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## DEAR FRIENDS

Northwest Missouri State University welcomes all – its students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, donors and friends – as valued partners in an amazing winning educational experience. With all the right ingredients, we call our melting pot of campus a recipe of "special sauce," marinated with a great taste that produces a healthy appetite of societal preparedness - connected, respected and appreciated by all who desire to serve and partner.

The Northwest Foundation plays a key role in connecting alumni, businesses and community members together with a positive and deliberate impact on the current generation of Northwest students. It provides opportunities for you to make a difference in the lives of tomorrow's leaders.

Many of us have answered the call to support our University. We are reminded of the place we attended where seeds were planted and life took root. Many of us have responded through a time of reflection on the place where our quality of life began, thanks to the education received at Northwest. It was in the halls of the Administration Building, Colden, Garrett-Strong, Horace Mann or Valk where we discovered our talents, passions and abilities. Someone walking those halls captured our attention and a belief in ourselves began to bloom.

As the world becomes more competitive, it demands that we provide our students with an education that meets a higher demand and greater need. It is up to us to ensure that Northwest students are relevant and prepared - that the tools they possess are valued and competitive in the marketplace.

In 2015-16, the Northwest Foundation raised nearly \$7.5 million to support education at the University. It is our hope that in the next year you will take the opportunity to participate in providing our students and faculty the support to dream, achieve and succeed. It's time to spice it up in 2017 with your best, flavor-full gift and an everlasting portion. Be part of the solution by making a gift to scholarship, academic programming or a capital project that will grow our enrollment, enhance our campus and elevate our student retention, success and graduation.

Michael C. Johnson Mike Johnson '85

Vice President of University Advancement and Executive Director of Northwest Foundation Inc.

## YEAR IN REVIEW

Scholarship support remains a central mission of

the Foundation, which awarded a record of nearly Foundation, the \$856,000 in scholarships to 1,210 students during Fiscal Year 16. That is an increase of 57 scholarship fundraising arm of awards and nearly \$115,000 more than the previous Northwest Missouri Furthermore, the Foundation achieved an impressive State University, 97 percent increase in 1905 Society memberships secured nearly during FY16. The 1905 Society is the premier giving society for annual gifts, recognizing supporters who \$7.5 million in donor make an annual unrestricted gift of \$1,000 or more. funding during the "We are grateful for the passion and support 2016 fiscal year, provided by donors," Northwest President Dr. John Jasinski said. "Their gifts stand as a testimony to which included what it means to be a Bearcat – caring, connecting nearly \$6.1 million and supporting in the name of learning. Such strong private support of Northwest is another indicator of in cash contributions the momentum in place and helps us propel to new - the highest level

The Northwest

received by the

Foundation in any

given year - and

organization's goal

than \$1.4 million.

exceeded the

Northwest's Adopt-a-Bearcat scholarship program, supported through donors, awarded scholarships worth a total of more than \$99,000 - an increase of nearly \$13,000 compared to the prior year – to 175 students. The Adopt-a-Bearcat Scholarship program meets a critical need for scholarship dollars, and donor contributions are matched in \$250 increments for a minimum of a \$500 scholarship. In return, for the year by more donors may elect to name their scholarship, which goes to a deserving student who might otherwise not be able to afford the opportunity of a Northwest

Additionally, the total number of donors supporting the Foundation's annual giving program increased by almost 7 percent. Giving by Northwest faculty and staff increased by more than 30 percent, representing the highest percentage in the institution's history and placing it among the top 75 percent of all master'sgranting institutions.

"A record year exemplifies donors' desire to impact our students' success, faculty and staff support, and a campus relevant and valued in positioning a better tomorrow," Vice President of University Advancement Mike Johnson '85 said. "I offer my humble thanks to all involved in inspiring the investment in our institution."

The Northwest Foundation, a 501(c) 3 not-forprofit corporation, is responsible for receiving, investing, stewarding and disbursing private support on behalf of the donors of Northwest Missouri State University for the benefit of the University, its students, faculty, staff and alumni. The Northwest Foundation, governed by a 33-member volunteer board of directors, is staffed by members of Northwest's Office of University Advancement.

For more information about the Northwest Foundation or to make a gift to support Northwest, contact the Office of University Advancement at 660.562.1248 or visit www.nwmissouri.edu/ GiveOnline.



John Teale '73, Maryville

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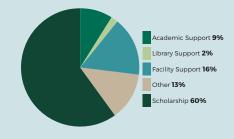
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#### **ENDOWED FUNDS**

Individual, donor-established endowments held by Northwest Foundation

ESTABLISHED IN FY 16	17
TOTAL FUNDS HELD	349

#### **ENDOWMENT DESIGNATION**

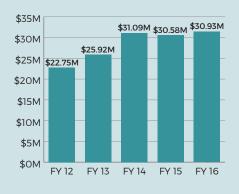


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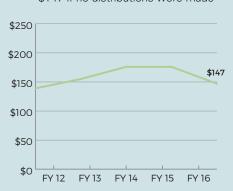
#### **ENDOWMENT GROWTH**

Total investments under management in millions



#### **ENDOWMENT PERFORMANCE**

Over 10 years, \$100 invested in the Northwest Foundation endowment would have grown to \$147 if no distributions were made



#### **SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT**

Annual scholarship support for Northwest students

FISCAL YEAR	AMOUNT	# STUDENTS
FY 12	\$430,184	724
FY 13	\$647,265	1,009
FY 14	\$616,461	949
FY 15	\$741,217	1,159
FY 16	\$855,944	1,210
5-Year Total	\$3,291,071	5,051

Northwest students came face-to-face Sept. 18 with the alumni and friends who have offered support through their contributions to University scholarships as part of an effort to thank donors and recognize students for their academic excellence.

POWERING

DREAN

University celebrates students, donors

The fourth annual Celebration of Donors and Scholars carried the theme of "Powering Dreams" and recognized scholarship recipients and donors during the University's Family Weekend activities.

The celebration is a collaborative event that brings together students, faculty and staff representing the University's academic affairs division and the Northwest Foundation as well as donors and the friends and families of students.

Northwest Provost Dr. Timothy Mottet called the event a celebration of "exceptional people" who share a common desire to make a difference in their families, communities and workplaces. Often the students who receive scholarships, Mottet said, have the dreams and potential to pursue a college degree but need the financial support to realize their academic potential.

"Many of our students work and know how hard it is to make a buck," Mottet said. "Our donors also understand how hard it is to make a buck. Through our donors' hard work, budgeting, investing their money and making important choices in their lives, in differentiating needs from wants, they are in a position today where they can make a difference by helping others through their scholarships."

**ANNUAL REPORT** 

Northwest donors, students and their families in September during the University's annual

Celebration of Donors and Scholars.

Among the University donors in attendance was Michael Faust '74, a member of the Northwest Foundation Board of Directors. Faust, who retired in 2015 after a 36-year career with Peter Kiewit Sons' Inc., supports multiple students annually through his Michael L. Faust Scholarship.

"I think meeting scholarship recipients kind of reminds you of when you were in school and back when you were a struggling student trying to make ends meet," Faust said. "It just gives me lot of joy to be able to help the young people today get the same Northwest education that I got 40-plus years ago."

## **ANNUAL GIVING**

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#### TOTAL PRIVATE SUPPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY



#### **NUMBER OF DONORS**



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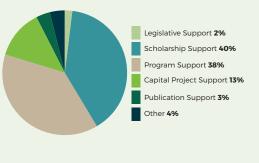
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## AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT



## WHERE YOUR SUPPORT GOES



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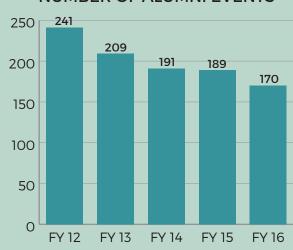
## **ALUMNI RELATIONS**

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#### TOTAL ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS



#### NUMBER OF ALUMNI EVENTS



Metrics for events sponsored by the Northwest Alumni Association changed in FY16 due to efforts focused on events that draw larger, diverse crowds along with changes to counting practices.

## ANNUAL REPORT

The Northwest Alumni Association and the Office of University Advancement's alumni relations staff continued in FY16 to offer opportunities to alumni and friends to support and stay involved with Northwest. Alumni Relations also includes an annual giving and stewardship program.

Last December, the Alumni Association hosted its largest event ever, a pre-game tailgate party at the Division II NCAA National Championship Football Game at Sporting Park in Kansas City, Kansas. During the tailgate, Alumni Association board members and volunteers handed out rally towels to the first 4,000 fans.

The Northwest Alumni Association's Tourin' Bearcats travel program continues to be well received. In April, 25 alumni and friends hit the streets of New York City. Upcoming trips will visit the Pacific Northwest and California in June 2017, New

England in September and October 2017, and Tuscany in November 2017. To learn more about these trips, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 660.562.1248.

A planned Northwest Night at the K in May also was well received and the Northwest Alumni Association sold out of its game tickets. Mother Nature, however, did not cooperate and the event was rescheduled for late September. Northwest Night at the St. Joseph Mustangs has become a summer tradition for alumni and friends and is always a well-attended event. The Alumni Association also hosted a successful Golden Years Reunion during Homecoming and honored seven individuals at the Alumni Awards Banquet in the fall.

Alumni Relations maintains its partnerships with offices throughout the Northwest campus, including the Office of Admissions, Career Services, the Department of Athletics

and the Office of Student Involvement.

Annual giving continues to see increases in both the number of donors and leadership gifts, which are annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Northwest Fund or a designated area. Additionally, the stewardship

program offers opportunities to thank donors in a meaningful and personal way. One such event is Thank a Donor Day in April, where students come together to celebrate private support and write or record messages thanking Northwest

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Hayworth Family Trust Scholarship Darold & Naomi Hughes Scholarship Husch Blackwell Powering Dreams Scholarship

Arne & Mary Le Johnson Powering Dreams Endowed

Arne & Mary Le Johnson Powering Dreams Trio Scholarship

Kawasaki Powering Dreams Scholarship Morton & Jean Kenner Memorial Math Scholarship Amy Munro-Kounovsky Scholarship Michael Mackey Memorial Scholarship

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to experience when it came time to pay for school," she said. "They allow me to focus on my academics. I have also benefited by being able to meet scholarship donors. It is nice to hear the stories of why they started it in the first place and makes me want to set one up in the future."

Wittrock chose to attend Northwest after a student teacher at her high school encouraged her to take a look. She is active at the University in the Accounting Society, Delta Mu Delta business honor society, the honors program, Relay for Life and works as a gift processor in the Office of University Advancement.

in the Kansas City area and earning her Master of Business Administration from Northwest. "Northwest has made me a more confident and educated person," she said. "I really believe I am ready for a future career."

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Sheldon Saxton '07; Dr. Joe Kreizinger, chair of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts; and Dr. Stuart Robinson, assistant professor of art; stand with Sergei Morozov's painting, "Still Life: Lemons and Playing Cards." Saxton, a Northwest alumnus, donated the painting to Northwest this fall.

#### A GIFT OF ART

Alumnus' donation provides new study resource for art students

The Northwest community has a new painting to study and enjoy, thanks to the generosity of Sheldon Saxton '07 and his donation of "Still Life: Lemons and Playing Cards," an oil-on-canvas painting by Russian artist Sergei Morozov.

"Some things that don't always go realized are that our faculty are able to benefit from a gift like this," Dr. Joe Kreizinger, chair of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts, said. "It's providing new opportunities for our students and our community. Both the University and the extended community are able to enjoy and appreciate this piece, and most importantly it does allow our students to experience a new work, a new artist, a new period."

Saxton, a Maryville resident, acquired the painting, valued at about \$4,400, at an auction but never found an appropriate place to display it in his own home. He wanted the University to benefit from the painting and help enrich students' studies.

"I love this place," he said. "I have a lot of great memories here, so I wanted to try to help them out because they've helped me out through life."

Assistant Professor of Art Dr. Stuart Robinson said the painting presents multiple instructional uses for faculty and students, particularly to early painting students who begin their studies with still life works.

"They work intensely at these things," Robinson said. "So it's good they have a model to go off of as they build from drawing to painting and into more complex forms of art."

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Having lived in Maryville for 15 years, Shields chose to attend Northwest because he considers it his home. He is a member of the Honors Student Association, Society of President's Scholars and Phi Delta Theta, for which he serves as recruitment chair and the phikeia new member

He hopes to continue his education and earn a doctorate degree and teach physics, while conducting research to discover new particles and practical uses for them.



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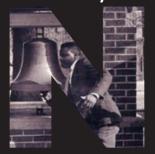
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