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MU is a university of opportunity that serves a wide array of students. Nearly half of our students are the first in their family to go to college. When combined, more than two-thirds of CMU students are either first generation, low income and/or minority students. For these students and many others a college degree is expensive bordering on unaffordable. These facts are not lost on supporters of Colorado Mesa University — generous people who helped the CMU Foundation shatter an all-time fundraising record during the past fiscal year. Donors gave an unprecedented $9.6 million to the CMU Foundation, eclipsing the previous milestone of $7.9 million set in 2012. Most of that money will provide scholarships for students who otherwise may not have had the opportunity to pursue a higher education.

Other gifts have been earmarked to finance special projects at the university, providing students with world-class opportunities. The record-breaking funding came from donors large and small, but every gift was heartfelt. In this year’s annual report, you’ll read the stories of three very different philanthropists, each of whom stepped up to become life-changers for CMU students. You’ll learn why one well-known philanthropist, a consistent supporter of workforce development in Colorado, gave $458,144 to fund the new, state-of-the-art Mobile Learning Lab at Western Colorado Community College. We’ll also share the story of a New Mexico man who donated $100,000 from his parents’ estate to create a new scholarship fund for Mesa County students. The gift was inspired in part by memories of his grandfather, a former Grand Junction school superintendent who co-founded CMU. And we’ll introduce you to a longtime CMU employee who finds a way each year to donate a generous amount of her earnings to brighten the future of students. These philanthropists, and all of the others who supported the fundraising efforts of the CMU Foundation, have very likely made a life-altering difference for students they might never meet.

As always, we stand in awe of their wonderful generosity and humanity, and offer our sincerest gratitude to each person who gave.

Sincerely,

Tim Foster, President
Colorado Mesa University

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For many students attending college would not be possible without the help of scholarships. CMU has remained an affordable option and is dedicated to making college attainable for as many students as possible. This work and the hand up for students would not be possible without the generous gifts, large and small, given by donors. A gift to create a new Mobile Learning Lab to deliver education to people in rural areas, an endowment to honor a family legacy and a CMU employee who has consistently given for more than 20 years are just a few of the generous gifts that contributed to the CMU Foundation raising a total of $9.6 million in the past fiscal year.
BRINGING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO REMOTE AREAS

Humble beginnings were a temporary obstacle for Donald Sturm, a self-described “kid from Brooklyn” whose father, like many other families of the time, lost everything when the stock market crashed and the Great Depression began in 1929.

Sturm speaks affectionately today of “great parents” who encouraged him to become the first in his family to graduate from college. He earned three college diplomas (including a law degree from the University of Denver and a master’s of law in taxation from New York University) – serving in the U.S. Army after being an undergraduate – and then, over the next five decades, built an empty bank account into a fortune that eventually put him on the *Forbes* magazine list of the 400 richest Americans.

“Each of those degrees motivated me toward creating the career I wanted for myself, and now I’m motivated to help other people do the same thing through education,” said the 87-year-old chairman of the board for Sturm Financial Group, an independent banking organization and parent company of ANB Bank, which has $2.6 billion in assets.

The life he has lived should be available to anyone, said the Denver-based millionaire, whose generous gift to the CMU Foundation will help fund a Mechatronics Mobile Learning Lab that will bring new educational opportunities to remote areas of western Colorado.

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Mechatronics is a manufacturing and technology discipline that integrates software, programmable electronic control sensors, robotics and mechanical systems into automated equipment and advanced manufacturing processes. The new, state-of-the-art training facility will enable WCCC to bring classes to areas of western Colorado that previously had no access to such opportunities.

The $458,144 donation, made in conjunction with ANB Bank, was part of a record-breaking $9.6 million fundraising effort by the CMU Foundation, and the

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—Donald Sturm

Below: Mark Sturm, who emigrated to the United States from Austria, lost everything when the stock market crashed and the Great Depression began. He encouraged his son, Donald (shown with his wife, Susan, below right) to become the first in his family to graduate from college, and gave him $50 a month to help him get through law school. Donald earned three college diplomas and is motivated to help others do the same thing.
new laboratory on wheels will be the third major contribution the Sturm family has made to CMU. A previous gift funded the Sturm Family Manufacturing Lab at Western Colorado Community College (WCCC).

“The philosophy Don has described not only describes who he is as a person, but also resonates with the culture of our bank,” said Vance Wagner, regional president for ANB Bank in western Colorado. “We believe that helping people get a better education leads to a better life and a healthier community, which is one of the core principles of our organization.”

“Not everybody in Colorado lives close to a higher education facility. In more-remote areas, education has to be brought to the people who want it and need it,” said Sturm, who spent 28 years with Peter Kiewit Sons, one of the largest employee-owned construction companies in the nation, and eventually earned the title vice chairman. “This lab will enable people in rural areas to learn a trade, enhance their lives and become a part of the American dream.”

Sturm’s philanthropy is traceable, in part, to his father, Mark Sturm, who was raised by an aunt after emigrating to the U.S. from Austria as a young man. Sturm’s father saved, invested and rose to prominence as a restaurant manager before losing all in the crash of 1929.

When Don Sturm was working his way through law school at the University of Denver his father helped out by sending $50 a month.

A turning point for Sturm came while working as an IRS trial attorney in Kansas City, when construction mogul Peter Kiewit called and hired him away. Sturm helped the company excavate itself from a $35 million tax deficiency and turned the problem into a $5 million tax refund. At 31, he began a relationship with Kiewit which lasted 28 years and included stock gifts and purchases that (according to Forbes) enabled Sturm to walk away with $160 million when he left the company.

From there, he ventured into the banking industry, a road that led to ANB Bank.

“Coming from a construction background, I’ve encountered all kinds of people in different trades — people who worked together to complete our projects. There’s nothing better than teamwork,” said Sturm. “A lot of those people were not college graduates – they were self-trained or got a trade education.”

“That’s what I want to help people accomplish with the Mechatronics Mobile Learning Lab,” he said. “It’s an innovative idea and I love innovative things. This lab could change the lives of many people in rural areas of the state.”

Editor’s Note: Read more about the WCCC Mobile Learning Lab on page 15 of The Maverick magazine.
Rock Tope, now 68, warmly recalls how comfortable he felt as a child chatting with his aging grandfather over breakfast, whenever his family would travel from New Mexico to visit the big, white two-story house on Grand Avenue in Grand Junction.

Richard E. Tope was in his mid-80s by then, but Rock remembers an easy-going man with a wry sense of humor who knew how to talk to children. It was a talent he no doubt honed as an educator, first as principal at Grand Junction High School and then, from 1918-1938, as superintendent of Mesa County Valley School District 51. Tope Elementary School, built on North 7th Street in 1947, still bears his name today.

Rock’s grandfather, who died in 1962, is also remembered as a co-founder of Grand Junction Junior College established in 1925, which during the last 94 years has evolved to Colorado Mesa University. This, in part, is why Richard’s children, Dwight and Josephine (Rock’s father and aunt), created the Richard E. Tope Memorial Scholarship at the college nearly 40 years ago.

“Our parents left their estate to my brother and me when our mother passed away six years ago, but they left almost no instructions about what they wanted done with it,” said Rock, whose father retired as an insurance executive, and whose mom was the daughter of a prominent Baptist minister.

“I made a couple of significant donations in my parents’ name to a local (Albuquerque) hospital, and also to the Humane Society,” he said. “But last year, as I was reading CMU’s Annual Report, a lightbulb came on: We could create a scholarship at the university in my parents’ name, the same way my dad and aunt did all those years ago to honor my grandfather.”

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Tope’s $100,000 endowment to the Colorado Mesa University Foundation created the Dwight and Carolyn Tope Scholarship, which will provide nearly $4,500 a year in scholarships for Mesa County students.

The generous gift is part of the CMU Foundation’s $9.6 million fundraising effort during the past fiscal year — built largely on small and moderate gifts from countless supporters who are giving students a hand up.

“My brother and I learned responsibility and morality from our parents — those qualities were very important to them,” said Rock, who currently lives in Albuquerque. “This scholarship seemed like something they really would have liked and, to me, it felt like a perfect way to give back to a community that was always very important to our family. It’s got my parent’s name on it, it’s going to help a lot of kids get an education and it’ll be around forever.”

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“Getting through college, for me, was also about finding scholarships, working, saving money – those kinds of things – and I think all of that had an impact on me,” said Borst, who has been an employee of the library at Colorado Mesa University since 1981. “A lot of people helped me get my education and I guess that’s why I’m kind of paying it forward.”

Indeed, Borst has made a gift to the university every year for more than two decades, including the most-recent fiscal year, when her annual gift helped the CMU Foundation raise a total of $9.6 million.

“I originally started giving money to the Athletic Department, primarily to the men’s basketball team, when it was still Mesa College. I’ve been a big basketball fan ever since I was a little girl,” said Borst, who helped compile statistics at the games for many years. “Later on, after I started attending theatre productions, supporting them became important to

Above: Dwight and Carolyn Tope, parents of Rock Tope, who created the Dwight and Carolyn Tope Scholarship which will provide nearly $4,500 a year in scholarships for Mesa County students.

Above: Barbara Borst helping a student in Tomlinson Library in the 1980s. Above right: Barbara Borst today, keeping the library collection updated and balanced, ensuring students have the materials they need.

TWENTY YEARS OF GIVING

As one of five children of a Presbyterian minister, Barbara Borst understood by the time she graduated high school that her family operated on a relatively tight budget. This reality made the teenager grateful when her mother surprised her with a generous offer.

“Mom said, ‘We’ll help you get through college … then you can help your younger siblings get through when their time comes,’” remembers Borst, who earned a bachelor’s degree from Sterling College in Kansas and a master’s from Indiana University.

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BEST. BIRTHDAY. EVER.

One day, one BIG record. On April 10, 2019, nearly 1,000 donors raised $39,234 for Colorado Mesa University — turning 94-years-old doesn’t get any better.

During the third annual Day of Giving, donors could choose from a total of 18 organizations, clubs or projects to support. The gifts had the greatest impact on the Biological Sciences Fish & Wildlife Club project. They received the $5,000 challenge bonus. Commerce Trust and the CMU Foundation Board of Directors offered the bonus to the campaign with the most donors. The project raised a total of $9,870 which was then matched by the Colorado-Wyoming American Fisheries Society Chapter. The Biological Sciences Fish & Wildlife Club’s purpose is to enhance educational experiences for students interested in natural resource careers through research, field trips and guest speakers. The gifts raised are going towards establishing an endowment, which will yield annual scholarships for club members.

To view all of the campaigns and to see the full results, visit SupportingCMU.org/celebrate94.

me. I wanted to help purchase the equipment and materials they needed to produce some of the plays they wanted to bring in.”

In recent years, she has given to the foundation for specific projects.

“Sometimes the money goes for scholarships. I don’t know the people who are receiving them, but that’s fine,” she said. “It just makes me feel good to help a student who needs it.”

Although she spent most of her younger years in Kansas, Borst is a Colorado native. She was born in Salida and briefly attended elementary school in Delta.

“I could see the Grand Mesa from my bedroom window,” she remembered. “When we moved to Kansas, I told my mother I was determined to come back to Colorado someday. It took a while, but I finally made it back in 1981 and I’ve been here ever since.”

In her 38th year at CMU, Borst is the Tomlinson Library collection development coordinator primarily responsible for keeping the library collection updated and balanced to ensure that students have the materials they need to complete their assignments.

“Building the library collection is what I most enjoy about my job,” she said. “I really love interacting with the faculty, and I also enjoy the 10 hours each week that I work at the reference desk. I like helping students find the materials they need.”

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 2018–19 fiscal year was one to remember at the Colorado Mesa University Foundation. Of utmost importance is over $6 million was spent to support the mission of CMU. These funds supported scholarships, capital initiatives, academic departments, student clubs, athletics and student support services — included in this total was $2.6 million in student scholarships, which provided a hand up to 889 students. This support was accomplished only through the amazing generosity of our donors.

New milestones were achieved as the endowment reached nearly $35 million dollars. Invested for the future, these funds are able to supply the necessary support to our campus on an annual basis into perpetuity. The substantial growth in the endowment is attributed to $3.5 million in gifts to it. A list of endowments can be found on page 12 of this report.

8,449
Gifts received

13.38%
Increase in number of gifts

6.19%
Increase in number of donors

15.64%
Growth in endowment
Gifts Received

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Year | Millions of Dollars
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2015 | $5.6              
2016 | $4.4              
2017 | $6.7              
2018 | $7.5              
2019 | $9.6
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Endowment Value

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Year | Millions of Dollars
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2015 | $24.5            
2016 | $24.6            
2017 | $27.7            
2018 | $30.2            
2019 | $34.9
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Scholarship Dollars Awarded

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Year | Millions of Dollars
----|-------------------
2015 | $976,423          
2016 | $1,189,106        
2017 | $1,518,224        
2018 | $1,836,465        
2019 | $2,623,059
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Support Provided to CMU

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Year | Millions of Dollars
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2015 | $2,000,000        
2016 | $3,000,000        
2017 | $4,000,000        
2018 | $5,000,000        
2019 | $6,035,318
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Scholarship dollars awarded in fiscal year 2018–19: $2.6M
Increase in scholarship dollars awarded: 42.83%
Amount of scholarships awarded since 1962: $18M
The amount spent to support CMU’s mission in 2018–19: $6M
1925 is a very important year for Colorado Mesa University; the year of its founding. The Foundation cannot overstate the significant role that endowments play in scholarship support for students. Therefore, the 1925 Society was created to celebrate the individuals with the foresight and generosity to establish endowed funds of $25,000 or greater that will benefit students for generations to come.

Endowed funds are used to provide permanent funding and scholarship opportunities to Colorado Mesa University. Funds are invested and the earnings that are generated go to support an area of Colorado Mesa University as directed by the founder.

Albert J. and Marion T. Merlino Scholarship
∞ Anthony Lopez Memorial Scholarship
∞ Arbaney Family Endowed Scholarship
B & B Electric Scholarship
Bacon Family Foundation Foreign Student Scholarship
Baines/Riede Memorial Scholarship
Barry A. Bishop Endowed Scholarship
∞ Barry Michrina Memorial Scholarship
∞ Bauerle Family Endowed Scholarship
∞ Bechtel Family Scholarship
Beckley/Weaver Scholarship
Biggs-Zollner Faculty Enrichment Grant
Bill and Peggy Foster Endowed Scholarship Fund
Blanche Buescher Business Endowed Scholarship Fund
∞ Blaney-Maluy Family Scholarship
∞ Brownson Memorial Leadership Scholarship
Bruce and Frances Crowell Scholarship
Bruce and Louise Dixson Scholarship
∞ Bus Bergman Baseball Scholarship
∞ Campbell Rogers General Scholarship
∞ Carl and Betty Wahlberg Partners Scholarship
∞ Carolyn D. Love Scholarship Fund
∞ Chet Enstrom Memorial Scholarship
∞ CMU Alumni Association Scholarship
∞ CMU Emeriti/Retired Staff Scholarship
Connie McIntire-Altrusa Scholarship Endowment
∞ Copeland Family Endowed Scholarship
∞ Cornelison Memorial/ WCCC General
∞ Cullen R. Brown Endowed Scholarship
Dan Brant Jr. Memorial Scholarship
∞ David M. Gardner Memorial Scholarship
Dean-Roush Scholarship
Dieter Sander Engineering Endowed Scholarship
Dixson B.A.S. in Business Administration Endowed Scholarship
Dixson Scholar/Mentor Award
∞ Don MacKendrick History Scholarship
∞ Don Meyers Art Scholarship
∞ Donna H. Crouch Memorial Scholarship
∞ Doyle E. Burns Scholarship
∞ Dr. Dorr Burns Computer Science Scholarship
Dr. Henry H. and Margaret Zeigel Fund
∞ Dr. Richard Ballard Endowed Scholarship
∞ Dr. Ruth Maurer Flute Program Endowment
∞ Dwight and Carolyn Tope Endowed Scholarship

Eileen Nagatomo Townsend Memorial Scholarship
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FirstBank of Colorado Low Income Scholarship
∞ Foltz Family Scholarship Endowment
Football Alumni Endowment
∞ Forrest Nelson Endowed Geology Fund
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George and Masuo Nagatomo Memorial Scholarship
Geoscience Tuition Scholarship
Gerlach Music Scholarship
∞ Goffredi Memorial Scholarship
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Harriet Slagowski Memorial & Victoria Noell Family Endowment
Hazel and Victor Garms Memorial Scholarship Fund
∞ Helen Krey Scholarship
Horan Family Endowed Football Scholarship
Howard E. Scott Maverick Scholarship
∞ Inez Hulting Petersen Memorial Scholarship
Institute for Supply Management Scholarship
International Student Program Endowed Scholarship
Jack, Wiley, and Calvin Gower History Scholarship
∞ Jackie Cochran Borello Scholarship
∞ John E. Groneman Endowed Scholarship Fund
Jose Peer Memorial Scholarship
∞ Joseph and Delia Prinster Family Scholarship
∞ Josephine Roessler-Prinster Scholarship
Joy and Alfred Shideler Endowed Scholarship Fund
Kevin Wagner Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund
Knudson Family Endowed Scholarship
∞ Krey Special Purpose Scholarship Fund
Kristopher B. Buescher Memorial Scholarship
Lathrop Scholarship
LeRoy Bacon Memorial Scholarship
∞ Liff Miller Nursing Scholarship
∞ Lisa and Tim Foster Scholarship
∞ Lou Morton & Dale J. Hollingsworth Poli-Sci Scholarship
Louis and Betty Brach Scholarship
Loyd and Cordelia Files Memorial Scholarship
Lucero Family Endowed Scholarship
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Madge Huffer Scholarship
Mai and William S. Robinson Scholarship
Mai Robinson English Scholarship
Margaret Goodhue-Altrusa Scholarship Endowment
Marion Fletcher Scholarship
Marjorie Sollenbarger Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Mark Zoppel Memorial Scholarship
Mary Elizabeth (McDonald) Dolan Scholarship
Mary Rait/Mary Jewell Willsea Endowed Grants Fund
Mattié Smith Wagler Scholarship
∞ Maverick Innovation Center Endowment
∞ MBA Alumni Endowment
Merle and Thelma Lanning Scholarship
Mesa County Medical Society Scholarship
∞ Mesa Scholarship Initiative Endowment
∞ Meyer Family Endowment
∞ Micah Dancy Music Scholarship
Milton W. “Red” Crawford Tennis Scholarship
Moss Fairley Wagler Scholarship
∞ Nora Reed Burleigh Endowed Scholarship
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Plumleigh Photojournalism Scholarship
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Richard F. Gilmore Sr. DDS Endowed Scholarship Fund
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Ron Halsey Memorial Scholarship
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∞ Ruth Powell Hutchins Water Center Endowment
∞ Ryan Teixeira Endowed Baseball Scholarship
S. Victor Wagler Scholarship
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Sandy Bacon Memorial Scholarship
Shear Family Energy Management/Landman Program Endowed Scholarship
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Strnad Family Nursing Scholarship
∞ Strobl Fiscus Scholarship Endowment
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Ted and Maxine Albers Scholarship
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The Schake Family Scholarship for Men’s Basketball
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Viola and Linden Moberly Scholarship
Western Colorado Contractors Association (WCCA) Scholarship
∞ Western Colorado Energy Scholar Endowment
William and Mai Robinson Endowed Lecture Fund
William Eli and Wanda Wray Putnam Scholarship
William H. Love Engineering Endowment
WSCOGA Chevron Energy Scholar Award
Thank you to our annual donors for their dedication to supporting student success at Colorado Mesa University. The following donors made gifts of $1,000 or more to the CMU Foundation between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. We also greatly appreciate the 4,600+ donors who are not listed but made a significant impact on the educational experience of all CMU students.

DONOR HONOR ROLL

Top: Chuck Shear and members of the CMU Women’s Soccer team at the Donors and Scholars event on September 12, 2018.

Below, left: President Tim Foster, Lori Raya, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and Douglas Sorter, previous Alumni Association president. Below, right: Doug Simons, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, in the CMU Homecoming parade on October 27, 2018.

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– Anne Saunders
President Foster and CMU students attempted to break the record for the most double high fives in one minute. Visit CMU’s Facebook page to watch the video, posted May 3, 2019.