ENDOWMENT STEWARDSHIP

2017

ENDOWMENT STEWARDSHIP Report
Inside

Letter from the Vice President  3
Overview of the Endowment  4
Endowment Management  6
Endowment Frequently Asked Questions  8
Stories of Impact 10
New Endowments 16
Letter from the Vice President

The past year will stand out as a milestone in the annals of the George Washington University. In June, we successfully closed Making History: The Campaign for GW, a comprehensive, six-year endeavor to raise $1 billion to support students, enhance academics, and break new ground.

That we actually exceeded our goal—realizing $1.02 billion in total, and one year ahead of schedule—is testament to the strength of our community and the generosity of donors like you. We are deeply grateful for your support.

Endowed funds are the cornerstone for philanthropy at GW. The earnings they generate enrich and sustain our work across the university, reaching all corners of campus, in perpetuity. And they are a permanent legacy of your commitment to GW. The campaign generated countless stories that illustrate the impact of these gifts and the lives that are forever changed through philanthropic support. This report includes just a few examples.

While the campaign is over, our work continues. We are excited about the arrival of President Thomas LeBlanc and, as we look ahead to GW’s bicentennial in 2021 and beyond, the future of the university is bright. Your generous support is empowering us to continue making history. Thank you.

With GW pride,

Matthew R. Manfra
Interim Vice President
Development and Alumni Relations
The GW Endowment consists of the Pooled Endowment (the vehicle in which the majority of endowment gifts are invested), separately managed funds, and a portfolio of real estate properties. The Pooled Endowment is made up of 1,390 individual endowment funds, most of which are designated to provide perpetual financial support for scholarships, professorships, academic and research programs, libraries, and other endowed programs. Approximately 63.5 percent of the Endowment benefits the university as a whole, with the remainder earmarked for individual schools. Distributions from the Endowment totaled $79.2 million, representing 7.4 percent of the university’s operating expenses in Fiscal Year 2016-2017.
ENDOWMENT

Highlights

IN THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR

• The Endowment provided $79.2 million in support of university activities.

• GW Endowment assets increased by $158.9 million to $1.729 billion.

• A net 26 endowment funds were created and $49.5 million in gifts and transfers were contributed to the Endowment.

• Endowment assets in aggregate witnessed a 12.8 percent investment return.

• The positive absolute Pooled Endowment returns reflect strong equity market gains over the past 12 months.

• We believe the portfolio is well positioned to deliver solid performance results going forward.

OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS

• The Endowment provided $369.6 million in support of university activities.

• GW Endowment assets have increased by $423.3 million.

• Two-hundred-thirteen endowment funds were created, and $207.4 million in gifts and transfers were contributed to the Endowment.

• Endowment assets in aggregate returned an annualized average of 8.7 percent, and the Pooled Endowment generated an annualized average return of 6.6 percent.

ENDOWMENT ASSETS BY SCHOOL
June 30, 2017

*University includes the Textile Museum Endowment Funds.

- University*......63.51%
- Law School....7.15%
- GSPM..............0.06%
- SON...............0.04%
- GSEHD............0.30%
- Milken SPH....2.87%
- SEAS............1.93%
- SMHS..........13.54%
- ESIA..............2.83%
- SBPM (GWSB)...1.94%
- CCAS............5.83%

*University includes the Textile Museum Endowment Funds.
In managing the Endowment, the university seeks to balance the dual objectives of enhancing the future purchasing power of Endowment funds and meeting current spending needs. The Endowment is invested with a long-term horizon to ensure that it will grow at a rate above inflation while providing a stable stream of income to support the purposes for which its funds were created.

Achieving these objectives requires appropriate asset allocation, careful implementation of investment strategies, and vigilant risk management. The Committee on Finance and Audit of the Board of Trustees is the governing body for endowment management, including decisions on strategic use and associated risks for both the Pooled Endowment and real estate assets. The Sub-committee on Endowment and Investments establishes the guidelines and asset allocation for the investment of the Pooled Endowment.

In 2014, the Committee on Finance and Audit of the Board of Trustees made the decision to hire Strategic Investment Group, an Outsourced Chief Investment Office (OCIO) organization, to manage the bulk of the non-real estate assets in the endowment. Strategic Investment Group and GW work together with the Sub-committee on Endowment and Investments to establish investment policy targets and asset class ranges consistent with the specific financial needs and objectives of the GW endowment. The policy targets are designed to meet our spending needs while protecting the long-term value of the endowment. The transition period to Strategic Investment Group ended on October 1, 2015.

ENDOWMENT ASSETS BY PURPOSE

June 30, 2017

Instructional and Academic Support* .... 75.01%
Student Aid.................................................. 11.58%
Academic Chairs and Professorships..... 12.45%
Building Funds............................................. 0.96%

*Instructional and Academic Support includes libraries and Textile Museum Endowment Funds.
Changes in the portfolio for the past fiscal year were relatively modest and included:

- A gradual reduction in the legacy private equity portfolio during the year. Future private equity portfolio transition will include increased diversification within the private equity portfolio away from a sector-oriented strategy.

- A slight decrease in U.S. equity exposure toward the end of the period based on market valuations. However, total equity exposure was close to neutral relative to the policy benchmark index, reflecting a slight overweight in non-U.S. equities.

- The portfolio was underweight in fixed income for the full fiscal year based on low yields available in fixed income markets and longer-term concerns regarding future inflation increases.
What is the difference between book value and market value of my fund?
A fund’s book value, which is also sometimes referred to as principal or corpus, is the sum of all gifts and any reinvestments of unspent payout into the corpus. A fund’s market value is what the fund is currently worth in today’s market and includes the book value and all accumulated investment gains and/or losses, minus the allocation of payout.

What percentage of GW’s expenses is covered through the endowment?
Over the past five years, allocated endowment payout has equated to approximately 7 percent of GW’s operating expenses.

How is GW’s endowment currently managed?
In 2014, the Committee on Finance and Audit of the Board of Trustees made the decision to hire Strategic Investment Group, an Outsourced Chief Investment Office (OCIO) organization, to manage the bulk of the non-real estate assets in the endowment. Strategic Investment Group and GW work together with the Subcommittee on Endowment and Investments to establish investment policy targets and asset class ranges consistent with the specific financial needs and objectives of the GW endowment. The policy targets are designed to meet our spending needs while protecting the long-term value of the endowment.

Does GW charge any administrative fees to manage my endowment gift?
The only fees charged to the endowment are the expenses directly related to the management of the endowment, such as costs related to the Outsourced Chief Investment Office (OCIO), investment managers, and custodian fees. GW does not charge additional overhead or administrative fees to the endowment funds. Costs of managing the endowment are netted from investment income and are comparable to the institutional expenses of investment company funds.

When will an endowment begin generating payout that can be spent?
Once the initial gift has been received, the minimum required funding levels have been achieved, and all required paperwork has been completed, initial payout funds will become available within two months. Some exceptions may apply.

How is the amount of annual payout determined and then distributed?
The amount of payout allocated each year varies because it is based on the market value of the endowment portfolio. The Board of Trustees reviews and approves the spending rate annually. The average spending rate for the past five years has been approximately 5 percent of the endowment’s average market value. Endowment payout is allocated monthly.
Will GW reinvest the annual payout to help my fund grow?
Accumulated unspent endowment payout may be reinvested into the corpus of the fund at the donor’s request, if the fund does not meet minimum required funding levels, or at the discretion of the university, as long as that is not prohibited by the donor. Upon reinvestment the fund is allocated additional units and, therefore, earns additional payout.

What is an “underwater” endowment?
Is there a policy for spending from underwater funds?
An endowment fund is “underwater” when its market value falls below the value of the original gift(s) to the institution. Federal and state legislation provides guidance and authority to charitable organizations concerning the management and investment of funds held by the organization. In 49 states and the District of Columbia, the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) governs the spending policies and protects the interests of donors who want to see their contributions used wisely. UPMIFA, adopted by the Council of the District of Columbia, took effect on Jan. 23, 2008, and provides institutions with the legal authority to make prudent expenditures despite having endowment funds with asset value below their original value (underwater funds). GW currently follows UPMIFA’s prudent spending guidelines.

What are the minimum endowment levels to establish a new, named endowed fund?
The minimum gift required to establish a named endowment fund is $100,000. Endowment gifts can be pledged and paid over a period of up to five years. Please contact Jennifer Riordan, executive director of donor relations, at jriordan@gwu.edu or (202) 994-9432 to review your options for establishing an endowed fund.
STORIES of Impact

These are just a few examples that highlight how philanthropic gifts made during GW’s Making History campaign have immense positive impacts on current and future generations of students and faculty—enabling them to take full advantage of the GW experience and the “only at GW” opportunities for them to put knowledge into action to change the world.
GW’s School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) established the Clark Engineering Scholars Program in 2011 with an $8 million gift from the late A. James Clark, HON ’10, a GW trustee emeritus and Clark Enterprises founder whose contributions to the university included the construction of landmark facilities on the Foggy Bottom Campus, volunteer leadership, and philanthropic support. In 2017, another gift of $8 million, from the Clark Charitable Foundation, enabled the program’s expansion so it can support more students each year.

The Clark Engineering Scholars Program offers SEAS students financial assistance, professional development, and leadership and networking opportunities, including internships, study abroad, and mentorship. It has also proven an effective recruitment tool, attracting top students who stand out as leaders in the SEAS community.

Sixteen alumni scholars already have graduated and have gone on to graduate programs or have begun working in the government and in top engineering and technology firms.

“[It’s been an incredible opportunity] I wouldn’t have had without the support [the Clark Engineering Scholars Program has] given me. Even some of the research I’m doing is because of the Clark Scholars Program requirements. It’s been incredible.”

– Tania Singh, BS ’18

“The Clark Engineering Scholars Program has been a great opportunity for me. I have been able to connect with GW alumni and previous scholars, and I’ve definitely gotten exposure to events and topics I never would have experienced otherwise.”

– Abbie Gillen, BS ’17
Cisneros Gift Helps Develop Future Community Leaders

Born and raised in Southern California, Gil Cisneros, BA ’94, came to GW on an ROTC scholarship following a stint in the U.S. Navy. The first person in his family to attend college, he chose GW—in his words, “a giant leap”—because of his interest in politics and a desire to experience living on the East Coast.

At the university, he made lifelong friends, had new experiences, and learned from faculty members who routinely invited distinguished guest speakers to his classes. His life-changing experience at GW became a catalyst for Mr. Cisneros’ engagement with the university: he and his wife, Jacki, are now among the university’s most generous donors and active volunteers.

In 2015, Mr. and Mrs. Cisneros made a $7 million gift to establish the Cisneros Hispanic Leadership Institute, which provides students with college scholarships and post-doctoral fellowships and offers a pre-college program for high school juniors who have demonstrated a commitment to leadership and service within the Hispanic community.

Housed in the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, the institute focuses on undermatching, which occurs when students of high academic potential—often from low-income communities—do not matriculate to selective universities and, instead enroll at universities they are overqualified to attend. Latinos are the most likely ethnic group to undermatch, but Mr. and Mrs. Cisneros aim to change that. Their generous gift is playing a crucial role in educating and developing the next generation of leaders of the Hispanic community and beyond.

“We want to take young Latino students out of their comfort zone. We want to teach them to be leaders. We want to encourage them to reach their full potential, and we want them to attend a selective university befitting of their academic achievements and their capabilities.”

— Gil Cisneros, BA ’94
Milken and Redstone Gifts Transform Public Health at GW

The trajectory of GW’s School of Public Health changed dramatically in 2014, when it received transformational funding of $80 million, comprising gifts from the Milken Institute, the Sumner M. Redstone Charitable Foundation, and the Milken Family Foundation. These gifts—the largest to the Making History campaign—are addressing many of the world’s public health challenges, focusing on prevention of disease and promotion of wellness. In honor of these gifts, the school was renamed Milken Institute School of Public Health.

$40 million from the Milken Institute is supporting new and ongoing research and scholarships; reinvigorating the school’s curriculum and academic structure; convening policy leaders, faculty, experts, and others to discuss critical public health issues; and enabling the recruitment and hiring of high-caliber new faculty members.

$30 million from the Sumner M. Redstone Charitable Foundation established the Sumner M. Redstone Global Center for Prevention and Wellness within Milken Institute School of Public Health. Dr. William Dietz was appointed as the inaugural director of the Redstone Center and the Sumner M. Redstone Chair. Under his leadership, the center is developing and advancing innovative strategies to expand wellness and the prevention of disease in Washington, D.C., and globally.

$10 million from the Milken Family Foundation supports Dean Lynn Goldman, who was installed as the Michael and Lori Milken Dean of Milken Institute School of Public Health in 2015. This gift also created the Michael and Lori Milken Public Health Scholars program, which is enabling the school to attract exceptional students to GW and enhance its status in the competitive marketplace.

“Our school has been completely transformed by major gifts that came to us through Michael Milken and his family foundation, the Milken Institute, and also Sumner M. Redstone and the Redstone Family Foundation. I can’t be more grateful for the support they have given us, the faith they have shown in us in terms of our ability not just to grow, but to move upward in the rankings, to become a school of public health, here in Washington, D.C., of which they can be proud.”

– Lynn M. Goldman
Michael and Lori Milken Dean
Milken Institute School of Public Health
The Honey W. Nashman Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service develops opportunities for students to participate in community service, such as the annual Freshman Day of Service.

Nashman Gift Promotes Service Learning

For 43 years, Honey Nashman, associate professor emeritus of sociology and human services, promoted community development, human rights, and social justice as a member of the George Washington University faculty. In 2015, Dr. Nashman and her husband, Alvin E. Nashman, HON ’86, made a leadership gift to GW’s Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service—which Dr. Nashman co-founded in 1993—and that was subsequently renamed the Honey W. Nashman Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service.

The Nashman Center epitomizes the university’s commitment to developing citizen-leaders who are committed to making a difference locally, nationally, and around the world. At GW, learning is not limited to the classroom, and the Honey W. Nashman Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service exposes students to more than 70 service-learning courses and numerous co-curricular community service and social innovation programs that allow them to explore their interests, develop their sense of self, and have a positive impact. The Nashmans’ gift is bolstering the center’s efforts to promote active citizenship and enhance teaching, learning, and scholarship through civic engagement.

“I decided to make this gift because of the respect I have for [Executive Director] Amy Cohen and her wonderful staff, my belief in the mission of the center and wanting to invite the entire university to make a difference. I hope this will expand current programs, help us work more closely with the community and neighbors and make a difference in working toward community development, human rights, social justice, and true inclusion.”

– Honey Nashman

Associate Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Human Services
The Avenir Foundation made a $5 million gift for state-of-the-art conservation equipment and technology to enhance the long-term care for the 20,000-piece Textile Museum collection at the George Washington University. Located at GW's Virginia Science and Technology Campus, the Avenir Foundation Conservation and Collections Resource Center houses new equipment for the care and study of the museum’s collections, including custom storage cabinetry, a specialized vacuum cleaner for gently cleaning textiles, and a high-powered microscope for analyzing weave structures of individual artworks. The gift also created an endowment that funds conservation staff, training for conservators, and operational costs for the conservation lab.

The generous support from the Avenir Foundation is helping The Textile Museum—which created one of the first textile conservation programs in the United States in the early 1940s—to continue its pioneering work.

“This significant gift from the Avenir Foundation helps us continue our work to ensure the long-term conservation of historical textiles. Our collections highlight the stories of diverse populations around the world. We are committed to preserving these textiles as we continue to showcase one of the world’s premiere collections.”

– John Wetenhall
Director
The George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum
NEW Endowments

The following list represents new endowed funds that were established between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017. These funds will benefit the George Washington University and future generations of George Washington students and faculty members in perpetuity.

Blaser Family Endowed Executive Director, F. David Fowler Center Fund
Mitchell Blaser, GWSB BBA ’73, established this endowment through a charitable lead trust. The fund will provide support for the priority initiatives of the executive director, for both new and ongoing programming, at the F. David Fowler Career Center. The fund’s annual income, in accordance with the university’s endowment policy, will be spent at the discretion of the executive director, in consultation with the dean of the School of Business. In recognition of this gift, the university has named the executive director position of the F. David Fowler Career Center “The Blaser Family Endowed Executive Director, F. David Fowler Career Center.”

James G. Blumenthal Endowed Scholarship Fund
First Washington Realty, Inc. established this endowed fund in memory of James G. Blumenthal, GWSB BBA ’78, who served as the firm’s executive vice president and chief financial officer. This fund will provide need-based scholarship support to undergraduate students in the School of Business who study accounting and/or real estate. The scholarship will be awarded to accounting students until such time as the real estate undergraduate program is launched, at which point preference will be given to students in the real estate program with financial need, followed by students in the accounting program with financial need. The expectation is that at least one undergraduate student studying real estate and one undergraduate student studying accounting will be an annual recipient of the scholarship, to the extent there is a student of need in each program.

Edwin H. Copenhaver III Endowed Fund at SEAS
A planned gift from Edwin H. Copenhaver III, SEAS MA Engr Admin ’75, established this endowment. The income will be used for graduate fellowships at the School of Engineering and Applied Science, Department of Engineering Management and Systems Engineering. The fellowship will be awarded in memory of Professor Preston Shane.

Corcoran Women’s Committee Endowed Graduate Excellence Fellowship Fund
The Corcoran Women’s Committee established this endowment. The fund will provide fellowships to graduate students enrolled in a Corcoran School of the Arts and Design master’s degree program, with preference given to students in such Corcoran legacy programs as exhibition design and new media photojournalism. Fellowships will be awarded to students who exemplify academic excellence and who are also engaged in their local communities.

CVP Speaker Series on Innovation and Entrepreneurship Endowment Fund
A gift from the Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund, at the recommendation of Anirudh Kulkarni, SEAS BS ’86, MS ’88, established this endowment. Income from this fund will support an endowed speaker series on innovation and entrepreneurship hosted by the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

Feldman Family Endowment Fund
Irvin Feldman, CCAS BA ’30, MD ’33, and Miriam Feldman, CCAS BA ’34, established this endowment through a charitable gift annuity they created in 1995. The income from this fund supports scholarships for medical students at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.
Arthur S. Flemming Awards Program Endowment
Decker Anstrom and Sherron Hiemstra established this endowment. This fund will provide substantial support for the annual Arthur S. Flemming Awards Program, which has recognized outstanding men and women in federal government service for almost 70 years. Recognized by the president of the United States, agency heads, and the private sector, the winners are selected from all areas of the federal service. GW has served as the host of the Flemming Awards since 1997, and the director of the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration has served as vice president of the Flemming Awards Commission for the past several years. This endowment supports the Trachtenberg School’s intention for the awards program to continue at the George Washington University.

The Mary Ellen McCarthy Houseal and Robert W. Houseal Endowed Law Scholarship
A planned gift from Mary Ellen McCarthy Houseal, JD ’50, and Robert W. Houseal, JD ’49, LLM ’50, established this endowment. The fund will provide financial assistance to qualified Juris Doctor degree candidates enrolled at GW Law. First preference is for students who have earned undergraduate degrees from U.S. colleges and universities.

Senior Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs and John S. Jenkins Family Professorial Lecturer in Law and Policy Endowed Fund
John S. Jenkins, Jr., JD ’94, established this endowment to honor the memory of his father, John S. Jenkins Sr., JD ’61, who served at the Law School from 1986-2002 as senior associate dean of administrative affairs and was widely recognized as a wise and resourceful retired Navy judge advocate and rear admiral. This fund will provide salary support for this position, which supports ABA compliance, communications, career development, innovation, strategic planning, events, personnel, budget, information technology, and facilities for GW Law and which also performs duties as a professorial lecturer of law. In turn, the senior associate dean will carry the title of John S. Jenkins Family Professorial Lecturer in Law and Policy.

Mark and Debbie Kennedy Frontiers of Freedom Endowed Prize Fund
The Honorable Mark R. Kennedy, director of the Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM) from 2012-2016, and his wife, Debbie Kennedy, CCAS MFA ‘16, established this endowment. This fund will provide for two annual prizes. One will be awarded at the College of Professional Studies Commencement to a graduating student that most embodies the frontiers of freedom ideals (the expansion of freedom beyond the borders of the U.S.) and the second will be awarded to a student who attended at least one GSPM international residency class in the academic year.
Korea Foundation and Kim-Renaud Professor of Korean Literature and Culture Studies
This endowed fund was established by the Korea Foundation and Dr. Young-Key Kim-Renaud with matching funds from the university. The fund supports a professorship within the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures at the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences. The course assignments of the professor shall be consistent with efforts to advance Korean studies and the guidelines of the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures. The professor shall assume a leading programmatic role, with review of the curriculum to strengthen and support the university’s Korean studies programs.

Ali and Lama Kolaghassi Scholarship Fund
GW parents Ali, GWSB BBA ‘90, and Lama Kolaghassi established this endowment. The fund will provide the opportunity for one graduate of King’s Academy in Madaba-Manja, Jordan, or a similar student to enroll at GW as a degree-seeking undergraduate student. The scholarship will be designed to provide an undergraduate education and leadership training to qualified Arabic-speaking graduates of King’s Academy who have lived and/or studied in Jordan and who are committed to advancing the interests of Arabic-speaking communities around the world. Nominees for the Kolaghassi Scholarship will be selected by King’s Academy on the basis of their academic performance, English language proficiency, potential to gain from such an intercultural experience, and demonstrated financial need.

Judge Seymour Korn Endowed Law Scholarship Fund
A planned gift from The Honorable Seymour Korn, CCAS AA ’47, JD ’50, established this endowment. The annual income from the fund will be spent for the benefit of qualified law students.

Stanley F. Kulaga, Jr., Endowed Medical Scholarship
A planned gift from Stanley F. Kulaga, Jr., MD ’64, established this fund, which will be used for scholarships for medical students who need financial assistance.

Law School Class of 1982 Endowed Scholarship Fund
Members of the Law School Class of 1982 established this endowment in honor of their 35th reunion. This fund provides need-based scholarships for students at GW Law.

Lewis Levy First Amendment Endowment
The Estate of Lewis E. Levy established this fund. This fund will provide fellowships for law students to perform unpaid legal work at nonprofit organizations that seek to protect First Amendment rights.

Lewis Levy Photography Fund
The Estate of Lewis E. Levy established this endowment. The income will be used to purchase notable photographic works and art that incorporates photography in its practice; store and conserve the photography collection; and support costs associated with photography exhibitions.
Lewis Levy “Pitch George” Competition Endowment
The Estate of Lewis E. Levy established this endowment. The fund will underwrite the annual operations of the “Pitch George” competition at the GW School of Business, providing funding for such expenses as prizes, printed materials, food, and staff support. The top undergraduate prize in the competition shall be known as the Lewis Levy Prize in Undergraduate Entrepreneurship.

Reuven and Suzanne Levy Endowed Scholarship
Elad I. Levy, MD ‘97, established this endowment. The income from this fund will provide a need-based scholarship for a medical student in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

The Michael J. Marquardt 100 Research Fellowship
Asad Holding and friends of Michael J. Marquardt established this endowment to honor Dr. Marquardt, one of the earliest professors to teach in the Executive Leadership Program in the Graduate School of Education and Human Development. The fund provides research fellowships to scholar practitioners conducting research on a complex cross-disciplinary topic, with a preference for researching action learning or global leadership.
“We must strategically plan our future with great wisdom, foresight, and sensitivity to the complexity of our times,” says Louis Mayberg, BBA ’83. He also believes in the power of ancient wisdom to guide the Jewish future for “thousands of years to come.”

These words provide the guiding inspiration for the Mayberg Center for Jewish Education and Leadership, created by an endowed gift from the Mayberg Foundation, which established this fund to support the operations of this new center. Housed in GW’s Graduate School of Education and Human Development (GSEHD), the Mayberg Center links academic scholarship with the work of Jewish organizations on GW’s campus, throughout Washington, D.C., and nationwide. It provides graduate training, workshops, and public programs in Jewish education with a focus on pedagogy and leadership training.

The fund also supports the center’s director, Erica Brown, associate professor of education and human development, who assumed her role in September 2016. Dr. Brown’s wide-ranging responsibilities include refining and implementing the center’s mission to advance Jewish education, designing and teaching courses on Jewish education and Jewish studies, building a research agenda, and creating opportunities for connecting Jewish education to GSEHD’s broader interests in multicultural, religious, and pluralist education.

“Pressing questions revolve around the meanings of Jewish identity, the role of formal and informal communal organizations and the future of Jewish literacy. Establishing this center will build on GSEHD’s accomplishments in connecting scholarship, practice, and community engagement.”

- Michael Feuer
Dean, Graduate School of Education and Human Development
The Albert L. Tucker and Elizabeth T. Tucker Foundation established this endowment, which creates the Albert L. Tucker and Elizabeth T. Tucker Postdoctoral Fellowship, housed within the Katzen Cancer Research Center, part of the GW Cancer Center. The annual proceeds of the fund support the postdoctoral training of a particularly promising young researcher in translational cancer research. Heather Levin, MD ’16, is the first Tucker Fellow. Working with primary investigator Lopa Mishra, MD, director of the Center for Translational Medicine and professor of surgery with the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Dr. Levin is exploring liver cancer, one of the most common causes of cancer deaths worldwide.

“It’s really exciting for me to have this research year,” she explains, her enthusiasm and delight apparent. “Having this award allows me to pursue a research year before I begin residency, which will allow me to strengthen my medical background and my science background before I start.”

“We are very grateful for the support that has been provided by the Tucker Foundation. It will enable us to provide valuable training to a fellow who will make a difference in the field of cancer research. We know that through gifts like this one, GW Cancer Center will foster innovation and discovery in cancer research and clinical care.”

- Eduardo M. Sotomayor, MD
Director, GW Cancer Center

The Albert L. Tucker and Elizabeth T. Tucker Foundation was established in 1995 and provides financial support primarily to hospitals and medical centers and other organizations providing health services, including hospices and nursing homes. “The Tucker Foundation has provided funding for similar positions in the healthcare community in Washington, D.C., and has watched with great pride the achievements of the young medical scientists who have been sponsored through the generosity and foresight of the Foundation’s two founders – Albert and Elizabeth Tucker,” says Nicholas S. McConnell, president of The Albert L. Tucker and Elizabeth T. Tucker Foundation.
Michael A. Nemeroff Endowed Scholarship
Michael A. Nemeroff, JD ’88, established this endowment. The fund provides need-based scholarships for qualified students pursuing a Juris Doctor degree at GW Law. First preference is given to students concentrating their studies in the fields of business and finance law.

William B. Oakley Endowed Business Scholarship
William B. Oakley, GWSB MS ’71, established this endowment, which will also be supported by an irrevocable charitable remainder trust that Mr. Oakley established in 1995. The fund will provide scholarship support for students in the School of Business, with preference given to undergraduate students in the area of information systems and technology management. Students receiving the scholarship must demonstrate financial need and maintain a B average or above.

Thomas Martin Peery, M.D., and Angus MacIvor Griffin, Ph.D., Memorial Scholarship
Robert L. Zahn, MD ’57, established this endowment to provide need-based scholarship support for students pursuing a doctor of medicine degree, who grew up and spent at least half of their life on an active working farm. First priority will be given to students who grew up on a dairy farm in Missouri. If a recipient is not identified meeting the first priority, then consideration will be given to students who grew up on a dairy farm (preferably) or a livestock or grain farm in the states with contiguous borders to Missouri, including Iowa, Arkansas, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Kentucky, or Illinois. If a recipient is not identified meeting the first or second priorities, then consideration will be given to students raised in small rural communities of population 20,000 or fewer with contiguous borders to Missouri, including Iowa, Arkansas, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Kentucky, or Illinois.

Johanna M. Peters Endowed Graduate Fellowship
A planned gift from Johanna M. Peters, CCAS AA ’56, BA ’58, established this fund, which will provide a need or merit-based scholarship for graduate students in the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences.

The Norman M. Sawyer, M.D., Endowed Cancer Research Fund
A planned gift from Norman M. Sawyer, MD ’60, established this fund in fiscal year 2017. This fund was established to provide support for research at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences in the field of oncology. Preference should be given to research related to cancer in the areas of biochemistry and molecular biology.
Anonymous Family Endowed Scholarship
GW parents established this endowment. This fund will provide a need-based scholarship for undergraduate students in their first semester returning from academic suspension, with a preference for School of Business students. If there are no need-based students meeting the eligibility requirements above, the scholarship could be awarded to any School of Business undergraduate student with demonstrated financial need.

Jonathan T. Suder Endowed Scholarship
Jonathan T. Suder, JD ’84, established this endowment in memory of Dee J. Kelly, JD ’54, and Raymond A. Niro, JD ’69. The fund provides merit-based scholarships for qualified students pursuing a Juris Doctor degree at GW Law School. Financial need will also be considered in making the award.

Zhang and Wang Endowed Scholarship Fund
Ya-Qin Zhang, SEAS DSc ’90 established this endowment to honor Raymond Pickholtz, emeritus professor in the School of Engineering and Applied Science. The fund provides a merit-based scholarship for an undergraduate or graduate student in the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

John and Sheila Wilkerson Endowment for the English Department
The estates of John K. Wilkerson, CCAS AA ’47, BA ’49, and Sheila C. Wilkerson established this endowment to support the Department of English within the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences.