfect food and how to help infants without access to that food. The spectrometer—valued at more than $400,000—can measure the elemental composition of molecules. The equipment is used by Professor of Chemistry Carlito Lebrilla. Lebrilla and his team have developed a new technique that enables rapid, detailed analysis of a group of bioactive molecules in breast milk. The state-of-the-art equipment has paved the way to a better understanding of the role of certain molecules called oligosaccharides in infant brain development and how they help infants resist infection by nourishing healthy bacteria in the intestine.
W. M. Keck Foundation Awards $1 Million for Cellular Biochemistry Research

Basic science gives hope for Alzheimer and cancer patients

The W.M. Keck Foundation has awarded $1 million to Gang-Yu Liu, a professor of chemistry. Liu, with her collaborator, mechanical engineering professor Ian Kennedy, is developing a new device that measures the stiffness and other mechanical properties of individual cells, as well as activity within them. The new instrument allows researchers to view a single cell in exquisite detail, pressing a tiny bead against it to measure its resistance. Liu’s laboratory has already demonstrated the concept with nerve cells, which become stiffer when they are affected by the proteins related to Alzheimer’s disease. The new instrument will test a wider range of cell types to study the toxicity of nanoparticles.

Gang-Yu Liu’s research on single cell mechanics holds promise for broad-range impact on wound healing, tissue engineering and cancer diagnosis and therapy.
Donor Gifts Assist Ongoing Studies in Meditation
*Meditating for health and well-being*

Researchers at the UC Davis Center for Mind and Brain are leading one of the world’s most in-depth and closely watched scientific investigations into the effects of meditation on the brain. Who’s paying close attention? Everyone from those who meditate, to doctors, scientists and the project’s most visible follower, the Dalai Lama. Initial findings from the Shamatha Project, which has been under way for several years, reveal that meditation sharpens and sustains attention, enhances well-being, increases empathic concern and even shows changes in blood chemistry. On average, study participants’ telomerase levels (an enzyme that can help prolong life by reducing the rate of genetic errors in cell duplication) showed a 30 percent change.

Donors to the Shamatha Project help assure that it continues to study the effects of meditation on brain and cell function, as well as psychological and physical well-being. The Shamatha Project is the most comprehensive study of the cognitive, emotional, physiological and biological changes that occur with intensive practice of meditation. The project holds a unique data set of more than three years of research. Additional support is needed to analyze that data and conduct related experiments that extend the most promising findings.

Does one have to have an unusually serene disposition to achieve the calm, focused state of mind associated with meditation? Or can anyone achieve the same benefits through intensive training? The Shamatha Project aims to answer these questions. The name shamatha means “calm abiding” in Sanskrit. Clifford Saron, shown here with the Dalai Lama during a trip to India to share some of the findings of the Shamatha Project, is a neuroscientist at the Center for Mind and Brain and the MIND Institute and the scientific team leader of the Shamatha Project.

Unrestricted/Annual Fund gifts: $2.1 million

All annual fund gifts made to the College of Letters and Science for use by the deans are directed to areas that show the most promise or have the greatest need.

The Herbert A. Young Society is a donor recognition club whose members contribute $1,000 or more annually to the College of Letters and Science Annual Fund. In addition to developing new majors and course offerings, these gifts have been used to support innovative research, purchase new lab equipment, obtain important library resources and provide student support.

In an ever-changing world, there is always demand for new majors and new programs. Support to the college’s annual fund helps the college respond to this need. In recent years, the college has created a new Middle East/South Asia studies undergraduate major, a new major in pharmaceutical chemistry and a new minor in writing.
Gifts from Vintners Launch New Museum Project

Ensuring a future for the arts

UC Davis has received a $10 million gift to name a new art museum that will serve as a teaching and cultural resource for the region and provide opportunities to share the university’s artistic legacy, enhance its fine arts collection and create new partnerships and collaborations. Slated for completion in 2015, the museum will be named for donor Jan Shrem, proprietor of Clos Pegase winery in Napa Valley, and his friend and arts patron Maria Manetti Farrow. Margrit Mondavi, longtime champion of the arts at UC Davis and contributor to the art museum project, introduced Shrem and Farrow to the project.

The Jan Shrem and Maria Manetti Farrow Museum of Art will be constructed on a 1.6 acre site adjacent to the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts. The museum will provide approximately 40,000 square feet of contemporary space for galleries, seminars, research and public gatherings. It will also house the university’s fine arts collection, which contains more than 4,000 works of art including works by former art department faculty such as Wayne Thiebaud, Robert Arneson, Roy De Forest and William T. Wiley.

Support capital projects: $29 million

As the College of Letters and Science continues to grow and help students and faculty achieve transformational change around the world, gifts that support the college’s infrastructure are becoming increasingly important.

Maria Manetti Farrow, Jan Shrem and Chancellor Linda P.B. Katehi

Margrit Mondavi is an artist and avid supporter of the arts.
$1 Million Gift Helps Fund New Music Recital Hall

Teaching and performing in a new space

The Noda family understands that with music, space is a true partner in performance. Grace and Grant Noda donated $1 million to the Department of Music to help build a major new music recital hall and classroom space. The gift, the largest in the music department’s history, supports construction of an intimate concert and classroom space of 350–375 seats. It will be designated for the highest acoustic standards and will be home for chamber and solo performances of all kinds.

Music has been central to the Nodas’ lives. During World War II, when Grace and her family were interned at relocation camps in Arkansas and Colorado, music was a bright spot. Grant worked for the UC Davis Department of Botany for 27 years before retiring in 1985. He also built a successful real estate practice in the Davis area.

In discussing why the gift from her parents was so important, daughter Tanya Yan says her mother simply loves the power of music. “Rich or poor, everyone has access to it. It transcends race, social status. It is apolitical. It has been a constant in my mother’s life, through everything.”

Wayne and Betty Jean Thiebaud Donate Iconic Prints

A unique education in the creative process

Wayne Thiebaud, professor emeritus of art, and his wife Betty Jean donated 20 handworked prints, valued at $880,000, to the Richard L. Nelson Gallery and Fine Arts Collection. The works include etchings, aquatints, linocuts and lithographs created by the artist between 1964 and 2008. Thiebaud “hand-worked” each image, using colored pencil, graphite, watercolor or charcoal, to create one-of-a-kind works. Thiebaud is known for his process, in which he revisits his works to make several versions.

Comparing initial prints to reworked ones can offer special insights for students. When viewing acclaimed artwork, students can feel overwhelmed. Thiebaud believes it is important for students to see a work in progress as much as viewing the final piece.
The College of Letters and Science is fortunate to have alumni and friends who have stepped forward with gifts small and large. These gifts are making a bigger impact than ever.

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