EMPOWER
EXTRAORDINARY
THE CAMPAIGN
for
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
"Green out" of Beaumont Tower during launch celebration of the Capital Campaign for MSU, October 2014
An Engine of OPPORTUNITY

The College of Arts and Letters cultivates critical and creative thinkers who will contribute to the development of a more humane world. Our students participate in a variety of learning opportunities around the globe and put into practice what they learn in the classroom in internships and experiential learning opportunities.

A Force for CREATIVITY, DISCOVERY, AND LEARNING

Our faculty work every day to provide meaningful and challenging learning opportunities for our students. The role of faculty is even more critical today and competition for faculty remains fierce. Our faculty make the difference every day through their scholarship, research, and teaching both in and out of the classroom.

A Global PROBLEM SOLVER

By understanding our global past and present, we provide our students with the tools to better shape their own futures. Our courses, study abroad, internships, foreign language courses and global studies major offer insights into other cultures, and foster opportunities to live, work and be immersed in other countries. Becoming a global citizen is no longer a choice; it's who we are.

A Vibrant COMMUNITY

The public face of the College of Arts and Letters is highly visible through initiatives such as the Signature Lecture Series, the Themed Year Initiative, and the Famous Affiliates Program. Each program is designed to support visiting scholars and foster connections with other institutions and the many communities with whom we interact.

About the Campaign and this Issue of MUSES

Michigan State University has a remarkable history of advancing the common good with an uncommon will. We need to empower our students and faculty and make available the resources to achieve their dreams. The Empower Extraordinary campaign for Michigan State University will propel this great university forward through its people and with you at its side. The world needs Michigan State. And Michigan State needs you.

Throughout this issue of MUSES, you will see how our students, faculty, alumni and friends of the College of Arts and Letters are making a difference in today's world, both on campus and around the globe in these four priority funding areas:
An Engine of OPPORTUNITY – Our goal is to support opportunities for our students to learn, to recruit and retain the best graduate students, and to provide scholarships for students who want to pursue their dreams in the arts and humanities. We are particularly grateful to Sara and David Taft ('62 BA, English, '63 Ph.D., Chemistry) for their support in creating an endowed fund to support student experiential learning opportunities at the 2015 Traverse City Film Festival.

Goal: $10 million
Raised: $7.4 million

Dear Alumni and Friends,

As of June 30, the halfway mark in the campaign, the College of Arts and Letters is at $7.4 million or 74% of our campaign goal of $10 million. More than 70% of the commitments made to date have gone toward endowments; once again speaking volumes about the belief and commitment to the future of the College and to future generations of Spartans studying in the arts and humanities.

Here is where we are to date on the College of Arts and Letters four priorities:

1. An Engine of OPPORTUNITY
   - Goal: $3 million
   - Raised: $2.5 million
   - Progress: 84%

2. A Vibrant COMMUNITY
   - A Force for CREATIVITY, DISCOVERY AND LEARNING – Our goal is to raise new endowed faculty positions and for technology and research support. We are honored to have both a new Endowed Chair in the Humanities as a result of a generous gift from Hank Timnick ('55 BS, Business Administration, '58 MBA, Marketing) of northern California and an endowed fund to support faculty creativity and innovation with a gift from Scott ('68 BA, English) and Kristy Lovejoy of Bend, Oregon.
   - Goal: $4.5 million
   - Raised: $2.8 million
   - Progress: 63%

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Goal: $10 million

A Global PROBLEM SOLVER – Our goal is to provide international experiences for our students and to support the faculty programs and research. Study abroad and the global interactions it provides transform students into global problem solvers. Faculty research and the opportunity for students, both graduate and undergraduate, to work side by side allows them to ask questions and seek answers.

An Engine of OPPORTUNITY

A Vibrant COMMUNITY – We want to create unique and challenging opportunities in the community for our students to engage and learn. This is clearly an area of passion for our alumni and friends, as our goal of $500,000 in this area has been far surpassed with close to $2 million raised. The leading project was the funding of the new outdoor theatre space, the Summer Circle Courtyard, thanks to significant gifts from Sam and Mary Austin, Gretel Geist Rutledge, Selma ('62 BA, Art Practice, '65 MA, Art Practice) and Stanley Hollander, Linda Nelson ('63, Ph.D., Home Management), Jane Vieth Suits and Alan Suits, and the Friends of Theatre.

Goal: $500,000

Raised: $2 million

394%

I hope you join me in this extraordinary effort to move Michigan State University forward in the arts and humanities. You can lead a new generation toward making impossible ideas possible and turning student dreams into realities. Where there's a will, there's a Spartan!

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