

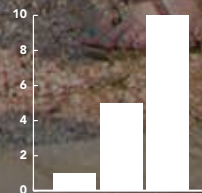
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The mission of the Colorado Mesa University Foundation is to strengthen educational opportunities at Colorado Mesa University through the generation and distribution of all gift assets. The Foundation serves as the depository for all charitable gifts and acts in a fiduciary capacity as exclusive agent for donor activity.

I often show people a couple of graphs that deal with the rate of high school graduates in Mesa County who go on to postsecondary education. Not because I like what they show. To the contrary, I don't.

There are fewer Mesa County high school graduates continuing their education than in most other counties in western Colorado. And the middle-income households are lagging far behind higher-income and lower-income families.

That presents a challenge to the CMU family. It's a challenge that we've begun to tackle, but much more work is required to help these students.

We now have college and career advisors in District 51 high schools. They are there to make sure every student knows what further educational opportunities are available to them, and what they need to do to take advantage of them.

Data shows that freshman and sophomore students are more successful in college if they live on campus. The Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative can provide as much as \$5,000 to be used for on-campus housing to Mesa County students.

We've created partnerships with local governments in our service area to create scholarships for local students. Our message is simple: An educated workforce is a requirement for any employer either already here or considering locating here. Call it economic development at the cellular level.

And, as they always do, private donors have generously stepped up to help Mesa County kids by creating scholarships and endowments dedicated to educating local students.

We are far from saying we solved the problem. There is much work to be done.



But, in this publication, you can read about some of the work that has already been done and hear the stories of some of the wonderful students who have taken advantage of our efforts.

As always, I thank you for your support of Colorado Mesa University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Foster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the top of the "T".

**Tim Foster, President**  
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## CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION FUNDS NEW LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE TUNE OF \$250,000

**F**or years, CMU has made an annual trek to Grand Junction City Hall, asking for money to help buy property that in turn can be razed for new buildings to expand the university campus footprint. And for years, the city, realizing the importance of CMU to the community, has obliged. Those annual donations, which have been as much as \$500,000 have been a critical component in CMU's rapid growth during the past decade.

Last year, the university's request was different. The money was needed, but not so much to buy real estate as to invest in new graduates from Mesa County Valley School District 51.

"The college specifically said they thought this would be better use of city money," said Grand Junction City Councilor Rick Taggart.

They may well be forfeiting their chances for a more successful life, which in turn can become a problem for the community.

"There's no mystery about what is good economic development," he said. "We have to have a bigger and more educated workforce. If an educated work force isn't the No. 1 thing companies look for when thinking about where to relocate, it's always in the top three."

Funding the Opportunity Scholarships is a perfect place for the city to park some its money earmarked for economic development, he said. ♦

**Photo, right:** Grand Junction Mayor Barbara Traylor Smith with local high school students who are recipients of the Grand Junction Opportunity Scholarship Fund, which the city funded to the tune of \$250,000.

COMMUNITY ENTITIES AND DONORS STEP UP  
TO HELP MAKE COLLEGE ATTAINABLE ...

# INVESTING IN STUDENTS

Once again, the City of Grand Junction stepped up, maintaining the long-standing partnership between the city and CMU. The city funded the Grand Junction Opportunity Scholarships to the tune of \$250,000. The scholarships were awarded to 2018 graduates of District 51.

Selling city taxpayers, and some city councilors, on the wisdom of giving municipal dollars to CMU can be difficult. Indeed, the vote for the funding was 4-3.

The money comes from the city's economic development fund. For Taggart spending that money was an easy call. He has seen the data on the number of Mesa County families whose children don't participate in any kind of postsecondary education. And he has met some of those kids and knows their stories. Postsecondary education can be a problem for them, he said, simply because they can't afford it.

## CITY OF MONTROSE AND MONTROSE COUNTY PLEDGE \$185,000 FOR MONTROSE SUCCESS FUND

The City of Grand Junction is not the only local government to partner with CMU in an effort to get more local high school graduates into either CMU or Western Colorado Community College.

Both the City of Montrose and Montrose County have also pledged significant amounts of money to help high school graduates.

The City of Montrose pledged \$100,000 for the Montrose Success Fund and Montrose County added another \$85,000.

"We decided ... we wanted to help some of the young people in our community who may not have the financial means to go to college," said Montrose Mayor Roy Anderson. ♦





...THROUGH NEW SCHOLARSHIPS  
DESIGNATED FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

# → YIELDS HIGH RETURNS

## FOLTZ FAMILY ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP EARMARKED FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

It's hundreds and hundreds of miles from western Colorado to eastern Pennsylvania.

But it's eastern Pennsylvania that Howard Foltz and his family call home, and western Colorado, and Mesa County in particular, that they think of with great fondness.

It was pure happenstance that led the family here many years ago. It was a hunting expedition near Meeker where they met a banker who was looking at investment opportunities in Mesa County.

He suggested the Foltzes look too. Look they did. It didn't take long for them to become owners of the Valley Plaza shopping center on the I-70 Business Loop. Nor did it take long after that for them to realize that they had purchased a part of the world that they would soon come to love.

"Grand Junction has been very good to us," Foltz said.

Foltz, a part-time ski instructor in eastern Pennsylvania, likes to tell a story about how one knows if there is a ski instructor in the crowd. The answer, he said, is "Nothing. They'll quickly tell you."

He is much the same way about Grand Junction and Colorado Mesa University. One need not be around him long before he will tell you that he may live in



*The eastern Pennsylvania Foltz family owns commercial property in Grand Junction. The family cares deeply about Grand Junction and CMU so they established an endowment earmarked for Mesa County students.*



Pennsylvania, but he dearly loves Mesa County, Colorado and CMU. And yes, he's a ski instructor too.

He doesn't just love the area because his commercial real estate venture has been good to him. He also is fond of the opportunities it affords people who live here. Since those people are the driving force behind his success, his family feels an obligation to help them.

"My family and I are big believers in education," he said. "We like to help local students get the education they need."

Enter CMU.

The family established a scholarship earmarked for Mesa County students. "The Foltz family is just the kind of donor CMU needs at this point in time," said CMU Foundation CEO Liz Meyer. "They understand the importance of postsecondary education and they understand the concept of community. We're delighted that they have become a part of the CMU family."

The feeling is mutual. "We looked at what CMU was doing," Foltz said, and he and his brothers Jonathon, Bob and David "were very impressed. It's a good fit for us... We love the Grand Valley." ♦

## LOCAL FAMILY AND ROTARY CLUB COMBINE DONATIONS TO FILL SCHOLARSHIP GAP

Herb and Kate Feinzig are sure of one thing: Education is and always has been a huge part of their lives. It was the foundation of their success and now, in retirement, it's time to do what they can to ensure younger generations get the same opportunities afforded to them.

They know the days when a high school education was the ticket to a comfortable life in the middle class are long gone.

Couple that knowledge with the Feinzigs' belief in giving back to their communities, and Herb's long-time association with Rotary, and CMU is the recipient of more than \$40,000 to be used for scholarships for District 51 graduates.

It all started with a challenge. Herb, a retired vice president of what is now Glaxo Smith Kline, challenged his fellow club members at the Grand Junction Downtown Rotary Club to match his \$20,000 donation to CMU. The donation would provide scholarships to local high school graduates.

## LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS ALLOW WYATT BRAMWELL TO ATTEND WCCC

Wyatt Bramwell is an engaging 18-year-old Fruita Monument High School graduate who is passionate about two things: trucks and rodeo.

One might look at those two endeavors and wonder what Colorado Mesa University can do for him. The answer is a lot.

That's why he is in his first year at Western Colorado Community College (WCCC) working on a certificate in diesel mechanics. And when he's not taking a diesel engine apart or putting it back together, one can find him participating on the CMU rodeo team as a team roper.

But there was one hurdle to get over before he could enroll at WCCC. He had to figure out how to pay for it.

He applied for several scholarships and was fortunate enough to get enough of them to make WCCC possible — chief among them was the City of Grand Junction Opportunity Scholarship. It was the key to allowing him to do what he loves best.

"I love trucks," he said. "The bigger the better. I've always loved to take things apart and put them back together." Now that's what he is learning to do at WCCC.

He considers himself "way ahead of the game," since he had some diesel mechanic courses in high school. And indeed, he is. He may be only in the first year of a two-year program, but he said he already has jobs waiting for him when he graduates.



And there is the rodeo. "We always had a lot of horses around when I was growing up and rodeo has been a big part of my life," he said.

"There was no way I could have done it without scholarships," he said. "It was a lot of money to fork out. I'm extremely grateful to all those people who support my scholarships. Now I'm just looking forward to completing the diesel mechanic program and representing CMU as best as I can on the rodeo team."



It was an easy task. Virtually every Rotarian contributed, and the final tally was well more than the goal of \$40,000. The Feinzigs may have provided \$20,000, but Herb is quick to add, "It's less a matter of us than it is of Rotary coming together."

The couple put a lot of thought into how they wanted to distribute the money. Kate, a retired cytopathologist, had noticed that too many students, particularly those with scholarships, dropped out of college after their freshman or sophomore years. The reason, she discovered, was that many scholarships only provided money for the first year or two. Once that ran out it too often meant the end of college life for those students. "We designed this program in the opposite way," said Kate.

The Feinzig-Rotary scholarship is structured so that students receive money during all four years, provided they meet certain requirements.

They must maintain a B average. And, as far as the Feinzigs are concerned, just as important is

**Photo, right:** Herb and Kate Feinzig pictured here with recipients of the Feinzig-Rotary scholarship. The Feinzigs gave \$20,000 to CMU and the Grand Junction Downtown Rotary Club matched it.

the requirement that students must go to Rotary meetings several times a year and talk about their experience at CMU. That is valuable to Rotarians, who get to see firsthand what their money is doing. Just as importantly, said Herb, is the value the students get from networking with business leaders.

Education, they believe, truly does open doors. It did for them. Herb has an MBA from Temple University and Kate earned her medical degree at Wayne State University.

Now, the challenge is to pass that message on to young people. "We must get people to think about education," said Herb. "It will last a lifetime." ♦



CMU freshman Mookie Ferguson took a few minutes during FYI Week in August to talk about how he landed at CMU, and what he intends to accomplish during the next four years.

"Have you ever been to Craig, Colorado?" he asked. "There's not much to do there." Much to do was not a reference to weekend social activities that many 18-year-olds might refer to. Mookie had a larger picture in mind. He was referring to what he might do with the rest of

his life. "You work in the coal mine or you work at the power plant," he said. Neither appealed to him — a college education did.

So, five years ago, he said, with an unsupportive father he moved to Grand Junction and enrolled himself in Caprock Academy. CMU was in his sights, but there was the large matter of how to pay for it. He could only see one way, debt. A lot of debt. So he began the process of applying for loans. He could see no other way.

The family he was living with introduced him to CMU Instructor and Grand Junction City Councilor

Rick Taggart. Taggart in turn pointed him toward the various forms of non-debt financial aid available to CMU students including those that are earmarked for local kids.

Now, he's a first-year nursing student and the recipient of several grants and scholarships, including the Grand Junction Opportunity Scholarship and the Mesa County Housing Scholarship. After receiving the scholarships, "we cancelled my loan application," he said.

➔ **CMU FRESHMAN ATTAINS GOAL OF ATTENDING COLLEGE THROUGH LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS**





# GENEROUS DONATIONS CRITICAL TO SUCCESS OF NEW ADVISOR PROGRAM

One of the keys to getting more high school graduates from Mesa and Montrose counties enrolled in postsecondary education is simply getting the word out and educating students and parents about the resources available to them.

Three years ago, CMU decided one good way to do that would be to place college and career advisors in local area high schools. The program began with four Mesa County high schools and last year expanded to Montrose and Olathe high schools.



It's not an inexpensive undertaking, but one that CMU believes is important and worth the investment.

Fortunately, the university has had some help.

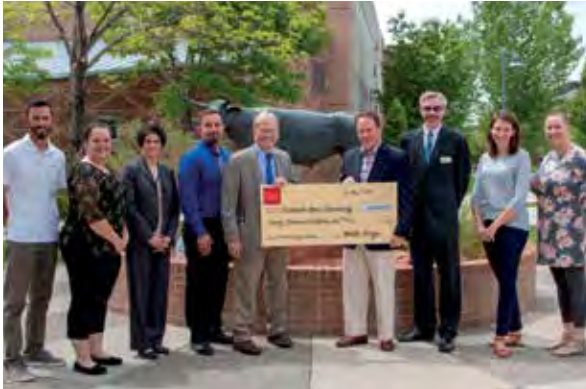
Early to buy into the advisor program was the El Pomar Foundation. The Colorado Springs-based organization has a long history of funding education and education-related programs, from scholarships to internships to the CMU College and Career Advisor Program.

El Pomar Trustee Dave Palenchar said the idea to fund the advisor program grew out of El Pomar's creation a few years ago of regional advisory councils around the state. The council charged with advising El Pomar about needs in northwest and west-central Colorado noted that the region has always been challenged with the boom-and-bust cycle of the energy industry.

"The issue has always been how do we get ahead of that," Palenchar said. El Pomar decided helping with

**Photo, top:** CMU's college and career advisors are Jeff Turner, Justin Little, Sara Hogue, Maggie Personeous and Sarah Vescio. **Photo, left:** Little, college and career advisor for Grand Junction High School, assists a student.





Wells Fargo's donation of \$20,000 to Colorado Mesa University helped make the College and Career Advisor Program possible.

the College and Career Advisor Program might be one piece of the puzzle to developing a diverse workforce.

"The key is how do we keep kids engaged," he said. El Pomar looked at the CMU advisor program and the trustees liked what they saw. They believed the program would lead to more local high school graduates going on to postsecondary education.

Other organizations have followed El Pomar's lead. The Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative has awarded a two-year Community Partnership Program grant. Wells Fargo and the local Rotary clubs have also contributed to support the operating costs of the College and Career Advisor Program.



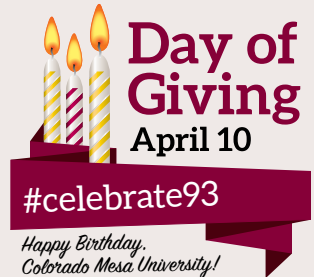
*El Pomar trustees, along with Trustee Dave Palenchar (above), believed college and career advisors could help engage Mesa County high school students and lead them to postsecondary education.*

El Pomar's generous donation of \$75,000 was critical to the success of the program, said Foundation CEO Liz Meyer. "Without the help from El Pomar and other donors, the advisor program might never have gotten off the ground. Those kinds of partnerships are key to CMU's success."

Palenchar said El Pomar has "always been impressed with the role CMU plays in the Grand Valley" and he and his fellow El Pomar trustees believe funding CMU programs is a wise use of El Pomar's assets. ♦

# WHAT A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On April 10, 2018, alumni, students, friends, faculty and staff came together to celebrate CMU's 93rd birthday with the second annual 24-hour Day of Giving. Thirteen unique campus campaigns ranging from academic departments to student groups and scholarships were available to support on the action packed day.



The day's festivities also included the Rowdy Brass Band, a giant birthday card and, of course, cake.

During this year's Day of Giving, 611 donors gave a total of \$32,400 to support CMU programs and organizations.

The CMU Foundation Board of Directors and Commerce Trust offered a \$5,000 bonus to the campaign with the most donors. The theatre department won the challenge with 163 donors for their campaign titled, "Can you hear us?" The project raised a total of \$10,580 and new sound equipment was purchased with the proceeds.



To view the campaigns and results go to [SupportingCMU.org/celebrate93](https://SupportingCMU.org/celebrate93).



# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 2017–18 fiscal year was a record year for the Colorado Mesa University Foundation. Significant donations were given throughout the year and these investments provide scholarships and fund perpetual endowments, campus expansion and support programs.



Last year, the Foundation reached a new milestone when its endowment surpassed \$30 million, of which more than \$1 million in earnings were distributed to the university to support scholarships and programmatic expenses.

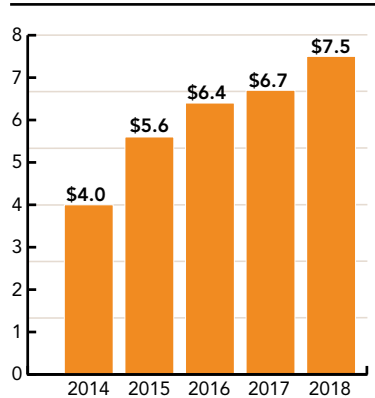
The substantial increase in the endowment is a testament to the numerous donors who have established named endowments at the CMU Foundation. A list of endowments can be found on page 12 of this report. In the 2017-2018 fiscal year, donors to the CMU Foundation continued to make important investments to impact students' lives.

## Fiscal Year 2017-2018

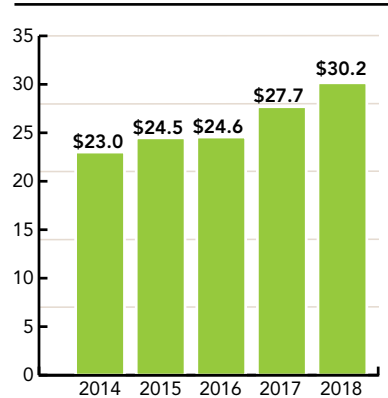
Value of gifts received	\$7,495,270
Number of donors	5,007
Scholarship dollars awarded	\$1,836,465
Endowment value	\$30,157,886

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of your gift supports students.  
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Gifts Received  
In Millions of Dollars

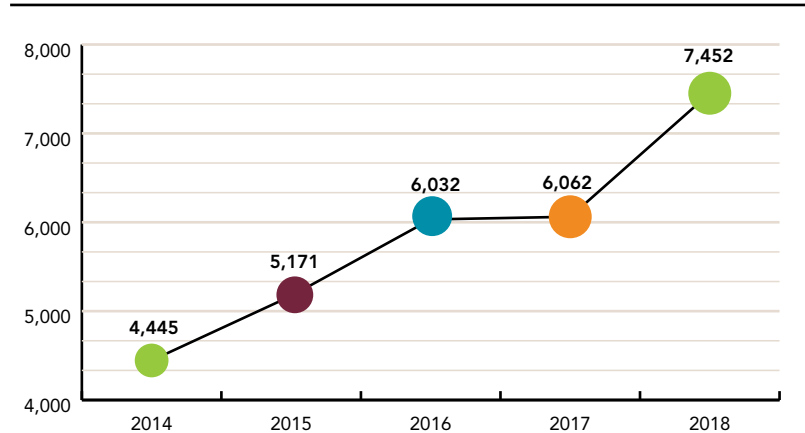


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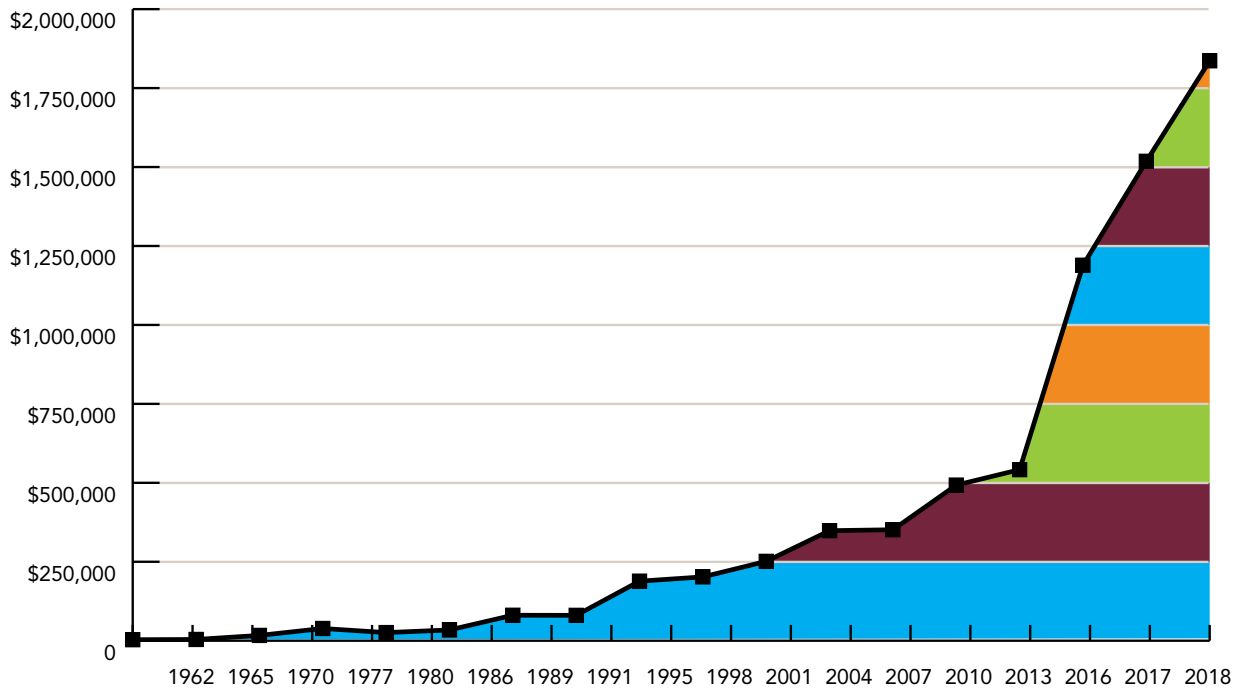
**7,452**  
gifts received

Number of Gifts Received





### Scholarship Dollars Awarded by Year



**17.76%**  
Increase in number of donors

**20.96%**  
Increase in scholarship dollars awarded

**\$5.6M**  
The amount spent to support CMU's mission

**8.88%**  
Growth in endowment

**19.15%**  
Increase in number of gifts

**\$15.3M**  
Amount of scholarships awarded since 1962

# 1925 Society

## COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

**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. ♦

∞ Indicates a contribution to the endowment in fiscal year 2017–2018.



- ∞ Albert J. and Marion T. Merlino Scholarship
- ∞ Anthony Lopez Memorial 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
  - Bob Wilson Endowed 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
  - Eileen Nagatomo Townsend Memorial Scholarship
  - Elliott Family, Carter & Lena Elliott Scholarship
  - Emerson Family Nursing Scholarship Fund
  - Ernest D. Buescher Memorial Endowed Scholarship
  - Esther Herr Memorial Scholarship
  - Ethel Mae Moor Applied Music Fund
  - Eva Cheek Memorial Scholarship
  - FirstBank of Colorado Low Income Scholarship



- ∞ Foltz Family Scholarship Endowment
- ∞ Football Alumni Endowment
  - Gean F. Lipson Trust Endowed Scholarship Fund
  - George and Masuo Nagatomo Memorial Scholarship
  - Gerlach Music Scholarship
- ∞ Goffredi Memorial Scholarship
  - Gormley Memorial Scholarship
  - Gower, Morford, Oleskevich & Kansgen Foreign Languages Scholarship
  - Grand Junction New Car & Truck Dealers Association Scholarship
  - Greer, Lapham, and Roth UTEC Scholarship
  - 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
  - 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
  - Mattie Smith Wagler Scholarship
- ∞ Maverick Innovation Center Endowment
- ∞ MBA Alumni Endowment
  - Merle and Thelma Lanning Scholarship
  - Mesa County Medical Society Scholarship
- ∞ Mesa Opportunity Scholarship Initiative
- ∞ Meyer Family Endowment
  - Milton W. "Red" Crawford Tennis Scholarship
- ∞ Moss Fairley Wagler Scholarship
  - Opal Snowder (Suzi) Boyd Memorial Fund
  - Petty Creek Farm Fund
  - Plumleigh Photojournalism Scholarship
- ∞ Professional Land Surveyors of Colorado Endowment
  - Randall Capp Family Endowed Scholarship
  - RBC Dain Rauscher Scholarship
  - Rex Howell Memorial Fund
- ∞ Richard D. Dayvault Endowed Memorial Scholarship
  - Richard E. Tope Memorial Scholarship
  - Richard F. Gilmore Sr. DDS Endowed Scholarship Fund
  - Robert and Cynthia Cutter Scholarship
  - Ron Halsey Memorial Scholarship
  - Rosalie Jean Bertram Endowed Scholarship
  - Rudolf and Fannie Susman Scholarship
- ∞ Rusty Crick Womens Volleyball Scholarship
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**Top:** Construction management students and faculty visit with members of B&B Electric to celebrate the establishment of their endowment.

**Above, left:** Stephen and Emily Sturm, Sturm Family Foundation co-managing directors, at the WCCC welding lab naming ceremony. A gift from the Sturm Family Foundation will provide scholarships and equipment for WCCC students.

**Bottom row, right:** President Tim Foster, CU Boulder Dean of Engineering Bobby Braun and U.S. Representative Scott Tipton at the ribbon cutting ceremony of Confluence Hall, CMU's new engineering building.

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City of Grand Junction  
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