Realized and Future Planned Gifts Established by Living Donors

We express our deepest thanks to those living donors for the establishment of the deferred gifts and realized planned gifts below from Jan. 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2009:

Bruce and Phyllis Belnap

Over a decade ago, Bruce Belnap ’52 (electrical engineering) and his wife, Phyllis, established a charitable remainder trust naming the University’s College of Engineering as one of the beneficiaries. When the 10-year term of the trust ended recently, the remainder gift provided a wonderful supplement to the Dean’s Fund for Excellence which is used for publications, student and faculty support and equipment purchases for the College. Please see story on page 69.

Don Fowler & Don Frazier Endowed Chair In Prehistoric Great Basin Archaeology

Don Frazier is establishing this endowed chair in honor of Professor Don Fowler, who currently holds the title of Marnie Kleberg Distinguished Professor, Emeritus at the University. This fund will support the chair position and studies relating to Great Basin prehistoric archeology at the University of Nevada, Reno through a deferred bequest gift.

Dr. Barry S. Frank Endowment for Biomedical Engineering
Dr. Barry S. Frank Endowment for Physics

Dr. Barry Frank’s bequest gift will be used to establish endowments that will benefit two colleges within the University. One fund will be used by the College of Science to provide support to graduate students in the Department of Physics. The second fund will be used by the College of Engineering to provide support to graduate students in the Biomedical Engineering Program.

John and Barbara Gonzales Endowment in Engineering

John ’71 (civil engineering) and Barbara Gonzales ’73 (home economics) believe that strong faculty help attract and retain quality students and strengthen the overall program. John and Barbara have provided in their estate plans for the establishment of the Barbara and John Gonzales Endowment in Engineering to support in perpetuity, a professorship in civil and environmental engineering.

Jenkins Family Endowment for Geological Engineering

Don ’50 (geological engineering) and Jeanette Jenkins credit the University with providing a solid foundation for Don’s successful and profitable career. The Jenkins have established a deferred gift to establish this endowment that will be used by the dean of the College of Science to support the Department of Geological Sciences and Engineering.

Roger and Mary Ann Keith Scholarship Endowment

Roger ’99 (nutrition) and Mary Ann Keith ’94 (general studies) wish to contribute to the success of others trying to attain a higher education and hope that establishing an endowed scholarship through their living trust will help the College of Science by providing needed scholarship support to its students.

Robert and Anne Nelson

Dr. Robert ’81 (premedical), ’85 (medicine) and his wife, Anne Nelson, have established a planned gift to benefit the University of Nevada, Reno. The Nelsons now make their home in California and have a long history of supporting Robert’s alma mater.

Karen Harvey Petroni Scholarship Endowment in Education
Karen Harvey Petroni Scholarship Endowment in Nursing
Karen Harvey Petroni Scholarship Endowment in Medicine

Karen Harvey Petroni ’59 (business) has established this fund because she and her parents all received degrees from the University. She intends for her deferred gift of land to be used to establish a scholarship endowment that will benefit students in the fields of nursing, education and medicine with preference given to married or single-parent females.

George S. Ross

George S. Ross ’46 (journalism), now retired, had an illustrious career as a Bay Area journalist. Remembering his alma mater, George has established a planned gift that will benefit the Reynolds School of Journalism.