2021 ENDOWMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Donors from Alaska to Florida helped make a difference for students at Minnesota State University, Mankato over the past year.

The endowment ended the year with a value of $72,527,711.

Harold and Marjorie Deming Fitterer’s children continue to give to their parents’ endowment to support the areas that they cared about most: English and Education.

Ken Pengelly and David Engen created two separate endowments that will support scholarships and operations for the Maverick Machine Marching Band.

Bob and Mary Lykke fully endowed their scholarship for College of Education students instead of replacing their 19-year-old car!

Norge & Luth Tenorio had a vision for a College of Business Research Lecture Series and recently endowed it with two gifts totalling $125,000.

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Donors from all across the country committed over $300,000 to endow a Presidential Scholarship in honor of retired President Richard Davenport.

Over $8.3 million was committed to the endowment from donors who live in 38 states, some of which are highlighted here.

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The Arthur J. Petrie Memorial Scholarship Endowment was established to honor Art and his significant role in the University’s move to the top of the hill.

President Davenport’s retirement prompted Steve and Mary Klick to give $1.1 million in honor of Davenport’s 19-year tenure as President as well as two professors who profoundly impacted Steve’s career.
115 unique donors contributed more than $50,000 to endow the Stephen C. Jensen Phi Delta Theta Scholarship.

Ron Flatgard endowed a scholarship in the College of Education in memory of the love of his life.

Robert Larson gave $1.4 million in memory of his late wife Virginia to help more students become teachers.

The Veterans Scholarship Endowment Fund was created by Robert L. Smith III to support scholarships for veterans and active military on our campus.

Scott Grabow committed to creating an endowed scholarship to support first-generation and non-traditional students studying mechanical engineering.

The Virginia Lucier Hoyt Scholarship Fund was created through an estate gift left by Virginia and John Hoyt.

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Helen Wiegel was so moved by the impact of creating an endowment in honor of her husband Joe that she funded a second in her name.

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Former University President Margaret Preska’s passing inspired family and friends to further endow her Preska Scholar Program.

The Dirk V. Derksen and Margaret R. Petersen Biological Sciences Research Fund is helping graduate students conduct their research.

17 new endowments were created in FY21—double the amount in FY20!
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