DONORS PROPELLED UT DALLAS ACROSS THE CAMPAIGN GOAL LINE almost a year ahead of schedule in the effort to raise $200 million in gifts and pledges in just five years. The goal was surpassed in March, but the campaign continues through the scheduled end on Dec. 31. Following the Realize the Vision campaign’s quiet start in 2009 and public launch in 2012, donors responded in unprecedented numbers to support students, faculty research and other programs vital to the continued push for UT Dallas to become a Tier One research university.

Among many campaign accomplishments, the growth in the University’s endowment stands out. Over just four years, the endowment has jumped nearly 75 percent, from $195 million to more than $340 million. The number of individual funds comprising the endowment has more than doubled, from 169 to 360 and counting. These include dozens of new funds for student scholarships and fellowships, as well as faculty chairs and professorships. All these new funds address a critical campaign goal, said Dr. Aaron Conley, vice president for development and alumni relations. “One of the most important goals of the campaign is to grow the endowment to $400 million. Thanks to all our remarkable donors, we are closing in on this ambitious target.”

Another impressive outcome of the campaign is the broadening base of support. During the first four years of the campaign, UT Dallas has received 22,074 gifts. These include gifts of varying sizes and sources, such as alumni and friends, companies, foundations and other organizations. By comparison, the four-year period prior to the campaign’s 2009 start drew a total of 13,687 gifts.

This growing donor base is especially encouraging, said President David E. Daniel. “UT Dallas cannot aspire to become a nationally competitive Tier One research university on its own. An effort this bold needs donors, volunteers and advocates at all levels, and we are seeing this support like never before.”

Much of the increase in giving can be credited to alumni. The number of alumni who make a gift annually has more than doubled during the campaign. Alumni who give also positively impact national rankings of UT Dallas because the percentage of alumni who give is commonly used as a metric in determining university rankings. “We could not be more proud of our alumni or appreciative of them and the thousands of other campaign donors,” Daniel said. “I think the founders would be honored to see so many people getting behind their vision for Tier One through this historic campaign.”

CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS

• The Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP)—a special matching gift program created in 2009 by the state of Texas—has generated $4,324,700 in matching funds from gifts made to support research purposes at UT Dallas. This total is second only to Texas Tech University among the eight institutions eligible to compete for TRIP funds.

• Three alumni committed an unprecedented $30 million to the School of Management in 2011. In honor of them, the school is now known as the Naveen Jindal School of Management and the honors program is now the Charles and Nancy Davidson Management Honors Program.

• A combined investment of $13 million in 2012 from Texas Instruments, an anonymous donor, and matching funds created the Texas Biomedical Device Center, which develops medical devices and therapies to improve the lives of people who have chronic neurological diseases.

• More than 70 Opportunity Funds—permanent unrestricted endowments—have been established to benefit schools, departments, research centers and other units including the Eugene McDermott Library and the Academic Bridge Program.

• Thirty new planned gift commitments totaling more than $13.2 million have been made through bequests, charitable gift annuities, life insurance, retirement plan beneficiary designations and other forms of deferred giving.
Sara Martineau Shares Her Great Love of Callier

Callier Beams With Gratitude

Sara Martineau, a committed volunteer who has given back to the Callier Center for Communication disorders for over 30 years, recently received the Ruth Altshuler Award from UT Dallas. This award is given in recognition of outstanding service to the university and its mission. “I hold Ruth and Ken in the highest esteem,” said Martineau. “I am so close with Dr. Campbell and experiencing his vision of applied research for the Cochlear Implant Program. The Crystal Charity Ball that I became involved with as a new volunteer on the scene, she first heard it when beloved Dallas philanthropist Ruth Altshuler was through The Crystal Charity Ball that she became involved with the Callier Center for Communication Disorders. Over the next two decades, she became an ardent ambassador for children and adults with speech, language and hearing disorders.”

Sara Martineau Lives By the Saying: “To whom much is given, much is expected.” When she moved to Dallas 40 years ago as a new volunteer on the scene, she first heard it when beloved Dallas philanthropist Ruth Altshuler.

“The $200 million goal was comprised of 15 individual goals for our schools, major research centers and other units. Eight of these goals were achieved leaving seven units still actively pursuing their goals.”

While we celebrate everything our donors are making possible, we also emphasize that the campaign is not finished. We hope to see all the schools and units reach their goals before the campaign formally ends on December 31.

Visit utdallas.edu/campaigngoals to see the latest totals for campaign unit goals.

Opportunity Funds Live Up to the Name

They are called OPPORTUNITY FUNDS FOR A REASON. They give deans, department chairs and other academic leaders the opportunity to enhance the UT Dallas experience for students and faculty in ways not otherwise possible. They also give donors an opportunity to leave their legacy through a permanently endowed fund.

In 2007, Dr. Erin Phabah, a member of the UT Dallas Development Board and now chief technology officer at AT&T, established the UT Dallas’ First Opportunity Fund to support the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science. Since Relais the Vision began two years later, more than 70 Opportunity Funds have been established among all of the University’s schools, numerous research centers and other programs. These funds allow friends of UT Dallas to designate unrestricted support to any part of the University they choose. These gifts of at least $100,000 can be pledged over five years or created through a bequest, charitable gift annuity or other planned gift.

These flexible funds help UT Dallas leaders in many ways. Funds may be used to upgrade research equipment, renovate labs, host prominent guest speakers or enable students to travel to a conference. Opportunity Funds not only impact current students, but also can supplement scholarships to recruit incoming students.

The School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (NMS) has garnered the most Opportunity Funds, with 30 to date. Dr. Bruce Novak, dean of NMS, credits the school’s outstanding facility and staff “the fact that we have benefited from a great number of these funds is a tribute to the faculty and staff who have served UT Dallas students in the past,” Novak said.

Most of the funds donated to NMS have been designated for the Department of Geosciences. Dr. John Oldow, professor and geosciences department head, said that Opportunity Funds are a source of pride for the department. They provide the means to add current and future students in their pursuit of geoscience careers.” He added, “These contributions spread to the professional success of our graduates and reflect upon the enduring personal relationships amongst students and faculty engendered by personalized instruction and research activities within the department.”

Gerry Miller Jr. ’88COT, a student in the Academic Bridge Program, says the program—aimed at assisting high-potential, first-generation college students—reinforced a standard of excellence and fostered a culture of achievement. Miller established the Bridge to Our Future Opportunity Fund in appreciation of his program mentors.

Dr. James Davilla’s affinity for the University began while researching his book. French Aircraft of the First World War. The McMicken Library’s History of Aviation Collection was so impactful to his research that he established the James and Gayne Davilla Opportunity Fund for the collection’s ongoing care and operation—a trend embraced by several other aviation and aerospace enthusiasts.

Visit utdallas.edu/opportunity to read about other Opportunity Fund donors.

Gifts to Benefit the Future

Planned Giving at UT Dallas is Growing At a Pace Not Unlike the Building and Construction of new Buildings. Since the beginning of Relais the Vision: The Campaign for Tier One Beyond in 2009, giving through wills, trusts, annuities and life insurance has become an increasingly popular way to give. The individuals driving this activity are connecting to the University through shared passions, common missions and an appreciation of learning.

Passion for the Cause

When a Family Member in the Dallas Area Was Diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease, Semra Treece discovered UT Dallas’ Center for BrainHealth while seeking out local resources to assist with the diagnosis. A Boston resident at the time, Treece flew to Dallas to acquire a better understanding of what the center could offer and was impressed with the research and passion she encountered.

“What really piqued my interest was how instead of treating symptoms, the center was looking for underlying causes,” Treece said. “I immediately decided I wanted to be involved, as I wanted the research to mean something even if it couldn’t help my situation right then.”

Treece began contributing from afar, and upon moving to the Dallas area, deepened her involvement. She now serves on the Center for BrainHealth advisory board and recently made arrangements to include the center in her estate plans as a way to ensure support of the research and mission well into the future.

“Once you peel behind the doors at the Center for BrainHealth and see the important research the center is doing, you can’t walk away, and that’s why I gave,” Treece said. “It is a university in an ideal location for learned works and works not readily available in other venues,” Stone said.

Individuals who include the University in their estate plans are recognized as members of the Legacy Society. Since the start of the Relais the Vision campaign, membership has increased 53 percent. To learn more about planned giving and your options, visit utdallas.planninggifts.org or contact Anna Letfalt at (972-883-6023).
The point of these lectures will be to shine a light on memory. This first lecture on April 23 will be delivered by Larry Wanders, chair and co-director of the Center for Vital Longevity at the University of Texas at Dallas. Wanders will explain his lab’s commitment to understanding the aging mind and determining how we can minimize the risk of dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, and other neurological disorders.

Working memory is an integral part of our everyday lives, so much so that most of the time we are not even aware it is working, Wanders will explain in his talk, “Improving Cognitive Functioning.”

Working memory is loosely what translates to “short-term memory” or a type of memory that actively holds multiple pieces of transitory information in the mind, where they can be manipulated but not stored in the long term.

At the evening lecture—which is free to the public and made possible by a generous gift from Jean and Bill Booziotis—Wanders will explain how his lab at the University of Michigan aims to better understand the mechanisms and underlying processes that contribute to working memory.

“The point of these lectures will be to shine a light on working memory,” said Bill, who serves on the center’s advisory council. “These annual lectures will be about challenging the most vexing questions of the aging mind.”

CVL’s First Booziotis Distinguished Lecture to Focus on Memory

New Lecture Series Draws Thousands

THANKS TO SUPPORT FROM GENEROUS SPONSORS, thousands of people visited campus this spring for the launch of the ATEC Distinguished Lecture Series. The series brought renowned figures to UT Dallas to share insights on engaging topics in art, science and technology.

The first season included:

• Susan and Ron Nash Lecture

• Metropolis Technology Business Council Lecture
Christian Belardi, general manager of Data Center Services for Microsoft’s Global Foundation Services and a UT Dallas alumnus.

• Ericsson Lecture
Vincent G. Gert, vice president and chief Internet evangelist at Google and recognized as one of the “Fathers of the Internet.”

• Northwood Women’s Club Lecture
Max Jemison, NASA astronaut and STEM advocate.

Learn more at utdallas.edu/lectureseries.

David and Patty Miller support the Center for Children and Families, which offers programs like Juega Conmigo, a free, weekly parent-child playful learning program taught by bilingual instructors.

Buenos días, ¿cómo están? Muy bien gracias. ¿Y cómo les va? “Programs like Juega Conmigo need support because they happen right in their neighborhood, just as it should be,” said David. “Lives are being changed for the better, not only for current families, but for generations to come.”

For more information, please visit ccf.utdallas.edu.

Center Changes Lives for Children, Families

“Children and parents kayaking and singing as Adriana Villa Baird leads the welcome song at the open house of the new Juega Conmigo, or Play with Me, classes in the Vickery Meadow neighborhood in Dallas. The open house was a kickoff event celebrating recent expansion efforts of UT Dallas’ Center for Children and Families (CCF), which provides resources promoting optimal child development through research, practice and outreach.

After a series of songs and introductions, the bubble machine engages the children as the parents congregate around Baird, the Juega program manager to ask questions about services offered by CCF. Led by bilingual facilitators, Juega Conmigo is a free, weekly parent-child playful learning program for children up to three years old.

“The goal of Juega is to promote positive parent-child relationships, parenting knowledge and playful learning to support school readiness starting in the earliest years,” said Baird. Having served more than 500 children in its first three years in the Bachman Lake area, Juega Conmigo recently expanded to additional high-need areas of Dallas in Pleasant Grove and Vickery Meadow.

It’s not just bubbles and songs, though. The center— housed in the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences—also provides developmental screenings in Spanish and English for infants and toddlers to assess their cognitive, fine and gross motor, language, and social-emotional abilities. In addition, annual CCF events include a fall forum, research fair and spring lecture series.

UT Dallas brings a wealth of knowledge and resources to the center’s mission. Center-affiliated researchers are currently studying bilingual language development in children, how social processes contribute to poor health among young children living in poverty, and relations between self-regulation skills and school readiness, among other areas.

Philanthropy has played a key role in the center’s efforts and growth. Dallas natives Patty and David Miller are dedicated supporters of CCF. Patty is an alumna of the Human Development and Early Childhood Disorders program and chair of the CCF Advisory Council. David is a UT Dallas Development Board member. Together, they understand the importance of early childhood development and support.

“It is wonderful to watch these families become aware of how readily babies are at birth to learn and to play,” said Patty. “They see that talking, singing and playing with your young children are very important activities to do every day.”

Along with the Millers, individuals, corporations and foundations have supported the mission of the center. CCF was established in 2008 with a generous grant from The Meadows Foundation. Total funding received matched close to $300,000 in 2013.

Still, support from UT Dallas, local foundations, organizations and donors is not enough to cover the expansion needs and maintain programming. A waiting list for developmental screenings persists and additional neighborhoods wait for Juega programs closer to home.

The demand for services outpaces the center’s available efforts and resources.
Evolution of Senior Design Program Reflects Growing Support

INCREASED CORPORATE SUPPORT CONTINUES DRIVING UTDESIGN, the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science’s award-winning senior design program. In turn, that support—combined with a new design studio—has fueled student enthusiasm.

By harnessing the skills and energy of engineering and computer science students, UTDesign partner companies receive creative solutions to real-life projects and full ownership of the results. Student teams work under the guidance of faculty advisors and have regular contact with industry mentors.

“Networking within the UT Dallas senior design program has enabled my company to reach specific goals within a short range of time given my available resources,” said Trey Kasling, founder and CEO of Kasling Aircraft Co. “Students were exposed to real-world problems and delivered an exceptional prototype.” Kasling now employs computer science students, UTDesign partner companies significant contribution toward the Constantine Konstans

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Since UTDesign’s inception in 2009, corporate partners have grown from just six projects to more than 40 multidisciplinary projects in computer science and computer, electrical, software, telecommunications and mechanical engineering each semester. UTDesign also collaborates with students from the Naveen Jindal School of Management and the Arts and Technology program.

The growth required a recent expansion into a larger studio space in the Synergy Park North building. At more than 30,000 square feet, the studio is one of the largest in the country, says program leaders. The space houses 30 project stations, which can be expanded to 56, and 29 project stations, which can be expanded to 56, and 29

Corporations that sponsored equipment for the new studio include Agilent Technologies, Cisco, HP, MGE Industrial Supply Co., National Instruments, Hewlett Packard, PTC, Stratasys and Texas Instruments. Equipment donations ranged from a $2 printer provided by Stratasys to the first inventory-wrapping machine operated by a tablet and created by MGE. UTDesign partners such as Jindal and National Instruments are further investing in the program by providing students with additional training and external resources.

“Companies—some that participate every semester—are investing in UTDesign not just for intellectual property, but because they feel compelled to give more based on great returns on previous investments and because they’re committed to the educational process,” Wetterskog said.

Learn more about corporate involvement and the program at utdesign.utdallas.

Lennox International Partners With Jindal School

UT Dallas in the Community

President David E. Daniel greets real estate icon Ebby Halliday at an event hosted by Texas Instruments at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Southwest Airlines hosted gatherings for alumni who work at Southwest and for alumni from the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences.

Students assigned to the other project sponsored by Texas Instruments work in a secured project room.

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Located just a few blocks from UT Dallas, Lennox International Inc. is more than just a corporate neighbor. A strong partnership between the Naveen Jindal School of Management and Lennox has developed throughout the past decade, and both neighbors are pleased to share resources and business expertise.

Lennox, a leading provider of climate control products for the heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration markets, has made several major gifts to the Jindal School. Just within the past year, these gifts include an Opportunity Fund supporting the Professional Sales concentration, a significant contributor toward the Conservation Laureate, Distinguished Professorship in Accounting and Corporate Governance and sponsorship of the Jindal School’s Institute for Excellence in Corporate Governance’s Annual Corporate Governance Conference. This collective support includes participation on multiple advisory councils, contributions in the classroom as guest lecturers and mentors, numerous presentations to student activity groups, and opportunities for students to shadow executives on the job.

Lennox’s decision to invest in the Jindal School demonstrates not only a commitment to business education but also a strong confidence in faculty, staff and students. And the Jindal School has reciprocated the generosity by providing access to top talent. More than 50 Lennox employees are graduates of the Jindal School, with six executive roles.

Daniel Sessa, executive vice president and chief human resources officer at Lennox, has served on the Jindal School’s Advisory Council since 2010 and firmly believes a partnership with the Jindal School is a key component to cultivating the local community.

“We at Lennox, we want to see the community where we work and live continue to advance and thrive,” Sessa said. “We believe education is a central pillar of any community and want to play a role supporting business education and developing the next generation of leaders.”

“_That’s one of the big motivating drivers behind our growing relationship with the Jindal School—it’s investing in the community and ultimately our future workforce._”

Another motivator for Lennox is access to talented and skilled applicants. “Talent acquisition is a huge focus at Lennox. Any competitive edge we can gain to help build our pipeline and have access to the breadth of talent we need to achieve our ambitious goals is a major plus,” Sessa said. “The fact that education at the Jindal School focuses on practical application in critical, it’s a talent graduate to enter our business environment and from the first day have the collaborative capability that allows them to be successful at Lennox.”

UT Dallas alumni who work at Lennox gather at the company’s Richardson headquarters with Sessa, the University’s mascot.

Legacy Society members—planned giving donors—enjoy an appreciation luncheon with President David E. Daniel. Back row, from left: President Daniel, Agneteousse 197179, Julie Van Ness, Randy Black BS’04, Tom McIntyre, Bob Spaulding, Dr Larry Salt, Susan Macaray BA03, MWA and John Maukay, From, Boman, Nancy Van Ness, Joyce Johnson, MS’83, Lynn B. McIntyre BA07, Susan G. Fleming, MD’02 and Kevin Wetterskog, UTDesign program coordinator and assistant dean of corporate relations for the Jonsson School.

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