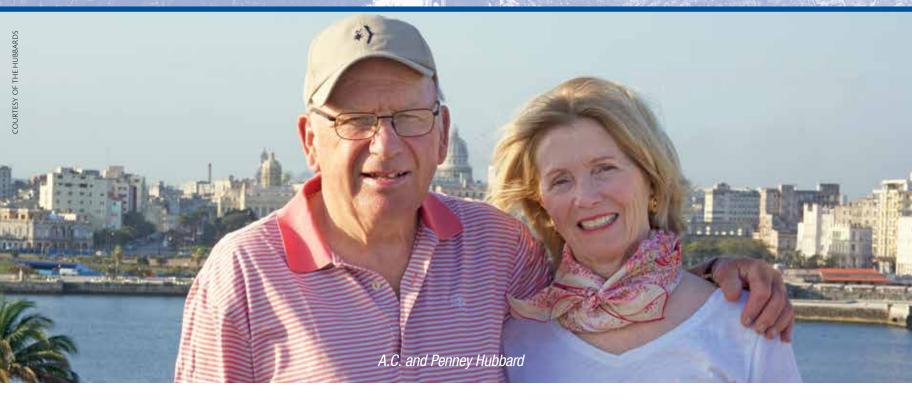
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News About People Who Are Honoring W&L's Past and Building Its Future



# Penney and A.C. Hubbard '59, '62L, Carolyn and Michael Monier '62: Supporting the Shepherd Program, Honoring a Leader

he Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty and Human Capability at W&L has grown into a nationally recognized, model program for the study of poverty since its establishment in 1997.

Harlan Beckley — the Fletcher Otey Thomas Professor of Religion Emeritus — is



the visionary leader who founded the program. As Beckley's retirement approached last June, A.C. Hubbard '59, '62L and Michael Monier '62 led the push to reach Shepherd Program endowment goals of \$11.5 million. These funds are critical for sustaining the

Harlan Beckley

program for future students, covering key expenses, including a program director; general operations, programming and staffing; internships; and local outreach through the Friends of Rockbridge.

For Hubbard and Monier, helping the University reach endowment goals for the Shepherd Program was a fitting expression of a widespread admiration for Beckley's accomplishments among W&L alumni, faculty, staff and students. At a spring 2014 celebration honoring Beckley upon his retirement, it was announced that the \$11.5 million goal had been met.

Hubbard and his wife, Penney, gave \$250,000 toward the endowment goals. Both serve on the Shepherd Program's Alumni Advisory Committee. "Penney and I have tremendous respect and admiration for Harlan Beckley," says Hubbard. "He has been so critical to the success of this program. We wanted to make a difference in our small way and express our admiration for Harlan and for the University."

Hubbard believes it's important for students to learn about poverty. He has seen firsthand the challenges faced by people living in poverty through more than 20 years of service as a board member with St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, a Jesuit-run middle school for at-risk boys in Baltimore. He also has observed adolescent boys from difficult environments thrive in a positive educational environment. Hubbard believes that all W&L students — regardless of major — can develop great passion and empathy by participating in projects sponsored by the Shepherd Program or by taking classes on poverty's causes and solutions.

"If you give a person an education, then they have a reasonable chance to succeed," says Hubbard, a former W&L trustee. "My experience with St. Ignatius has had a meaningful impact on me, and I've gotten an emotional high as I see these young men prosper and thrive. I believe if W&L students become involved in the Shepherd Program and learn some of the ramifications of poverty, it will make them better and more understanding people."

Monier first learned about the Shepherd Program during his 40th class reunion at W&L, in 1999. As he listened to Beckley and students lead a session describing the initiative, he was intrigued to hear what students were learning about poverty and how they were helping people throughout Lexington and Rockbridge County.

Monier and his wife, Carolyn, gave the University a substantial gift to help reach the Shepherd Program endowment. They found Beckley's passion for the program inspiring and knew that he wanted to see the funding goals achieved before he retired.

"We thought that would be an achievable goal, and we believe Harlan really made the program what it is today," says Monier, also an emeritus member of the W&L Board of Trustees. "We have been impressed with the program and with the passion and excitement the students have shared."

Monier believes the program can strengthen W&L's mission of developing character and emphasizing the value of service in its graduates. "Because W&L is the first undergraduate university to take up the study of poverty in the country, and it leads the national consortium on poverty, it's something special for the University," Monier says. "W&L offers many wonderful programs, and the Shepherd Program gives the University another arrow in its quiver."

### David McCubbin '80: Business is Global

Highlight of Gifts: Center for Global Learning

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s president of McCubbin Hosiery, the company his grandfather started in 1952, David McCubbin '80 believes a global perspective is critical to success in business. McCubbin Hosiery – manufacturer and distributor of socks, tights and slippers that sells licensed products for brands such as Stride Rite and Keds — has thrived since manufacturing moved overseas in the 1990s.

"Our business is global, and I think that's the way of the future for most companies," says McCubbin, who works out of the company's headquarters in Oklahoma City.

McCubbin contributed \$100,000 to the Center for Global Learning, in addition to his ongoing Annual Fund support, to strengthen the University's international focus. "When I was at W&L, you could learn a language, but there was

no real global learning," McCubbin says. "Any focus on globalization in business is the right way to go. For students now and in the future, the Center for Global Learning will be a great opportunity."

McCubbin looks back fondly on his time at W&L and remains connected with the close friends he made as a student. He believes it's important for alumni to give back to the University so that future students will enjoy the same educational and personalgrowth opportunities.

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#### Alston Parker Watt '89: An International Focus

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After graduating from W&L in 1989, Alston Parker Watt explored the world through service. She worked for CARE-USA in Haiti and Bangladesh and later directed community development for the North Luangwa Conservation Project in Zambia. These experiences helped her grow personally and professionally and gave her a better appreciation for other cultures.

Watt, who now serves as executive director of The Williams Family Foundation of Georgia, believes that global experiences are critical for college students today to ensure their success in the future. As part of her 25th reunion class gift, Watt gave more than \$100,000 to support the Center for Global Learning and the Annual Fund.

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#### -Alston Parker Watt '89

contributors at the global level," says Watt, a member of W&L's first coeducational class and a member emerita of the Board of Trustees. "The world is no longer a small place, and W&L students need to understand what it means to be a global contributor."

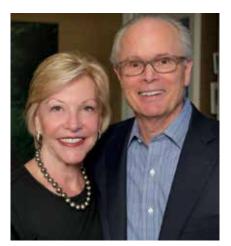
A standout athlete at W&L who served as captain of the lacrosse team, Watt is grateful for the opportunity to have attended W&L.

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## Nancy and Burt Staniar '64: The Global Perspective

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Nancy and Burt Staniar

Burt Staniar '64 and his classmates believe that any great university must have a strong emphasis on global learning. In honor of their 50th reunion last year, they decided to designate a part of their class gift to W&L's Center for Global Learning.

'It's almost impossible to be in a business today that doesn't have some global implications," says Staniar. "Hopefully, by the time they graduate, W&L students will have developed an understanding of the cultures and beliefs around the world. That can only enrich their lives and help them professionally."

Staniar's reunion contribution was a planned gift of \$500,000 toward the center's maintenance endowment. Additionally, he and his wife, Nancy, have given consistently to the Annual Fund and capital campaigns. Their names appear on the Honored Benefactors Wall in Washington Hall. "The maintenance endowment doesn't

sound exciting, but it's important," says Staniar, chairman of Knoll Inc. "We want to make sure we don't burden future generations with a new building's upkeep."

A member emeritus of W&L's Board of Trustees, Staniar co-chaired the development of the University's most recent strategic plan which emphasizes international education - with then provost Tom Williams.

Staniar is grateful for the broad liberal arts education he received at the University. That approach, he says, prepared him to succeed in the ever-changing world of business, and has inspired interests that have stayed with him.

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# **Anonymous Trustee: A Challenge to Finish the Colonnade**

n anonymous member of the Board of Trustees made a \$4 million commitment in early February to help complete fundraising for the Colonnade project. This donor will match all gifts received toward the \$13.4 million goal for the Tucker Hall renovation between now and the end of the campaign — June 30, 2015.

Four of the five historic buildings — Newcomb, Payne, Washington and Robinson — have now been beautifully restored thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends. The results exceed all expectations in terms of quality, and they demonstrate the merit of this project.

As of this writing, W&L still must raise \$2.1 million to meet the match. Restoration of the Colonnade is at the very heart of Honor Our Past, Build Our Future: The Campaign for Washington and Lee. The Colonnade is a great and enduring symbol of W&L's distinctive approach to higher education. This campus icon deserves the care it is receiving through the restoration. The students who take classes in the buildings of the Colonnade deserve to experience both the history and the tradition that the buildings convey, as well as the full benefits of a 21stcentury learning environment.

Highlight of Gifts: The Colonnade

Built in 1935 to replace a building that burned, Tucker Hall is the newest building along the Colonnade, exhibiting the trademark red brick, tall white columns and pitched metal roof. The School of Law was located in Tucker until Sydney Lewis Hall opened in 1976. The building was designated part of the Colonnade's National Historic Landmark district in 1973.

Today, Tucker's architectural character has been obscured, and its spaces have

become cramped due to incremental renovations and partitioning. The restoration will more closely echo the original layout of the building, preserve historic design features, and bring the structure up to code.

Two new smart classrooms and a gathering space on the first floor will feature towering windows and will reclaim the 18-foot-high ceilings that once graced the Law School reading room. A new entrance in the rear will open up onto Stemmons Plaza and will add prominence to this rejuvenated space. When the work is completed, Tucker Hall will be home to the departments of Romance languages, classics and religion.

To learn more about the Colonnade Challenge and how you can respond with a gift, please contact the Office of University Development at (540) 458-8410.

#### Fred Cooper '64, P'94: Connecting With the Past and the Future

For most of his adult life, Fred Cooper '64 has generously contributed to Washington and Lee, and his name appears on the Honored Benefactors Wall in Washington Hall. Among other designated gifts, he has consistently supported the Annual Fund, which is "a great way to introduce people to the idea of giving," he observes. "It allows everyone to participate in a meaningful yet appropriate level for them. It is a great way to look back over a wonderful four-year period of your life and be thankful other people before you made it possible with their giving. It connects us both to the past and to the future."

Cooper attended Washington and Lee on a scholarship, and one of his first major gifts to the University was for the Cooper-Archer Scholarship, in part to repay what the school has given him. "Not only have I had the good fortune to graduate from the school



Fred Cooper

myself, but my son, Derick Cooper '94, and lovely daughter-in-law, M. Beckwith Archer '90, '93L, were married in Lee Chapel, and now they have three daughters of their own. That is part of what makes it important to each generation — Washington and Lee is not merely an educational institution, it is a place where we experience many significant moments of our lives," Cooper reflects.

In that spirit, Cooper has supported the Colonnade restoration, and more recently the Center for Global Learning for his 50th reunion. "It was the easiest thing in the world to contribute toward the Colonnade, because of all the different things that it represents historically," he explains. "It is our job as stewards to ensure that the Colonnade remains as meaningful to students in the future as it has been to us in the past. It is a significant part of what we are thankful for, part of what makes the school so unique, and what we call to mind when we think of our institution. I think the terms that define W&L are honor, character and civility, each column representing those qualities."

## Ted Martin '80, P'16: Unlimited Opportunities



L. to r.: Ted Martin Jr. '80, Theodore B. Martin '46, Ford Martin '16

In Chicago, 20 years ago, Theodore B. (Ted) Martin Jr. '80 started an executive search firm, Martin Partners. A local friend once asked him, "What is it with you W&L guys, that you all start your own businesses?" This caused Martin to ponder why Chicago has so many W&L alumni from various classes who are successful entrepreneurs. "After considering my friend's question, I thought of the endless opportunities one has at W&L," says Martin.

"I believe very few colleges can provide the access to opportunity across academics, athletics, extracurricular leadership and social activity, all under the umbrella of the Honor System," Martin continues. His reflections made him want to give back to the school, and the Colonnade restoration seemed like a particularly fitting place to contribute.

"The Colonnade has always symbolized for me the opportunities I listed above, each column representing a different opportunity for involvement. Sometimes we hit the 'social' column a bit hard, but that was part of the work-hard-play-hard culture that was in place in the late '70s at W&L. My father (Theodore B. Martin '46) went to W&L, and my son is a junior there now. Societal norms will continue to change, but the Colonnade will always be there for future generations. And may we always offer unlimited opportunities for personal growth."

# Mary Morton Parsons Foundation Offers Challenge Grant for Tucker Hall Renovation

"We have a long history of supporting educational institutions throughout the commonwealth," says Amy Nisenson, executive director of the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation, established in 1988 by Mrs. Mary Morton Parsons as a private, charitable body to support the capital needs of various organizations. The foundation has given Washington and Lee a \$350,000, one-for-two challenge grant for the renovation of Tucker Hall, which the University wants to meet by June 30, 2015.

The Mary Morton Parsons Foundation typically issues between \$3 and \$5 million annually in grants to support capital projects, mostly on a challenge or matching basis. To date, the foundation has awarded approximately \$73 million to qualified grantees. "We know the historical significance of Washington and Lee, which includes the long historical nature of Tucker Hall, as well as the importance of the educational work that is going to happen in that building," says Nisenson.

"Ninety percent of the grants we give are challenge grants," she continues. "We encourage tapping into matching funds from various sources, including individuals, corporations and foundations, for a broad base of support. We find a challenge grant can help organizations encourage support they might not otherwise receive."

# Carey and Bill Peard '76, P'13: The Colonnade Strikes a Chord



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Bill and Carey Peard

Carey and Bill Peard '76, P'13 have a long family history with Washington and Lee. "My older brother, Tom, graduated in '74, and my daughter, Leslie, graduated in 2013," says Bill. "Interestingly, we also recently found we had a great-grand-uncle, James Early Thrift, who graduated from the law class of 1897." The Peards have an interest in history — he serves as a trustee for the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation and for the Atlanta History Center, and the couple has renovated five older homes.

"The Colonnade restoration struck a chord with us, so we were motivated to designate our contribution to the school in that direction; that prompted us to make our gift," says Peard. The couple is donating \$50,000 over five years toward the Colonnade restoration. "I had a great experience with the school, and since graduating I've participated in alumni events in Atlanta. My wife, Carey, and I were delighted when Leslie decided to attend Washington and Lee. However, we never imagined what a great experience we would have as W&L parents. Leslie loved every minute of her time at the college, and we became good friends with many of the parents of her sorority sisters and friends. Washington and Lee is very much a special place, and the Colonnade is part of what makes it so."

# **Bill Runge '74: Thriving While Adapting**



William Henry Runge '39, from the 1938 Calyx

The father of Bill Runge '74, William Henry Runge Jr. '39, attended W&L for three years before transferring to the University of Alabama to study chemical engineering. "My parents encouraged me to go to W&L, and I am glad they did," says Runge. "I think the school has been able to thrive and continue throughout the changing times of the last 40 years, but still maintain its mandate to educate students with honor and integrity."

Despite moving out West after graduating, Runge managed to keep up a connection to W&L. He really reconnected with the school when he moved to Atlanta some years ago. "I started going back to reunions and had the pleasure of meeting President Ruscio," says Runge. "I think the school's approach to adapting, yet continuing to maintain its heritage in a changing world, has been exemplary. I felt the school was doing a lot of the right things, and I wanted to give back."

In that spirit, Runge has donated \$50,000 toward the Colonnade renovation. "The school is very different from when I attended," he says, "but it still embodies the W&L I knew and grew to love, and the Colonnade represents that history."

Highlight of Gifts: The Law School

# Stanford L. "Buddy" Fellers Jr. '50, '52L: Honoring a Father

Stanford L. "Buddy" Fellers Jr. '50, '52L, who died on Aug. 21, 2012, served as commissioner of accounts for the Circuit Court of the City of Roanoke. From his estate, Fellers designated a gift of \$500,000 to establish the Judge Stanford L. Fellers Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor his father, who was in the Law Class of 1913 and a highly respected justice who served on the Law and Chancery Court and the Circuit Court for the city of Roanoke.

William Lemon '55, '59L, a fellow Kappa Sigma brother, says he and Buddy enjoyed reminiscing about W&L whenever they happened to cross paths. "I wasn't surprised when I heard about his gift to W&L," Lemon says. "His motivation was his love for W&L and his wish to honor his father by endowing a scholarship to assist future law students. I admire his generous gift to our alma mater."

In addition, Fellers created a trust through which 30 percent of the income will benefit this scholarship.



Buddy Fellers

# John R. "Jack" Clark III '80L and Mary Boney Denison: A Building for the Future

As a student at the W&L Law School, John R. "Jack" Clark III '80L appreciated the small community that fostered strong personal connections between faculty and students. That close atmosphere, he says, along with a strong reputation, revered Honor System and respected history, made the University an ideal setting to study law.

Clark and his wife, Mary Boney Denison, made a substantial contribution to the Law School renovation and modernization project in hopes that future students will enjoy the same quality of education.

"It's a prudent and fiscally responsible thing to repurpose certain areas of the building that have become outdated or unusable," says Clark, president of Steuart



Jack Clark

Investment Company. "The building can be made more relevant and functional for learning about the law and for supporting clinical programs well into the 21st century."

Clark believes many personal and professional opportunities opened up for him as a result of the education he received at W&L. By giving back, he believes alumni can strengthen the University for the future.

"It's important to give back to institutions that enabled you to be successful in your life and career," says Clark, a member of W&L's Law Council. "I encourage other alumni to consider supporting either W&L's physical plant, its clinical programs or its educational curriculum with annual giving or with a capital gift."

# **Christopher Wolf '80L: Empowering Legal Careers**

During the three decades since Christopher Wolf '80L left W&L Law School, Lewis Hall has undergone extensive physical changes, especially with the current renovation project underway. But the spirit of the school remains the same, and Wolf is proud of his connections that continue today.

"W&L remains unique among law schools because of its caring community, ethical focus and personalized approach to legal studies," says Wolf, who leads the privacy and information management practice at Hogan Lovells US L.L.P. "Those unique characteristics underpin the career I have had in the law."

Wolf understands that the ever-increasing costs of higher education could make a legal education out of reach for some students. As an expression of gratitude for the quality of education he received at W&L, Wolf has given \$100,000 to establish the Christopher Wolf '80 Law Scholarship to provide financial support for deserving students.

"It is important to me to give back to the institution that has empowered me to have a successful and rewarding legal career," Wolf says. "A scholarship fund is an opportunity to give at a level that guarantees support for students who need financial help to complete their legal education, and that is gratifying to me. This scholarship fund will be my legacy to future generations of students who need support to complete their legal studies."



Christopher Wolf gave the 2014 Commencement address to the Law School.

# Michael Krancer '83L, P'12: Support Starts at Home



Michael Krancer

Michael Krancer '83L, P'12 has taken a big step to help future generations of students defray the cost of law school at W&L. To Krancer, W&L Law is part of the family, as his son, David, is a 2012 graduate. Now, Krancer wants to help others to share that opportunity.

Krancer, of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, endowed the Krancer Family Scholarship in hopes of making law school at W&L more affordable. The scholarship will provide approximately \$5,000 to \$7,000 annually to deserving law students.

"I thought establishing this scholarship fund would be a good way to express the importance of W&L Law to me, my son and our family," says Krancer, a partner with the law firm of Blank Rome L.L.C., in Philadelphia, and chair of the firm's energy industry team. "W&L was formative and instrumental in my growing up and becoming a professional. I trust that this scholarship will give many others the same opportunities that W&L gave me and my son, to add to their communities and to our country."

Krancer, who served as secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection under former Governor Tom Corbett, is grateful for the close, personal connections he made with fellow students and professors at W&L, which continue to this day. He believes future law students will similarly benefit from their experience at W&L.

"I found W&L to be intimate, supportive and collegial," Krancer says. "I believe that support starts at home, so for me it was a natural to start this annual scholarship at W&L."

# Academic Support

# Kelty and Rogers Crain '75, P'09: Supporting Students



Rogers Crain

"The college years can be difficult for young people trying to find their way. There are numerous pressures, academically and socially, and lots of temptations," Rogers Crain '75, P'09 observes. "As the parents of three children, we recognize that when young people first leave home to attend college, they leave behind their normal support systems," adds Kelty Crain. "We wanted to enhance what W&L has to offer in terms of counseling, for anything from homesickness to substance abuse." Rogers agrees: "We think it's beneficial to have effective resources readily available to help students work through whatever issues they may be struggling with."

To that end, the couple has made a significant gift to create the Crain Family Fund for Student

# **Gray Foundation: Supporting Deserving Students**



Garland Gray, from the 1922 Calyx

The Garland and Agnes Taylor Gray Foundation has given W&L a grant to support the Garland Gray Scholarship. Gray, who earned a master's here in 1922, established the scholarship in 1962 for a deserving student from southeastern Virginia. The owner of a land and timber company, he served in the Virginia General Assembly for 29 years.

"My brothers, cousins and I always knew that our grandfather cherished his time at Washington and Lee and gave it great credit for instilling in him his love for history," says Garland Gray's granddaughter Katharine T. Gray P'99, of Richmond.

Garland and Agnes Gray's son, the late Elmon

Well Being and to support the Beckley Scholarship Endowment. "The reason we gave toward the Beckley Scholarship Endowment was in recognition of Harlan Beckley himself," Kelty adds. "We have great admiration for Harlan on both a personal and professional level. Beyond what he has done for the University in creating the poverty program and serving as acting president, he is caring, focused on the needs of others and epitomizes what Washington and Lee is about."

Rogers concurs. "We have been privileged to be able to be in a position to honor Harlan Beckley — and we wanted to make sure to recognize him now, but also help keep that recognition ongoing for future generations."

T. Gray, who also served in the Virginia General Assembly, received an honorary degree from W&L in 1990. "It was then that my daughter, Dr. Pamela Gray Herbert Minkler '99, also fell in love with W&L and decided to follow in her greatgrandfather's footsteps," says Katharine Gray. "We think he would have been pleased." Minkler serves on W&L's Science Advisory Board.

Part of The Community Foundation (TCF), based in Richmond, the Gray Foundation fulfills TCF's mission by awarding grants to historical, cultural and educational institutions that affect the quality of life in Virginia. At W&L, the foundation has also supported the renovation of the Lee Chapel Museum and theatrical endeavors.

# **Barbra and Hal Higginbotham '68: Timeless Books**



Barbra and Hal Higginbotham

Open an American, British or German work of literature in Leyburn Library, and you might find inside the cover this plate: "Presented to the Library of Washington and Lee by Hal F. and Barbra Buckner Higginbo-tham." The Higginbothams established the fund in 1986 to support library acquisitions and have directed their annual giving toward the fund ever since.

"This reflects long-term interests my wife and I share. Barbra spent virtually her entire academic career as the chief librarian at Brooklyn College at the City University of New York. Her passion is for British and American literature," he says. "My undergraduate major was in German — the fund ties together our interests in library and academic domains. During the current campaign, we set a goal for the fund and designated our campaign and sustained giving toward that.

"Every once in a while, I receive a note from a faculty member who took out a book and noted that it came from our gift fund," Higginbotham continues. "That makes me smile — that's what this gift is all about. I'm looking at a list of over 150 acquisitions from last year, including a new version of Thomas Mann's 'Der Zauberberg' ('The Magic Mountain'), which I studied in my senior seminar, bringing things full circle. That's the joy of it. It is both renewing and calming to be focused on something as timeless and useful as books."

# **Staman Ogilvie '71: For Generations to Come**



Staman Oailvie

As part of the capital campaign, Staman Ogilvie '71 has added \$125,000 to the Ogilvie Scholarship Fund. "This gift will get us most of the way to the completion of a fully funded scholarship," says Ogilvie. The scholarship is a family affair — his older brother, Buck Ogilvie '64, conceived of the idea, and their father, W.B. Ogilvie Sr., has participated as well.

"Soon it will be in the hands of the next generation," says Ogilvie. "We have in the family five more recent W&L graduates: Bland Warren '90, Courtney Warren Lewis '92, Maggie Ogilvie Stacy '97, Chris Dalton '97 and Will Ogilvie '01. They will want to continue to support the scholarship. It is gratifying that it will be a multigenerational endeavor.

"Our family chose to fund a merit-based scholarship because we want the school to have ample means to reward students who do great work, who work hard and deserve to see tangible results of their efforts," Ogilvie continues. "We think W&L offers a unique opportunity for students to be involved in the arts, sports, service and, of course, academics. The close student relationship with the faculty is unparalleled, and few other schools offer that opportunity along with the liberal arts emphasis. As we have all entered our adult and professional lives and benefited greatly from our W&L experience, we want to see that unique educational offering continue for generations to come."

# Cathy and Clay Jackson '76, P'04: Gifts Always Come Back

athy and Clay Jackson '76, P'04 have given \$200,000 to the University, directed toward three initiatives: the Colonnade preservation, the Pamela H. Simpson Endowment for Art (to help meet the challenge grant offered by Alison and Jamie Small '81), and the Joan Hertzog O'Mara Award to recognize outstanding achievement in art history. "Cathy and I wanted all three areas covered," Jackson explains. "The Colonnade is an enduring reminder of all that the University stands for. Cathy and my daughter-in-law, Minnette, are interested in historic preservation, as was Pam Simpson."

Jackson continues, "Pam Simpson taught me to appreciate and love art, which has led to not only enjoying art but to acquiring it." Their son, Clay Jackson Jr. '04, also studied with Simpson and wrote his major thesis under her guidance. He studied with the late Joan O'Mara as well, who "instilled an understanding and appreciation for porcelain" that carried through his internship at the British Museum. "She was an unbelievably



Clay and Cathy Jackson

warm, caring and kind individual," recalls Jackson Jr.

The Jacksons' gift completed a challenge grant for the Simpson Endowment started by Alison and Jamie Small '81, P'15. "We wanted all those whose lives Pam Simpson touched to be able to participate in the endowment," Small explains. "We had many gifts from across the campus, from students, faculty and administrators. Giving them the opportunity to contribute made the fund that



Jamie '81, Eileen '15 and Alison Small

#### much more special."

"Both Pam and Joan are no longer with us," says Jackson Sr., "but their incredible dedication and masterful teaching still resonate with their fan club. It really touched us and caught us off guard that both of their spouses, Henry Simpson and Philip O'Mara, each wrote us a personal note," he continues. "Honestly, in the end, the gifts always come back to us, the donors. It is wonderful to have the opportunity to be able to give back for all that we have received."

# Rick McMillan '69, P'98, P'02: Giving Back is Easy



Jack

McMillan '41,

from the

1940 Calyx

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Rick McMillan '69, P'98, P'02 gives to the Annual Fund every year. "I always support the University," he says. "It's an easy sell. The school has been an important part of my life for many years, and the Annual Fund is one of the financial resources all competitive private colleges and universities rely on in order to be successful. I owe W&L a lot, and I think of my support as

the repayment of a large, longstanding debt." In addition to his generous yearly

support, the McMillan family is giving \$1 million for the McMillan Family University Scholarship Fund. This extends a scholarship effort by alumni from New Orleans initiated by R. King Milling '62, who wanted to promote scholarships for New Orleans-area students. "King came up with the idea and formed a committee of local W&L grads to develop these scholarships. I thought it was a great idea, and over the years we created four of them, three of which were named scholarships."

Subsequently McMillan created the McMillan Family University Scholarship Fund as a memorial to his father, John H. (Jack) McMillan '41, who did not graduate from W&L because he left to become a pilot in World War II. "My father convinced me to go to W&L, and my brother and two of my children followed. In a way, he was responsible for all of us going there. So I thought it should be a family endeavor, and my brother, John '71; my daughter, Hillary Wyche '98; and my son, Lee '02, quickly signed on. According to the school's wishes, we have made the scholarship need-based and broadened the region slightly to include the Gulf South area. We plan to have the scholarship fully funded by next fall," he says.

"Attending W&L was one of the best things that happened in my life," McMillan continues. "It is a school that actually practices what it preaches — it stresses integrity and scholarship, packages scholarship with honor in tangible ways, and instills those values in students and prepares them well for life after college. Giving back to an institution like that is easy."

## **Margaret and John Torell IV P'14: Exceptional Experience**



John and Margaret Torell

Margaret and John Torell IV, parents of John Torell V '14, have generously supported the Center for Global Learning as well as the Parents Fund. "We are believers in unrestricted giving," Margaret Torell says. "We trust that the University knows best where the funds are needed, so when we were asked to support the Center for Global Learning, we were happy to do so."

The Torells have been motivated to donate liberally to the University because their son had such an outstanding experience at Washington and Lee. "From the very beginning, the school was an indescribable place for John. Immediately after Convocation, he called us and told us about how they all filed out of the Chapel and then filed back in again to sign the Honor Code. The school has helped form him into the very best person he could be — a wonderful, inquisitive, educated young man.

"I don't think the majority of parents realize that tuition does not cover education costs," Torell continues. "We want to help the school continue to have the finest professors and state-ofthe-art facilities to ensure students to come will have the same exceptional experience that our son benefited from."

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