Extraordinary Impact

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We received three new gifts, each more than $1 million, this year. Additionally, a significant donation increased another scholarship endowment to over $1 million. These gifts will support scholarships for students and support faculty members in accounting and leadership. We are deeply honored and humbled to receive this incredible support from our friends.

The Duane and Marci Shaw Endowed Scholarship will provide scholarships for 20 students per year. Duane, a member of the Huntsman School National Advisory Board and founder of Academy Mortgage, noted that “I have donated to USU in many different ways over the years because I have been blessed in life. As I was thinking of ways to continue that process, I decided that an endowment that survived forever that provided twenty scholarships a year to students who may have a difficult time attending college because of financial constraints was something that I wanted to help with. Over the years I may never know the students that receive this help, but it is still satisfying to me that in some small way I can help others.”

Few individuals have left a legacy at Utah State University such as Jay Price. After retirement from Arthur Andersen at age 62, Price began his second career as an educator, donating his time teaching accounting at USU and the University of Wisconsin, along with serving as a visiting professor at Stanford University, teaching economics for public utilities. Through a gift from his estate, the school will establish an endowed professorship to support the School of Accountancy. “This gift is particularly meaningful to me,” said Chris Skousen, the head of the School of Accountancy. “I first met Jay during my high school years. He asked me to spend a few days showing kids from Chicago the beautiful Cache Valley mountains and surrounding area. I was able to attend his funeral in July 2019 and share stories of Jay with his family. He has always had a generous heart and sought for ways to make a difference.”
The family of the late Stephen R. Covey added to their previous contributions to support the Stephen R. Covey Endowed Professorship in Leadership and the activities of the Covey Leadership Center. “We are so grateful for this support from the Covey family,” noted Dean Douglas Anderson. “Their incredible generosity will allow us to expand on the great work already being done through the Covey Leadership Center, and benefit students across Utah State.” The professorship is currently held jointly by Boyd Craig, a longtime associate of Dr. Covey and founder of Leader.org, and Lord Dr. Michael Hastings, former Global Head of Citizenship at KPMG. The Covey Leadership Center in the Huntsman School serves as a leadership development hub on campus, with programs and resources available to all USU students. Stephen M.R. Covey, representing the Covey family, stated that “Each of us in the Covey family is humbled and grateful to see the leadership ideas and principles of our father continue to influence and impact students and others through the Stephen R. Covey Leadership Center at Utah State University. We are thankful to be able to support and enhance the Center with our contribution and our ongoing personal involvement.”

Brian and Natalie Broadbent created an endowed scholarship in 2006 to support finance students, and with a significant contribution last year, that endowment is now over $1 million, creating lasting support for countless students. Through their generosity, the Broadbents have not only provided scholarship support that will continue in perpetuity, but they are creating future scholarships by impacting the students who have received their scholarship. As a recent recipient of the Broadbent Scholarship indicated, “It is through scholarships that I have come to have a deep desire to give back to my community. In the future I intend to start my own scholarship the same way you two have, to promote learning and achieving dreams.”