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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Foundation Board of Regents Report

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The Washington State University Foundation is pleased to report the following:

- As of March 28, 2025, generous alumni and friends have contributed \$80,756,595 in total philanthropic activity to benefit Washington State University faculty, students, research, and outreach system-wide during Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025).
- The WSU Consolidated Endowment Fund market value was \$770,836,715 as of January 31, 2025. The 1-year performance is 13.90%; 10-year performance is 7.60%.
- A couple of recently published stories highlight the power of philanthropy to make a difference for students, research, and the communities we serve across Washington and around the globe:
 - [Barbet family establishes endowment to support graduate students in Africa](#): The newly founded Barbet Family African Graduate Student Travel Fund is one of the many legacies Dr. Anthony "Tony" Barbet leaves behind after his death in 2024 that illustrate his longstanding commitment to research in infectious disease, education, and mentorship.
 - [Koerner Fellowship supports idea of tiny robotic submarines](#): Conor Trygstad will continue his graduate studies in micro-robotics and the development of tiny submarine robots for sea exploration thanks to a Koerner Family Foundation Fellowship.
- Several donor recognition events have occurred this spring.
 - Outgoing WSU President Kirk Schulz, Noel Schulz and I hosted new Benefactors (\$100K-\$249K) and Silver Benefactors (\$250K-\$499K) to honor and celebrate their cumulative giving in several exclusive, small group virtual Celebrations of Philanthropy events March (18 and 27) and April (2).
 - WSU System President Cantwell and other university and academic leaders were on-hand to recognize 27 new Crimson Benefactors (\$500K+) and Laureates (\$1M+) at a reception at WSU Pullman on April 11.
 - All of these events provided an opportunity for some of our most generous donors to be personally thanked by both WSU President Schulz and President Cantwell and acknowledged for their milestone giving achievement.
- April 16, 2025, marks the 10th anniversary of #CougsGive, WSU's official giving day. In those 10 years, Cougs generously made 10,253 gifts totaling more than \$4.5 million. Those gifts have supported scholarships, research, programs, innovative learning, leadership development, student activities, and more across all WSU campuses and colleges. The most impactful ways to participate in #CougsGive is to make a gift to WSU that day, and to become a #CougsGive Ambassador. More about #CougsGive here: <https://cougsgive@wsu.edu>.
- Planning is underway for the WSU Foundation Spring Meeting at WSU Tri-Cities, May 7-9, 2025. The Foundation will host its Volunteer Awards Celebration in conjunction with the meeting on May 8.