

# CONNECTIONS

July 2015

## CELEBRATING CONSISTENT GIVING

A special celebration during Reunion marked the 10th anniversary of the Fleck Consistent Giving Society, which honors alumni, parents, and friends who recognize the value of consistent support for the College by giving for five or more consecutive years.

The society includes more than 6,700 members, an increase of more than 75 percent since it was established in 2005.

Fleck Society members who reach the 10-year mark in consistent giving receive a decorative brick, engraved with their name and class year, which is displayed on the Quad. When the society was founded, more than 2,300 alumni, parents, and friends were recognized with these bricks. Now, there are more than 4,200 members who have given for 10 or more straight years. Their bricks line walkways on the Quad, serving as an inspiration to the campus community and visitors alike.

Young alumni now have a new opportunity to become members of the Fleck Society. Members of the 10 most recent graduating classes will be inducted after three years of consistent giving, and those who reach the five-year mark will receive an engraved brick on the Quad.



Rhonda and Brent Beyer '80, P'07 find their brick.



RANDY MONCEAUX

The College honored the Fleck family's legacy of service at a ceremony marking the 10th anniversary of the Fleck Consistent Giving Society. Left to right: Shelby Slayton; Thomas Pak; Avery Slayton; Meredith Fleck; Jane Fleck; Michael Whitman '82, co-chair of the society; President Alison Byerly; Kim Spang, vice president for development and college relations; Charlotte Slayton; and Scott Slayton.

The society is named in honor of **Cyrus S. Fleck Sr. '20**. An active presence at Lafayette for more than three-quarters of a century, he served as a member of the board of trustees for 47 years and was the inaugural recipient of the Lafayette Medal for Distinguished Service. At the time of his death in 2000, 12 days before his 101st birthday, he was the College's oldest living alumnus.

The service of Fleck's son, the late **Cyrus S. Fleck Jr. '52**, to Lafayette also is remarkable. His career at the College spanned 44 years, including 32 years as registrar. An annual award

recognizing an administrator's outstanding contributions to the campus community is named for him. At the anniversary celebration, which was also attended by members of the Marquis Society and the Porter Society, the College honored the Fleck family's legacy of devotion and service. President **Alison Byerly** presented **Jane Fleck**, the widow of Cy Junior, and their daughters, Meredith Fleck and Shelby Slayton, with commemorative photographs. She also presented gifts to granddaughters Charlotte and Avery Slayton.

"The College is immensely grateful to the Fleck family for its support over multiple generations," Byerly said. "Jane has not only been a friend of the College, but a friend to my own family since the day we moved in. It is a pleasure to thank her once again on this special occasion." ■

**FLECK SOCIETY MEMBERS WHO REACH THE 10-YEAR MARK IN CONSISTENT GIVING RECEIVE A DECORATIVE BRICK THAT IS DISPLAYED ON THE QUAD. MORE THAN 4,200 ALUMNI HAVE GIVEN FOR 10 OR MORE STRAIGHT YEARS.**

*For information on the Fleck Society or your own status as a consistent giver, call the Annual Fund at 610-330-5034.*

## SOCIÉTÉ D'HONNEUR WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

### SOCIÉTÉ GROWS DURING CAMPAIGN

In addition to the most recent inductees, 19 other members have been welcomed into the Société during the Live Connected, Lead Change campaign.

- Carl G. Anderson Jr. '67 and Deborah B. Anderson
- Nancy E. Brennan '74
- Anthony L. Conrad '43 and Nancy M. Conrad
- Peter C.S. d'Aubermont '73
- Bennett J. Goodman '79 and Margaret Goodman
- Heidi Ludwick Hanson '91 and Daniel Hanson
- George R. Jaqua '38
- Barbara Levy '77 and Joseph Hollander
- Richard M. Lieberman '52
- James T. Marcus '50
- The McCutcheon Foundation (Charles W. McCutcheon, Ann Terry, and Benson J. Chapman P'03)
- Donald E. Morel Jr. '79 and Lauren B. Morel
- Ronald Nelson Rudderow '57
- Arthur B. Ryer '30
- Robert E. Sell '84 and Susan J. Sell
- J. Peter Simon '75 and Janet Mauriello Simon '75
- Michael F. Weinstein '70 and Jill Weinstein
- George W. Whelen P'10 and Family
- George L. Williams '35



Cindy Oaks Linville '80 and Jud Linville '79 (right) with Cory Spera '15, Maroon Club Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year and Pepper Prize winner, and Wilbur "Billy" Oaks '51 at the Société induction dinner in March. The Lafayette family was saddened by the news of Billy Oaks' passing on June 13.

The ranks of Lafayette's most honored benefactors grew with the induction of **Philip D. '60 and Bernice Bollman, Judson C. '79 and Cynthia Oaks Linville '80, and H. Lee Messner '49** into the Société d'Honneur in March.

The Société was formed in 1986 to recognize exceptional lifetime generosity on the part of alumni, parents, and friends. The financial support of the 29 inaugural members spanned the first 160 years of the College's history. Since their induction, the Société has grown to 119 members, including 22 inducted during the Live Connected, Lead Change campaign.

Phil and Bernice Bollman have expressed their gratitude for the assistance they received as students and their commitment to help current students by supporting financial aid, athletics, and engineering. The Bollman Team Room for baseball at Kamine Varsity House is named in their honor. They recently established the Philip D. Bollman Jr. '60 and Bernice Bollman Scholarship to provide financial aid to students who are both student-athletes and engineering majors and who demonstrate significant need. The Bollmans are the parents of a 1981 graduate and the grandparents of three recent or upcoming Lafayette graduates.

Jud and Cindy Linville share a lifelong passion for the College, an equally strong commitment to its students and student-athletes, and an exceptional legacy of leadership as volunteers and donors. These interests are reflected in their 2011 pledge to honor Cindy's father by creating the Dr. Wilbur W. Oaks '51 Leadership Development Fund, which supports the Oaks Leadership Academy and other initiatives that help student-athletes become effective leaders in academics, athletics, and life. A more recent gift is significantly enhancing the women's lacrosse program.

Cindy, who is currently president of the Maroon Club, is the recipient of the College's Joseph E. Bell '28 Alumni Distinguished Service Award, and Jud is the recipient of the Alumni Association's George Washington Kidd, Class of 1836, Award in recognition of his professional accomplishments. The Linville-Oaks Lafayette legacy spans three generations and involves nine family members, including Jud and Cindy's daughters **Cammie '13 and Lucy '18**.

Lee Messner, who transferred to Lafayette after three years of service in World War II, has arranged for the College to benefit from a gift through his estate, with the proceeds ultimately used to establish the H. Lee Messner '49 Scholarship in the permanent endowment. Grants from the fund will be awarded to students with financial need who are "making the most of their Lafayette education." ■

MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIÉTÉ D'HONNEUR HAS GROWN BY NEARLY 25 PERCENT DURING THE LIVE CONNECTED, LEAD CHANGE CAMPAIGN.



## ENDOWED POSITIONS ADVANCE THE COLLEGE

**David M. '70 and Linda Roth**, longtime Lafayette benefactors who have been members of the Société d'Honneur since 1997, have established an endowment during the Live Connected, Lead Change campaign that supports three named professorships.

Here's why: to enable the College to recognize faculty who are exceptional teachers and mentors, are leading scholars in their disciplines, and are actively engaged in campus life.

**"I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THE DIFFERENCE GREAT TEACHERS CAN MAKE," SAYS CAMPAIGN CHAIR STEVE PRYOR '71. "I'M SURE EVERY LAFAYETTE GRADUATE HAS HAD ONE OR MORE PROFESSORS WHO REALLY SHAPED THEIR LIVES."**

**Curlee Holton**, Roth Professor of Art, has given scores of students opportunities to excel in art, to work side-by-side with significant artists, and to exhibit their work locally and nationally.

"Mentorship of a student by a teacher-artist is perhaps the most effective way to develop a young scholar for facing personal and professional challenges," says Holton, who founded the College's Experimental Printmaking Institute in 1996. "Students often influence my work by their unique approaches to problem-solving and personal experiences that are different from my own," he adds.

The Roth Professorships are among more than three dozen endowed positions at Lafayette, some dating back more than a century, across all four academic divisions. Faculty who hold them

are the stewards of a legacy forged over many years by outstanding teacher-scholars with the support of benefactors whose impact on the College has been immense.

The impact of visionary supporters has continued during the Live Connected, Lead Change campaign. To date, gifts to the campaign have endowed 10 new professorships and other key positions (including those held by the director of the Engineering Division, the director of the Life Sciences program, the co-directors of the IDEAL Center, and the head football coach) plus a new faculty fellowship program. In addition to the Roths, donors include **Robert W. Adenbaum '49, Peter C.S. d'Aubermont '73, the F.M. Kirby Foundation, James T. Marcus '50, Robert E. '84 and Susan J. Sell, and Walter A. '59 and Kate Scott**.

"Endowed positions are the highest academic honors we give to our professors," says Provost **Abu Rizvi**. "They commemorate a life of achievement and the promise of much more to come."

They also play an important role in sustaining Lafayette's reputation for excellence in teaching, mentoring, and scholarship. Faculty members holding named professorships receive additional funding each year to support research and professional travel. They enhance the College's prestige when they use their titles as they publish and exhibit their work and participate in academic conferences and other activities.

Holton is an internationally renowned printmaker and painter who has shown his work in more than 60 one-person exhibitions and over 100 group shows. His art is in many private and public collections, including the Library of Congress. This year he received the Anyone Can Fly Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award for enriching and making known the history of African American art and culture.

"The Roth Professorship has brought with it much prestige and honor and has distinguished me among my peers," Holton says. "I discovered that there are only three endowed chairs in the visual arts held by African Americans in the country. This sets Lafayette College apart from its cohort and from most colleges and universities, period." ■



Curlee Holton, David M. '70 and Linda Roth Professor of Art, works with Will Rockafellow '14 at the Experimental Printmaking Institute.

### ENDOWING A PROFESSORSHIP

*A key objective of the Live Connected, Lead Change campaign is raising \$40 million for faculty positions. The College has added 20 of the 35 full-time faculty positions proposed in the 2007 strategic plan, lowering the student-teacher ratio to ensure students continue to receive individualized attention. By continuing to add positions, we will further increase student-faculty interaction, support additional interdisciplinary course offerings, and increase flexibility in staffing as the curriculum continues to evolve.*

A gift of at least \$2 million is required to endow a faculty position. By direction of the Board of Trustees, a portion (currently 5 percent) of the endowment's value will be used annually to support the professorship; additional earnings are added to the principal to ensure the fund's growth.

Commitments to endow a professorship may be made in the form of an outright gift, through a multi-year pledge (normally covering a period of no more than five years), or by means of a bequest or life-income gift. The position is filled when the full funding has been received.

Donors of endowed professorships may name the position. Donors will receive periodic updates on the scholarly activities of the holder of their position, as well as copies of the faculty member's publications and invitations to any public lectures he or she delivers.

# CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Gifts, pledges, and bequests totalled \$258.5 million as of May 31.

## CONNECTING LIBERAL ARTS AND ENGINEERING

GOAL \$130 MILLION

PROGRESS TO DATE \$61.1 MILLION

## FOSTERING INNOVATION IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

GOAL \$70 MILLION

PROGRESS TO DATE \$30.7 MILLION

## CONNECTING THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

GOAL \$120 MILLION

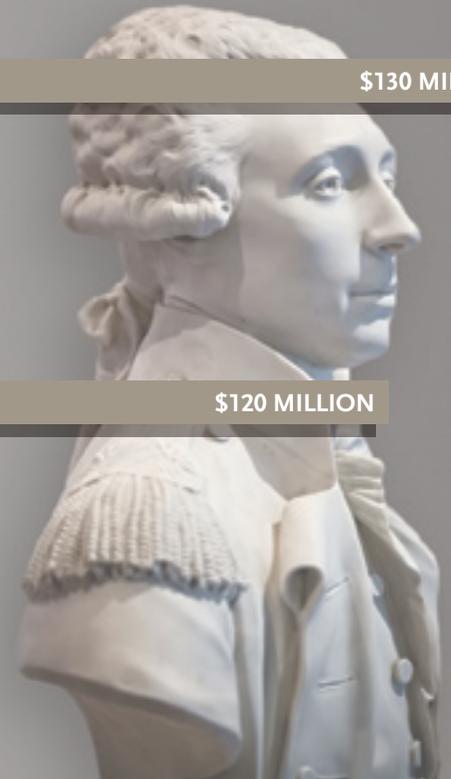
PROGRESS TO DATE \$57.9 MILLION

## ANNUAL FUND

GOAL \$75 MILLION

PROGRESS TO DATE \$52.1 MILLION

Emerging Initiatives: Goal \$5 million



# CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES



**CONNECTING LIBERAL ARTS AND ENGINEERING**  
\$130 MILLION

**A STATE-OF-THE-ART INTEGRATED SCIENCE CENTER**  
\$70 MILLION

**ACADEMIC FACILITIES**  
\$30 MILLION

**WILLIAMS ARTS CAMPUS**  
\$20 MILLION

**SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FUND**  
\$10 MILLION

**ANNUAL FUND**  
\$75 MILLION



**FOSTERING INNOVATION IN TEACHING AND LEARNING**  
\$70 MILLION

**FACULTY**  
\$40 MILLION

**STUDENT RESEARCH AND INTERNSHIPS FUND**  
\$10 MILLION

**TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION FUND**  
\$20 MILLION

**EMERGING INITIATIVES**  
\$5 MILLION



**CONNECTING THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY**  
\$120 MILLION

**FINANCIAL AID**  
\$60 MILLION

**ATHLETICS**  
\$20 MILLION

**CONNECTED COMMUNITIES RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM**  
\$40 MILLION

**TOTAL:**  
**\$400 MILLION**

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THE CAMPAIGN for LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

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