The Value of Endowments

A program that encourages the establishment or support of an endowment fund is invaluable to any charitable organization fortunate enough to have one. SCCO is such an organization — blessed with donors who have the wisdom and foresight to establish or contribute to a fund that will continue to support the College in perpetuity.

Whether one’s passion is assisting students, enhancing the academic program, providing support for research, or expressing gratitude an endowment will provide funding forever. Yes, forever.

At SCCO an endowment is established at the $25,000 level. The money is invested and remains with the College forever and it’s the annual earnings of each fund from which financial support is generated for the donor’s designated area.

The value of an endowment program to a qualifying charitable organization is that it allows for the initiation or enhancement of programs without utilizing funds from the general operating budget thereby, maximizing these precious dollars. At SCCO, tuition represents less than 48 percent of the total operating revenue. The balance of operating revenues includes contributions from individuals, alumni, corporations and foundations as well as income from endowments, investments, continuing education programs and College vision-care centers. Endowments also help the College because they help our students to have less educational debt.

AN ENDOWMENT PROVIDES THE FUNDING TO ACQUIRE, PRESERVE AND MAKE ACCESSIBLE AN EDUCATION AT SCCO.

Annually, 10 students receive financial assistance from the Alumni Association of SCCO. The $1,000 scholarships are provided via an endowment that was established in 1979 to honor, Leslie W. Scown, O.D., a faculty member at the College from 1923–54. As with all scholarships for students the value of the Alumni Association scholarship is applied directly to each recipient’s educational expenses at SCCO thereby, helping each student lessen his or her educational debt.

As of June 30, the value of the Alumni Association Endowment was $219,290. This endowment continues to grow from the addition of “Life Members” to the College’s Alumni Association. All graduates are members of the Alumni Association; however, “Life Members” make a one-time gift of $500 to join this group with proceeds supporting the endowment.

AN ENDOWMENT HONORS STUDENT EXCELLENCE IN DIDACTIC AND/OR CLINICAL PERFORMANCE.

Among the many accolades and gifts presented to retiring SCCO President Les Walls, O.D., M.D., D.O.S., was something that will assist students in perpetuity. The long-established award for the valedictorian was endowed in 2007–08 and renamed to honor Dr. Walls thanks to the generosity of faculty, alumni, friends and colleagues who chose to honor his love of teaching in this most meaningful way.

This fully endowed award, the Dr. Lesley L. Walls Endowed Valedictorian Award, like the 63 others the College is fortunate to count among its investments, will continue forever. The award is presented to the graduating student who has attained the highest cumulative grade point average while at the College. The Valedictorian for the Class of 2008 was, Tawny Kaeochinda Walrath, O.D., from Azusa, CA.

The endowment is funded at $25,200 as of June 30.
AN ENDOWMENT ENCOURAGES, SUSTAINS AND ADVANCES THE PROFESSION VIA ONGOING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.

The stature of faculty research was greatly enhanced thanks to the generosity of the family of Richard P. Hemenger, Ph.D., O.D., a beloved professor of students and alumni. Following his death a gift of more than $121,000 was provided to the College to fund the Dr. Richard P. Hemenger Faculty Research Endowment. Since its establishment in 2001, the endowment has provided seven faculty members with funding for research projects in a number of vision care areas including keratoconus, myopia, amblyopia, convergence insufficiency, genetic mutation affecting the retina and optic nerve, dyslexia, ocular surface disease, dry eye, and mechanisms of accommodations measured in the human eye.

The value of the endowment now stands at $162,400, an increase of 33 percent in seven years.

AN ENDOWMENT CREATES A LEGACY AND CELEBRATES THE MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE.

The invaluable contributions of Doris J. Caldwell are celebrated at two special SCCO events. Doris worked 17 years at the College — 13 of those years as administrative assistant to the president, Richard L. Hopping, O.D., O.S. She died in 1995 after a long and courageous battle against cancer. At that time, her family requested that in lieu of flowers that contributions be made to the College in her name. The outpouring of generosity from her colleagues, friends and family would eventually lead to the establishment of an endowment. The value of the endowment as of June 30, 2008 was $25,700.

Today, the endowment that bears her name funds the Annual Staff Appreciation Breakfast to recognize the contributions made by support staff members to the success of the College. It also funds Celebrate SCCO — a yearly gathering of the entire College Community to acknowledge the spirit of teamwork so richly demonstrated by students, faculty, staff and administrators.

IN APPRECIATION

Members of the College Community are grateful to alumni and friends who have committed to care for SCCO in perpetuity through establishing or contributing to an endowment fund. Their thoughtful and generous gifts to the College’s endowment program continue to grow and enhance didactic and clinical programs and on-going research activities. On a personal side an endowment serves to memorialize a loved one or colleague for all time. An endowment also ensures that the donor’s legacy of good at SCCO will endure for generations.
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Commemorative recognition is awarded to those donors whose direct cumulative financial support of the institution exceeds $25,000.

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Vision West, Inc., is proudly counted as one of the College’s Distinguished Patrons. The company supports SCCO students in a number of ways including its Independent Optometric Profession Award. During Commencement Week Activities, soon-to-be OD Karen R. Sun, ’08, received the $1,000 award from Vision West President/CEO Joseph C. Mallinger, O.D., ’72, and SCCO President Les Walls, O.D., M.D., D.O.S.

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An endowment fund, once established, continues in perpetuity with the income from the fund providing support for the area/activity specified by the donor. Fully endowed funds are established at the $25,000 level or above. For specific opportunities, please contact Bill Heaton, Vice President of Advancement, 714.449.7464.

Endowment Funds offer unique ways for individuals and groups to recognize achievement and distinction in special areas.

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The Southern California College of Optometry has an investment of $5,009,194 in scholarship funds:

Fully Endowed Funds
- Dr. Charles A. Abel Memorial Scholarship (1982)
- Alumni Association of SCCO Scholarship (1979)
- Alvin Applebaum Memorial Scholarship (1982)
- Arizona Vision Service Plan Scholarship (2001)
- Dr. Louis Ash Scholarship (2007)
- Asian American Optometric Society Award (1974)
- Black Student Scholarship (1997)
- Dr. Frank A. Brazelton Memorial Scholarship (1989)
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- California Optometric Council Achievement Scholarship (1995)
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- Dr. Homer and Marie Hendrickson Memorial Award (1999)
- Hispanic Student Award (1992)
- Betty Lou Hoefst Memorial Scholarship (1988)
- Dr. Richard L. Hopping Scholarship (1997)
- Dr. Donald E. Jarnagin Memorial Scholarship (1999)
- Rev. Dr. Leonidas Johnson ‘Missio Dei’ Scholarship (2007)
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- Marcia and Dr. Louis M. Zabner Scholarship (2005)

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- Dr. Morris S. Berman Scholarship (2007)
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- Dr. John A. Harris Student Loan Program (1987)
- Takeo Kanai Student Loan Fund (1994)
- Student Tutorial Assistance (1990)
- Vision for Excellence (1985)

STUDENT LOAN FUNDS

- The Southern California College of Optometry has an investment of $2,906,483 in student loan funds:

  Fully Endowed Funds
  - Dr. Charles A. Abel Emergency Loan (1982)
  - Dr. John A. Harris Student Loan Program (1987)
  - Takeo Kanai Student Loan Fund (1994)

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  The Southern California College of Optometry has an investment of $11,740,776 in other endowment funds.

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  - Doris J. Caldwell Recognition (1996)
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  - Student Tutorial Assistance (1990)
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  - Dr. H. Paul Schwadel Low Vision Award (1989)

A group of SCCO alumni has provided financial support for many years to provide scholarships for students of African-American heritage. Their efforts have culminated in endowing a fund from which scholarships are presented to entering fourth-year students who have financial need. In August 2007, Alumnus Terre Watson, O.D., ’86 (far left), joined Dr. Les Walls, SCCO president, to present two $500 scholarships to members of the Class of 2008 Alexis D. Charles (second from left) and Ja’Nai X. Tellis.
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Johannsen, ‘82, loves her profession and is unabashedly proud to be an alumus of SCCO. Her associate is a 1990 graduate and a niece is a 2008 graduate. Ann was President of the SCCO Alumni Association, 1996–99, and hosted the first Evening with President Walls in 2003 at her home in the hills of Claremont, CA. She is a member of the prestigious Council of Regents, an alumni advisory group to the President of the College. In addition, Ann is the current President of the Inland Empire Optometric Society and presently serves on several boards of directors, including that of the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic. The College is most appreciative of Ann’s wholehearted support of the profession of optometry and her tenure as Chair of the Annual Fund, 2007–08.

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Leon G. Lipkist† (28) ▲
Floyd M. Rogers P (1)
1941 – TOP TEN
Class Participation: 33%
Earl L. Bubar** (3)
Loyd E. Russell** (5)
1942
Class Participation: 7%
Harold D. Lachs** (31)
1943
Class Participation: 17%
James N. Merryman** (18)
1945
Class Participation: 13%
Helen L. Eng** (9)
1947
Class Participation: 10%
Dean C. Goff** (5)
Warren R. Port** (22)
1948
Class Participation: 20%
J. Davis Armistead** (26) ▲
William A. Greenside** (18)
Allen L. Fyett (33)
Harris L. Ziff** (16)
1949
Class Participation: 20%
Frank C. Hadley (23) ▲
Robert E. Robinson** (17)
Henry E. Whitehead** (21)
Fred W. Winnert** (22)
Daniel C. Wintner** (17)
Michael N. Wittnow** (20)
1951
Class Participation: 8%
Robert Eng** (28)
Richard H. Kendall†† (34) ▲
Richard A. Kramb** (9)
Harold V. Marsell†† (20)
Class Participation: 8%
Donald E. Stutz P (10)
1952
Class Participation: 23%
William N. Brisbane*** (32)
H. Murray Carver** (11)
Dennis Chinn** (29)
Warren Harvard Law † (33)
Frank L. Obstarczyk** (15)
Charles B. Parker** (27)
James D. Peterson** (12)
Eleanore Z. Thiil** (23) ▲
1953
Class Participation: 11%
Lowell Dean Godfrey† (31)
Sanford P. Morris** (20)
Manuel A. Portugal*** (10)
Richard O. Steinberg** (14)
1954
Class Participation: 21%
Francis A. Agio** (16)
Robert L. Allison** (2)
Elwyn E. Crume** (24)
Jerald G. Easton** (20)
Adolphus W. Lages** (16)
Charles H. Martin** (13)
Byron Y. Newman** (22) ▲
1955
Class Participation: 7%
Frank T. Caplan** (18)
Gerald J. Cox** (20)
1956
Class Participation: 12%
Louis A. Galasso** (31) ▲
Norman G. Goss*** (15)
Robert B. Mandell** (16)
1957
Class Participation: 14%
Jack L. Lowe** (23)
Ernest Nankas** (10) ▲
William J. Richter** (7)
1958
Class Participation: 7%
John G.M. Barnes** (4)
Rose Eng** (17)
1959 – TOP TEN
Class Participation: 25%
Sapiro Constance** (13)
Wayne W. Hoef† (32) ▲
Herbert J. Levin (14)
Stuart W. Needleman (13)
A. L. Sarantisinos** (28)
William E. Stein P (6)
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1960
Class Participation: 16%
Samuel Goetz** (25)
Stewart M. Forman*** (29)
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1961
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Harvey H. Yamamoto†† (32)
1962
Class Participation: 11%
Anthony V. Arodnetto** (33)
Allan D. Moore** (15)
1963 – TOP TEN
Class Participation: 24%
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Kenneth R. Manell** (25) ▲
Kenneth M. Murata (10)
Takao Shimazaki** (36)
Charles R. Wyatt** (25)
1964 – TOP TEN
Class Participation: 27%
Robert E. Ballard** (25)
Duane A. deCrouet†† (14)
Thomas J. Gibbons III*** (11)
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Ronald F. Kuykendall** (20)
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Allen Woodyard Souchek (12)
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1965
Class Participation: 16%
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1966 – TOP TEN
Class Participation: 18%
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1986 – TOP TEN
Class Participation: 25%
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Tom Determan†† (5)
Jeffrey H. Seeholzer*** (10)
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1987 – TOP TEN
Class Participation: 31%
Alejandro M. Arredondo** (10)
Jan L. Cooper-Hagman** (6)
Tom Determan†† (5)
Suzanne L. Dourite** (5)
Linda Germundsen*** (19)
David B. Golden*** (12)
Alison Howard** (12)
Linda W.T. Hsu** (6)
Lisa V. Keltner (10)
Joseph K. Kikumoto** (11)
Lisa L. Knapp** (1)
Jeffrey C. Krohn† (17)
Brian E. Linde** (9)
Lynne D. Louie** (14)
Dennis G. Lowman** (19)
Frank E. Miller*** (4)
Dena M. Mintz** (15)
Katherine S. Mulvey** (4)
Raymond Mulvey** (1)
John H. Nishimoto*** (8)
Glenn S. Parnes** (16)
Kurt R. Skinner*** (7)
Dennis J. Spior** (11)
Despina Swanson (5)
Mark A. Swanson (6)
Jeffery J. Thatcher** (4)
Linda Lee Tom (12)
Barb T. Mapham** (17)
Paul T. Woo** (3)
1988
Class Participation: 18%
Kimberley D. Ackley** (6)
Sheila F. Anderson*** (16)
Lori J. Clark (17)
Elaine L. Cormier** (3)
David S. Davist (19)
Glenn M. Demlingler (8)
Gary M. Freestone** (12)
Kevin J. Germundsen** (10)
Nancy M. Honda†† (1)
Sean W. Kuhn** (7)
John E. Larcaball† (18)
Clifford A. Lee†† (5)
Neil W. McAllister (2)
Robert S. McPherson** (2)
Si Pokpongkiat** (1)
Todd L. Wolfley** (13)
1989
Class Participation: 13%
Helaina Y. Boulieris-Staney*** (2)
Pamela V. Falk H (11)
Judith A. Hendrickson** (14)
Kevin K. Hirano (16)
Reid M. Kunitake** (12)
Eric W. Leser** (4)
Gary T. Monji** (17)
Kenh M. Robertson** (7)
Katherine K. Saldana** (14)
Herb A. Starlin** (2)
Milton M. Tari (6)
Golnar Zarnegar** (3)
1990
Class Participation: 18%
Brad A. Baggary** (14)
Benjamin L. Doz** (11)
Winnona J. Firth** (4)
Troy S. Ford** (13)
Leslie G. Gregor†† (8)
Sean Hamashige** (17)
Gregory D. Hansen** (10)
Joyce E. Jordahl-Nash (16)
Hale M. Kell** (10)
Charles J. Korth** (14)
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Jonathan P. Smith*** (17)
Donald E. Teagle*** (10)
Jenet Melton** (1)
Elsa T. Pao (10)
KASURE V. SHARIFF** (3)
Kosol Vipapan** (4)
Grace K. Wong** (4)
Chen K. Young† (7)
1991
Class Participation: 9%
Carolina B. Aguero** (10)
David J. Dueñas** (10)
Sharlene Susanne Gee (10)
Frances D. Guerrero** (9)
Tanya D. Markis-Meyer** (2)
Valerie L. Rasner** (4)
Dawn M. Viramontes** (2)
Cecilia Wong** (2)
1992
Class Participation: 10%
Joanne C. Gronquist** (10)
William James Hasquet*** (8)
Diana L. Holcomb** (3)
Brenda Noriko Ikemoto** (3)
May Yuen Isbell** (5)
Theresa M. Luu** (4)
Jennifer C. Malinger† (7)
Dave S. Perey** (4)
Ann Q. Tran** (2)
Janet Guoyet Tran** (3)
1993
Class Participation: 11%
John D. Blackburn** (2)
Jenny S. Choi** (1)
Gregory Y. Kame** (8)
Pauline Thuy Le-Dinh** (2)
Yvonne D. Lee** (5)
Jason D. Pearce** (7)
Melissa A. Tada** (8)
Yin C. Teat (3)
Jason D. Tu** (2)
Alyon J. Wasik** (5)
1994
Class Participation: 19%
Christopher C. Carpenter** (4)
Lisa Bobbett Chiles*** (3)
Joanna N. Chu** (3)
Jacee R. Cotton** (1)
Suzanne M. Day** (5)
Anna Margarita A. Geronimo** (2)
Mary A. Grant** (2)
Nancy T. Imamoto** (5)
Anna Sun Kame** (1)
Brian S. Kawanakiait (6)
Cindy F. Lum Kawai** (2)
Daniel K. Kimura** (3)
Jennifer M. Poolee** (2)
Ryan D. Simmonds (2)
Cindy W. Siu** (2)
David A. Swearingen (4)
Rischel Nguyen Yeh*** (4)
2001
Class Participation: 10%
Michelle P. Ahumada (4)
Corey A. Hodes (2)
Tina N. Kastler (2)
Maggie B. Nguyen† (1)
Justin E. Sandholm** (3)
Nicole V. Sava** (1)
Ben R. Shao** (2)
David P. Shibata** (3)
Jennifer A. Simmonds (1)
Michael J. Vernon** (4)
2002
Class Participation: 7%
Liza F. Dimaranan** (1)
Natalie K. Duong** (1)
Michelle L. Essex (1)
Jessica D. Graham** (2)
Ankur Kalra** (2)
Eddie C. Wang*** (3)
2003
Class Participation: 9%
Bethanie H. Deemer (3)
Justin L. Kohs** (3)
Michelle A. Kohs** (3)
Michael R. Kostura (1)
Joseph C. Maycock*** (5)
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