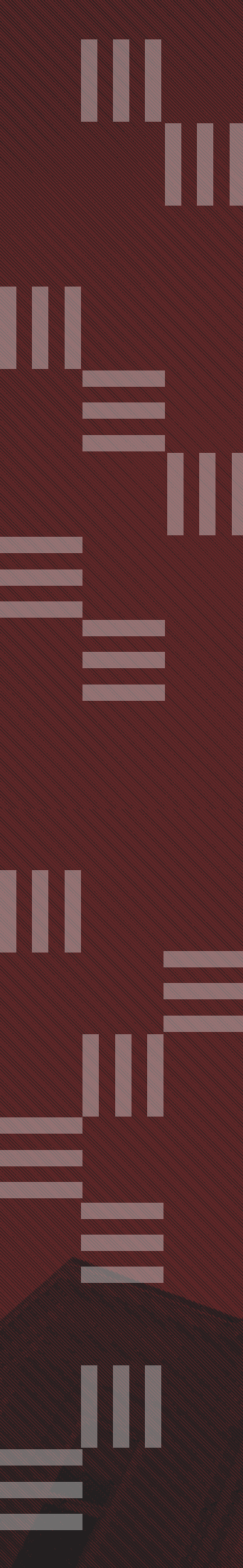




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— Clif Smart
President of
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"Our family is happy to be among those who give to Missouri State University. Laura and I are excited about how MSU continues to excel. That success is due in part to strong support from alumni, friends and the community. I wish to thank those individuals and organizations who support and care about the future of Missouri State. Your dedication will sustain opportunities for the Bears of today and tomorrow."



— Gordon Kinne
1975 alumnus, chair of
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That means our success isn't really "our" success — it's a partnership with you.

These gifts speak volumes about the loyalty and commitment of Missouri State University supporters.

Every gift, no matter the size, transforms Missouri State University.

We cannot thank you enough for your investment in the next generation of Bears!

"While we celebrate a record-breaking year, we are really celebrating the impact these gifts have on our students, faculty and staff. We always look forward to seeing the great things our Bears will do for the world."



— Brent Dunn
Executive director of the
Missouri State University
Foundation



“There’s so much pride and excitement here to share.”

— Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Dee Siscoe

**BILL AND LUCILLE MAGERS FAMILY
HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER**



Campus celebrates opening of Bill and Lucille Magers Family Health and Wellness Center

On April 9, a large crowd was gathered to commemorate the newest addition to campus.

That day, the facility's name was unveiled as part of the official dedication: The Bill and Lucille Magers Family Health and Wellness Center.

"We've been looking forward to this day for a long time," said Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Dee Siscoe. "There's so much pride and excitement here to share."

ABOUT THE MAGERS FAMILY

Brothers Bryan and Randy Magers and their wives, Chris and Ellen, supported the center to honor the brothers' late parents, Bill and Lucille.

"Bill and Lucille learned at an early age the importance of hard work and dedication," Missouri State University President Clif Smart said at the dedication. "They did not come from wealth. Lucille was one of six children growing up on a small farm in Humansville. Bill started work at age 7, selling newspapers in downtown Springfield to help support his family."

They served in the military during World War II.

"Bill was an officer in Burma and then in India. Lucille was a nurse," Smart said. "When the war was over, they returned to the Ozarks and had their two children, Bryan and Randy Magers."

Bill started Ozark York Air Conditioning and Heating Company. It grew from two employees to a highly successful business.

Lucille worked at Burge Hospital as a registered nurse.

Bill then went into commercial real estate and banking. He started the Bank of Marshfield, and his business grew to include more than nine banks.

"Bill had a great love for basketball," Smart said. "He began referring the sport while still in high school and continued that throughout his life. Bill was given the Southwest Missouri Officials Association Hall of Fame Award because of his skills."

Lucile devoted most of her time to charity work and her children, and, in later years, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bryan Magers spoke at the dedication about his parents. He was influenced by seeing them give time and resources to their favorite causes.

“They would have wanted to be involved in this,” he said, because of how much the center will help students.

“The thing that caught me when they were talking about this facility: Less than 5 percent of the state universities in this country have a facility like this on campus. One out of 20 schools. That’s just amazing to me.”

Students who come to this building will have access to physicians, a pharmacy, private counseling rooms and more.

“The architects just did a wonderful job on this,” Bryan Magers said. “It’s just beautiful on the inside and the outside.”

MORE SPACE, MORE SERVICES

In 2014, Missouri State University had a problem: A study showed our current health and wellness center, the medical home for students and employees, was on track to quickly outgrow its facility.

The center was running at about 97 percent occupancy every day.

That meant soon, the MSU community might not be able to access needed care in a timely way.

Students and private supporters stepped up to help. In October 2015, students voted in favor of a fee to pay for a new, larger center. Gifts and grants came in from supporters.

Ashley Crisafulli, a 2016 graduate and former student body president, was on a student government committee in 2014 that was considering the wellness needs of campus.

“I was receiving allergy shots twice a week. We were bursting at the seams, and I got to experience it first-hand.”

At the time, she said, the facility did not represent “the wonderful staff that we had in the center.”

Her committee, along with Siscoe and Dr. Frederick D. Muegge, director of health and wellness services, came to the conclusion that MSU needed a new building.

“We started talking about what can we do to make this better,” Crisafulli said.

They wanted not just more space, but more services.



“The Magers didn’t just tell their sons about their core values, they lived it. Hard work, integrity and generosity were practiced daily at the Magers’ home. It is in that same spirit of generosity that the Magers family is giving back to their community and to their university.”



— Clif Smart
President of
Missouri State University



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board-certified
primary care providers
(8 physicians, 1 nurse practitioner)

10+

medical consultants
(athletic trainers, dietitians,
psychologists, psychiatrists,
gynecologists, orthopedic
surgeons, radiologists and more)

Now, at the Magers Health and Wellness Center, Missouri State students and employees can receive primary care, including routine checkups and preventive services.

Other amenities:

- A full-service pharmacy
- A clinic for vaccinations, allergy shots and other services and screenings
- A laboratory
- Mental health care
- Radiology, including on-site X-rays
- Specialist care in areas including athletic training, diabetes education, dietetics and nutrition, gynecology, orthopedics, psychiatry, travel medicine, tobacco cessation, wellness and more.

There are services and amenities at Magers not previously available on campus, including:

- A women's health center

- A sports medicine clinic
- A drive-through pharmacy
- An acute-care clinic
- Mental health counseling services
- Expanded hours (some evening and weekend times).

FACILITY CALLED "LEGACY" AND "LANDMARK"

Caitlin Schaefer, who graduated in 2018, was the student body vice president at the time of the building's dedication. She served as a student leader for MSU orientations, so she heard comments from family members when they were leaving their students on campus.

"The most common concern was: Will my student be safe, healthy and happy? This building, this resource right here, gives that sense of relief that there is a warm,

welcoming and convenient resource to get your student back on track," she said.

Schaefer also pointed out that the health and wellness center affects not just one group, but the entire campus community.

"To our donors, administrators, faculty, staff, students and everyone else involved, thank you for prioritizing what matters most," she said. "This truly is a landmark facility."

Muegge, a physician as well as the director of health and wellness services, has been at the university for more than 25 years.

"This is a unique clinic, which is now in a legacy building," he said. "Paired with the Welcome Center on Bear Boulevard at the front entrance of Missouri State University, these two buildings say to all prospective students, to all employees, to all visitors to campus: 'Welcome; we care.'"

"We strive to give the highest quality, most convenient care at the lowest possible cost. Now, the finest clinical staff in southwest Missouri has the finest building in which to serve. We will always strive to make you proud of your generous support. Thank you!"



— **Dr. Frederick D. Muegge**
Director of health and wellness services





OTHER SUPPORTERS ALSO PROVIDED NAMING GIFTS FOR THE MAGERS HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

1 Dr. Richard Biagioni, who has been a chemistry professor at MSU since 1989, named the Dr. Lisa Drabinowicz Women's Center in honor of his late wife. Drabinowicz served at the MSU health center from 1990 until Oct. 15, 1994, when she was killed in a car crash by a drunken driver. The couple's daughters were 8 and 10 years old when she died. Drabinowicz initiated the first women's clinic at the MSU health center.

2 The Bee Payne-Stewart Foundation made a gift for the wellness office suite. Bee Payne-Stewart was a community leader, a tireless volunteer and believer in grassroots advocacy. She was a founding member of the local League of Women Voters and the first female chairperson of the Springfield Park Board. She was a supporter of the Family Violence Center and Planned Parenthood. Bee was an MSU athletics booster, and once donated funds to install lighting for the women's softball field at MSU. Two of her daughters, Lora Thomas and Susan Daniel, attended the dedication of the Magers Health and Wellness Center.



3 A grant from the Sunderland Foundation in Overland Park, Kansas, led to a name for the grand lobby in the middle of the Magers Health and Wellness Center. This prominent lobby is a high-traffic area on the first floor, and will be seen by thousands of patients.



Sam Holmes was a member of the Missouri State golf team. This photo of him was taken in fall 2016 at a tournament in Nebraska.



A son. A Bear. A golfer.

REMEMBERING SAM HOLMES

The parents of a late student have established a scholarship in his name.

Mary Jane and Tim Holmes have endured brutal pain no parent should have to face.

Their son, Sam, took his own life in spring 2017.

He was a student at Missouri State University and a member of the MSU golf team at the time of his death.

They have turned their anguish into activism, telling their story on campus and beyond. The only good thing that can come of losing Sam, they say, is removing the stigma around mental illness and suicidal thoughts.

“We hope people find inspiration and guidance in what we say,” Mary Jane said.

The couple spoke in May at Missouri State’s first-ever Impact Summit, a conference on college student mental health.

They have also honored Sam by creating a scholarship in his name at MSU.

MEETING AN ENEMY, FINDING TOOLS TO FIGHT

When he was young, Sam was “the happiest kid you ever met,” Mary Jane said.

But when he was about 13 or 14, he met a lifelong, relentless enemy in the form of anxiety and depression.

He pulled away from family and friends. He didn’t want to go to school or social events. He stopped telling people he loved them.

“He couldn’t even order a pizza by phone,” Mary Jane said.

When his parents found out he was smoking pot in high school, they were devastated. First, because he might lose his chance for a

scholarship. Next, because some studies have found that teens who experience a major depressive episode are more likely to use drugs.

“It’s important for people to know that can be a sign,” Mary Jane said.

His parents also knew mental illness can be inherited, and that it runs in their family.

They took action.

“I am a social worker, and believe me, I did everything in my power to help him,” Mary Jane said.

They took him to a doctor, a psychiatrist and a counselor.

He was diagnosed with severe depression, general anxiety, social anxiety and panic attacks.

He found tools to help: He took medication. He kept a journal. He was a member of the basketball team.

He played guitar — a skill he picked up around fourth grade — with a young adult rock band called SuperCharge. When he was 12, SuperCharge had even played at the famous Whisky a Go Go in Los Angeles.

But where he really shined was on the golf course. Tim is a former golf pro, and his talents went to the next generation.

“Sam starting hitting a ball when he was about 3,” Tim said. “For him, it became an escape. He could get on the golf course by himself. He was comfortable there.”



Sam Holmes in his Missouri State team shirt

Sam never wanted to be the center of attention, but he couldn’t avoid it — he was too good. During his senior year, he was ranked in the 300 best high school players nationwide and was in Missouri’s top three. He played in national tournaments.

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**“ Tell everyone:
I am glad you
are here. You
matter.’ Please
show grace.”**

— **Mary Jane Holmes**

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MSU’s golf coach had seen Sam play and was interested, Tim said.

Sam narrowed down his college choices, then selected Missouri State.

“You never saw anyone wear MSU colors so much,” Mary Jane said. “He was into fashion, so he took it to another level.”

STARTING COLLEGE, WITH UPS AND DOWNS

College life seemed to be good for Sam.

He was stressed at first. But as he settled in, his symptoms seemed to be improving.

“We heard lots of stories about his teammates,” Tim said. “He was very proud to be a Bear and a member of the golf team.”

As always, Tim said, Sam was “hilarious, really witty and fun.”

He was successful on almost all accounts at MSU, Mary Jane said.

But then came a crisis.

Late one night in October, Sam sent a text that troubled Mary Jane. She spent the next day trying to get a hold of him.

That afternoon, he went to his parents’ house.

“He let us know he had been saving medicine to O.D.,” Tim said.

They took Sam to the E.R.

“It was a horrific experience,” Tim said.

Sam was admitted to a mental health center for four days. Because he was older than 18

at this point, the staff could not share much information with Tim and Mary Jane.

But this crisis passed. Sam went back to school and finished his first semester.

“HIS GREATEST FEAR WAS TOMORROW”

The winter break came and went. Spring semester started.

Sam had good times and bad.

A few weeks after Valentine’s Day, “he asked to borrow my gun for target practice with friends,” Mary Jane said. “I said no.”

One bright point: Sam got a pet, a Dobermann. Bruno still lives with the Holmeses.

“Sam and that dog loved each other,” Mary Jane said. “He would come over to our house each night to play with him. We would stand in awkward silence with him and say ‘do you want to tell us something?’”

They knew things weren’t right.

“He spent spring break on campus, alone. He asked to come home for a visit, but spent most of that time in bed,” Mary Jane said.

She thought she might lift his spirits with a talk about positivity. But he came out of his room after their talk with his backpack on, ready to leave. She promised not to lecture him again.

“It is the most awful thing to watch your child spiral down emotionally and there’s nothing you can do,” she said.

On March 17, 2017, Sam took his life.

“We found out later he had stopped counseling and medication,” Mary Jane said.

He left a note. It told his family, including sister Mary Scott, “I did truly love you.”

He just forgot what happiness felt like, Mary Jane said.

“His greatest fear was tomorrow.”

TELLING THEIR STORY TO HELP OTHERS

The Holmeses openly share Sam’s story.

“We don’t want anyone to judge our family, our son or mental illness,” Mary Jane said. “We’re not embarrassed he had an illness.”

Tim wants to change the way people talk about Sam’s disease.

“Cancer and mental illness are both biologically based diseases, and both can kill,” Tim said. “Words I hear associated with cancer are warrior, stoic and strong. With mental illness, it can be crazy, lazy, spoiled.”

They both encourage children, teens and family members going through similar situations to speak out, get diagnosed, find treatment that works for them and seek support systems.

“The question that haunts me,” Mary Jane said, “is why does our society have such a hard time being vulnerable? We have learned from our own experiences that silence can kill.”

ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP IN HIS NAME AT MISSOURI STATE

After Sam passed away, Tim had the idea of setting up a scholarship at MSU “right away, to give back. It’s what Sam would have wanted.”

Members of their family participated in establishing the Sam Holmes Memorial Golf Scholarship.

“Now, it will always be there in his name,” Tim said.

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Sam's parents Mary Jane and Tim Holmes (on the right) and Sam's uncle and aunt Mike and Karen Dreyer (on the left) met the first recipients of the Sam Holmes Memorial Golf Scholarship at a scholarship banquet on campus. Chris Obert (third from left) and Lukas McCalla (fourth from left) were two of Sam's former roommates.

The first recipients were Lukas McCalla and Chris Obert, two of Sam's former roommates and teammates.

"Sam will always be a brother Bear to me," McCalla said. "I'm grateful to have had such a supportive and thoughtful teammate."

Obert said it's an honor to remember the person he calls a dear friend.

"His legacy lives on through this scholarship as we strive to be the friend, teammate and athlete he was."

SPREADING HOPE AROUND THE WORLD

In addition to the scholarship, the family has another way of remembering Sam.

They allow family, friends and strangers to spread his ashes around the world.

Those who do so post on a Facebook site called Spreading Hope by Spreading Sam. It's maintained by Mary Jane.

"It felt so important to me to do this," she said. "When people place his ashes in their hands, it makes it so real. It helps them find their own purpose."

Sam's former girlfriend, MSU student Mikala Garnier, was one of the first to post a video. She laid part of Sam to rest while walking on a trail in Saratoga, New York.

Now, anywhere you go, Sam might be there: Arizona, California, Colorado, China, Florida, France, the Grand Canyon, Hawaii, Ireland, Italy, Las Vegas, Maine, Mexico, Niagara Falls, Peru, Turks and Caicos — and more all the time.

One of Tim's favorites: Sam's teammate

“ We have realized how many lives Sam touched. The support we have received is pretty remarkable.”

— Tim Holmes

Adam Fisher, who is from Scotland, spread Sam's ashes at the 18th hole of St. Andrews Links in Scotland — one of the most famous spots in golf.

Mary Jane also uses the platform to share articles about anxiety, depression, suicide and combating mental illness.

"I lay in bed every night looking for interesting things to post," she said. "It's hard, but it's cathartic."

PEOPLE TELL THEM: "SAM SAVED MY LIFE"

They miss Sam every day. They will for the rest of their lives.

"We had him for 19 years. It wasn't enough. It touches every cell in our bodies. But we are really proud to be Sam's mom and dad," Mary Jane said.

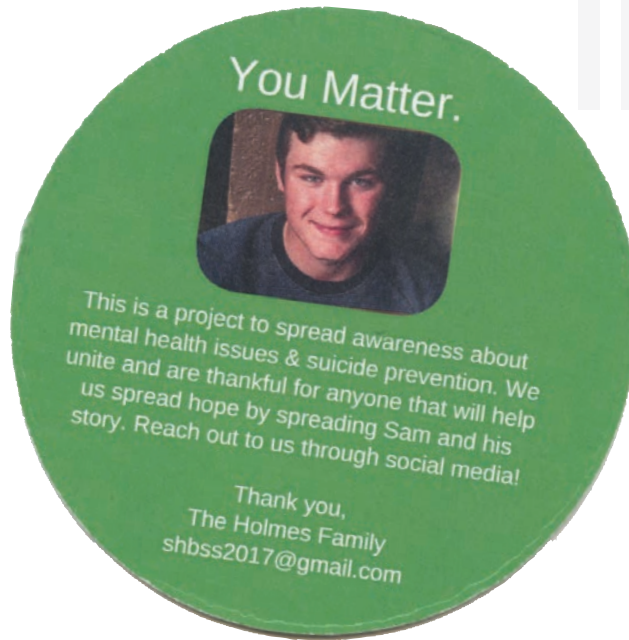
There is no doubt, they said, that talking about their son has helped others.

“People have told us they reached out for help after hearing his story,” Mary Jane said. “I get a lot of messages saying ‘Sam saved my life.’”

The couple have become community advocates, asking for more resources that can be easily accessed before an illness becomes an emergency.

The Holmeses have become friends with the people who run a Kansas City-based nonprofit named Speak Up. It focuses on teen mental health and suicide prevention. Mary Jane is helping to start a branch called Speak Up Springfield to work with local high school students.

“Each day, I feel a little stronger,” Mary Jane said. “I want you to see me as hope.”



Want to attend MSU's 2019 Impact Summit?

The Impact Summit: College Student Mental Health Conference will be a day-long conference consisting of keynotes and educational break-out sessions focused on topics pertaining to college student mental health. It will be held **May 1, 2019**.

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Discoverer of the Titanic, former first daughter both speak at conferences

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In addition to this year's spring conference, held April 10-12, we had a second conference Sept. 25-27.

The discoverer of the Titanic, Dr. Robert Ballard, and former first daughter Jenna Bush Hager were the keynote speakers of those conferences.

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**SPRING KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
DR. ROBERT BALLARD**

Exactly 106 years from the day the Titanic set sail, the man who found its wreckage visited Missouri State University.

Dr. Robert Ballard spoke April 10.

He has tracked down many significant shipwrecks. The list includes the German battleship Bismarck, the lost fleet of Guadalcanal, the U.S. aircraft carrier Yorktown and John F. Kennedy's boat, PT-109.

Ballard has 21 honorary degrees and six military awards. He was a commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve and served in the Navy from 1967 to 1997.

The Missouri State University Foundation held a private reception and Titanic-themed dinner with Ballard.



**FALL KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
JENNA BUSH HAGER**

Since leaving the White House, former first daughter Jenna Bush Hager has found her own voice.

Bush Hager spoke Sept. 25 at Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts.

She is a best-selling author, contributing correspondent for NBC's Today show, chair of the United Nations Children's Fund's Next Generation and editor-at-large of Southern Living magazine.

"If you've seen her reports, you know the compassion with which she tells people's stories," said Mary Ann Wood, MSU director of public affairs support. "She shares personal accounts of everyday people improving their communities."

Bush Hager is the author of The New York Times best seller "Ana's Story: A Journey of Hope." "Ana's Story" tells the tale of a 17-year-old single mother with HIV who struggles to shield her child from a life of abuse and neglect. Bush Hager wrote it after traveling to Latin America with UNICEF in 2006.

She is also co-author of The New York Times best seller "Sisters First" and two children's books "Read All About It!" and "Our Great Big Backyard."

Bush Hager has a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Texas at Austin.

She is the daughter of former U.S. President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush. In 2008, she married Henry Hager. They are parents of two daughters, Margaret Laura "Mila" and Poppy Louise Hager.

Thanks to the Missouri State University Foundation and presenting sponsor Northern Trust, Bush Hager's keynote was free and open to the public.

The Missouri State University Foundation held a private reception and dinner with Bush Hager.

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MarooNation Ball galas: Making a difference

Scholarship recipient has overcome many odds

Foster care.

Cancer.

Loss of a parent.

Caring for a younger sibling.

Any one of these might prevent someone from attending college.

But Jasper Gain, the MarooNation Ball Springfield student scholarship recipient, refuses to give up.

“It doesn’t seem like I’ve done all these things. When I say them out loud, it feels unbelievable. I’m taking everything day by day.”



JASPER TELLS HER STORY IN A VIDEO CREATED FOR THE MAROONATION BALL: alumni.missouristate.edu/jasper

“ Thank you for believing in me. It feels amazing that there are people who don’t even know me but want to support me and make my dreams a reality.”

“YOU CAN DO SOMETHING BIGGER”

Gain’s journey began when she entered the foster-care system at a young age.

By the time she was 17, Gain had dropped out of high school, worked the night shift at a hotel for more than a year and was living with her mom’s ex-partner, whom she calls her “foster dad.”

Despite her circumstances, Gain had support, resources and a strong work ethic that kept her from falling through the cracks.

After dropping out, Gain took the GED test through a program called Missouri Options. Students usually stay in the program for about a year, but Gain passed in two weeks. This put her ahead of her original graduation schedule.

“I accidentally graduated high school a year early by dropping out.”

After graduation, Gain was paired with a mentor through the Youth Educational Success, or YES, program. Her mentor helped her with the college-search process.

Gain started at a community college in Kansas City, but her mentor thought she had greater potential.

“She saw my grades and said, ‘You can do something bigger. It’s possible,’” Gain said.

Gain was not sure if she believed in herself like her mentor did. She hesitantly looked for other college options.

She found Missouri State, and decided to take a chance.

She moved to Springfield in 2014 and became a Bear. She’s a communication sciences and disorders major who plans to graduate in spring 2021. She studies sign language, and wants to work with those who are deaf and hard-of-hearing.



STUDIES INTERRUPTED BY CANCER

While at MSU, Gain has achieved great success, but has also faced obstacles.

Through the YES program, she attended the Super Bowl and a foster youth conference in Washington D.C.

Gain studied abroad in Nicaragua in 2016 with the communication sciences and disorders program. When she returned, she noticed a swelling in her stomach.

“I thought I had picked up a parasite in Nicaragua. I was sure that’s what it was.”

A trip to the emergency room instead showed she had stage four ovarian cancer.

The diagnosis shattered Gain’s world. Five rounds of chemo and several surgeries in Kansas City halted her education for the entire 2016-17 school year.

But good news followed: Gain has been in remission since November 2016.

“It was one of the greatest days of my life when they told me I didn’t have cancer anymore.”

BECOMING HER SISTER’S GUARDIAN

Her life changed again shortly after, when she received a call from the police telling her that her biological dad passed away. She told her younger sister, Izzy, who had lived with their dad her whole life.

“She broke down,” Gain said, “because that was all she’d ever known.”

Ever since that day, Gain has been her sister’s sole guardian.

“IT DOESN’T STAY BAD FOREVER”

Gain is now back in school. She balances her course work with the responsibilities of being a single parent.

“Izzy is my biggest motivator,” she said. “I want her to see become a strong woman.”

Despite the struggles she has faced, Gain has an optimistic outlook.

“I’ve had a lot of ups and downs, and it seems like every time I catch my breath something else happens,” she said.

“But it does get better, you always come through and it doesn’t stay bad forever.”

Gain has a message for people who made her scholarship possible.

“I feel really grateful that there’s been so many people who have supported me through all of this. It means everything to me that people believe in me and in my dreams, and help me build.”



Father and son David and Derek Fraley (left and right) created a scholarship in the name of David's father, David Fraley Sr., (seated) to honor his dedication to education and family.



David Fraley Sr. taught them the value of work and education.

Now, two alumni have established a scholarship in his name.

A legacy that establishes opportunities for others

Father-son duo David and Derek Fraley know the value of hard work.

When they were growing up, David's father, David Fraley Sr., taught them a work ethic that has stayed with them throughout college and their careers.

"He taught us to do it all," Derek said, "and if you think you've finished your job, you haven't looked around to see what else needs to be done."

MAKING EDUCATION A PRIORITY IN THE FAMILY

David Fraley Sr. was born and raised in post-Depression Joplin, Missouri.

"I don't know if there's a way to emphasize how poor they were," Derek said.

Fraley Sr. started working at a young age to help support his struggling family. At the end of his time in high school, he made the decision to marry, work and raise a family instead of going to college.

Despite his lack of higher education, Fraley Sr. was successful in business endeavors. He started in the restaurant business and moved on to road sales while his family was still growing. Along with his wife, Betty, he managed a wholesale electronic parts store until he retired in 2001.

When his children were grown, he made it a priority for them to receive the education he never did.

“He always made sure that we had, in his words, ‘all the education you wanted,’ David said. “He never dissuaded us from going to school. He would do whatever he could to encourage us.”

GIVING OTHERS A CHANCE TO ATTEND COLLEGE

David graduated from Missouri State in 1975 with a degree in environmental science.

He was at the forefront of an industry that helped companies comply with new environmental regulations.

Derek followed his dad’s path as a Bear, graduating in 2001 with a bachelor’s degree in finance. Both continued their education post-graduation, receiving master’s degrees and, in David’s case, a PhD.

Throughout both of their careers, David as an environmental manager and Derek in the banking industry, they never forgot how fortunate they were to receive an education.

“I’ve met some really, really brilliant people working in the utility industry who didn’t have the chance to go to school,” David said. “They could have accomplished everything I’ve accomplished and more scholastically if they’d just had the chance.”

Well, he says of the gift he recently established at MSU: “here’s the chance.”

“THE BEST THING ANYONE HAD EVER DONE FOR HIM”

Last November, David and Derek started the process to establish a scholarship in honor of David Sr. and his late wife, Betty.

“The scholarship is for kids like dad,” David said, “to help them get the degree that dad didn’t.”

When the award is being given, preference will be given to a student studying business from Jasper County and surrounding counties — someone who had a job while in high school, showing an appreciation for hard work.

They worked with the MSU Foundation to establish the David and Betty Fraley Endowed Scholarship in December 2017.

They hoped to give it to David Sr. for a holiday gift.

“The foundation did everything they could to have it ready by Christmas,” David said.

When they presented the scholarship information to David Sr. on Christmas Day, they weren’t sure how he would react. His reaction was filled with gratitude.

“He cried,” David said. “He said it was the best thing anyone had ever done for him.”

After all that David Sr. did for his family, David and Derek are excited to pay it forward to future students at Missouri State.

As Derek said: “It’s just really important to make sure the people who come behind you have the same opportunities you had.”



David Fraley (right) is pictured here with his wife Deborah and Missouri State President Clif Smart. Fraley pulled together with his son Derek and other family members to establish a scholarship in the name of David’s father, David Fraley Sr.





The #BearCrowd continues to amaze us!

If you have supported crowdfunding this year, in any amount, you have been a part of amazing projects and opportunities across campus.

Crowdfunding allows anyone, anywhere to contribute to Missouri State causes and projects.

We have had some great success with crowdfunding campaigns this year.

Many types of support help us meet crowdfunding goals

You may give any amount, no matter how small. With crowdfunding, it all adds up to help MSU! And anyone can join the #BearCrowd: You can become a volunteer advocate by sharing campaigns on social media.

See all of our active and past campaigns:
missouristatecrowdfunding.org



“I LOVE THE BEARS” GIVING CHALLENGE

Missouri State University Athletics held an “I Love the Bears” giving challenge in February. It was sponsored by The Bears Fund to support MSU student-athletes.

Alumni, family, friends, students and fans were invited to make gifts in recognition of their favorite teams. The gifts will now be used by each team to support their individual needs.

Your support helped us meet and exceed the original goal of \$100,000 by the end of the campaign on Feb. 28, 2018.




THE CHORAL ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Our choirs are among the best in the world. MSU students regularly perform at national and international events, including the 2017 presidential inauguration. Our Chorale toured Asia and some European nations in 2018.

Creating an MSU Choral Endowment will give the choirs a necessary, dependable source of funding for some of these amazing trips, which make a lifelong impact on students.

We are in the process of building this endowment so that it helps Missouri State Choirs for years to come.

The goal in 2018 was to raise at least another \$50,000, matching the amount raised in 2017. Your support helped us meet and exceed this goal by the end of the campaign on Jan. 19, 2018.



Estate gifts from three late faculty members who truly were

BEARS, THROUGH AND THROUGH

Former faculty members Doris Lorz, Wesley Bair and Terry Loveland showed their love for MSU through many years of service.

They topped off that service by leaving the university part of their estates at the time of their passing.

Their legacy at the university will always be remembered because of their generosity.

Become a member of The 1905 Society

The 1905 Society recognizes and honors donors who have supported the Missouri State University Foundation through planned and estate gifts, such as the ones given by these faculty members. Membership is available to all alumni and friends.

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DORIS LORZ

Doris Lorz was a faculty member in the chemistry department from 1957-80.



Lorz, in the 1964 Ozarko

During her time at the university, she was published in many scientific journals for her research on xanthine oxidase and antimalarial drugs. She shared her research with students as a member of the speaker's bureau on campus.

Lorz was a feisty spirit who grew up in New York City. She loved music, dance and traveling.

She spent the last 20 years of her life exploring the world on various cruise ships.

Her love for MSU carried on through her whole life. Lorz celebrated her last birthday, at the age of 103, with students and staff from the university.

The Doris C. Lorz Scholarship and Emil Lorz Memorial Scholarship will now be awarded each year to students in the chemistry department. This gift celebrates the passion Doris and her husband Emil had for scientific research.

The couple also established a scholarship in the vocal music department for a student pursuing opera, honoring Doris' love of music.

"Not long before she died, we took students to meet her. I don't think she had forgotten anything," said Dr. Tamera Jahnke, dean of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences, who knew Doris well.

"Her scholarships will provide for many, many students in chemistry and we will continue to tell her story."

DR. WESLEY BAIR

Dr. Wesley (Wes) Bair was a faculty member at MSU from 1968-2002.



Bair, in the 1970 Ozarko

He worked with the football team and taught in the kinesiology department.

Bair had a strong love for Missouri State Football. He especially enjoyed watching MSU vs. North Dakota State games from the suite.

Bair walked to campus every day. He was a well-known, friendly face to the people he crossed paths with in the 34 years he worked at Missouri State.

Bair established a scholarship that can be awarded to any student in the College of Health and Human Services. The Dr. Wesley and Phyllis Bair Health and Human Services Scholarship benefits the college that both he and his wife supported.

"We appreciate Dr. Wesley Bair's generosity in providing scholarships for students in the College of Health and Human Services, or CHHS," said Dr. Helen Reid, dean of CHHS. "Dr. Bair valued all of the disciplines within the college and directed the scholarships to be equally divided among the departments."

She said he recognized the challenges faced by first-generation students, so he included this preference in the selection criteria for scholarship recipients.

"Dr. Bair is remembered for encouraging all students to overcome obstacles and find their individual pathways to success," Reid said. "The Dr. Wesley and Phyllis Bair scholarships will create a lasting legacy by enabling CHHS students to complete their studies and contribute to the health and well-being of their communities."

TERRY LOVELAND

Terry Loveland was a member of the College of Business faculty at Missouri State from 1972-2005.



Loveland, in the 1977 Ozarko

He helped develop the international accounting program. Throughout the 33 years he worked for the university, he took many students on the Business European Study Tour.

Loveland was an avid fan of Missouri State basketball. He rarely missed men's and women's home games.

He also enjoyed attending shows in Branson, and was a world traveler. He went to at least 20 countries during his lifetime.

Loveland gave to MSU in the form of three scholarships and one program fund. The three scholarships, named after his family members, benefit athletics. The program fund exists to aid student-athletes with travel expenses.

"There was no other faculty member more dedicated to students and colleagues than Terry Loveland," said Dr. Ron Bottin, dean emeritus of the College of Business and Loveland's former colleague.

"Over his career at MSU he had an impact on literally thousands of students and he treated all of them with respect and dignity."

Enhance your MSU connections: Be a **Bear in the Know**

Bears in the Know is a luncheon series hosted by the Missouri State University Foundation in partnership with **Arvest Bank**.

During each event, experts from different areas present on varying topics that may be unique to Missouri State.

The discussions are designed to connect supporters and friends to the university.



Want to attend Bears in the Know?

When: See program dates in story text. Lunch will be served at approximately 11:30 a.m., followed by the program at noon.

Where: Turner Family Hospitality Room, first floor of the Kenneth E. Meyer Alumni Center, 300 S. Jefferson Ave.

Cost: Complimentary for members of The Founders Club. Otherwise, tickets are \$10 per person per luncheon or \$50 for the series.

Purchase tickets:

✉ missouristate.edu/bearsintheknow ☎ Stephanie Smith, 417-836-4143

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 28, 2018

College of Education Internship Academy

The MSU College of Education has developed an innovative approach to teacher education called the Internship Academy. Education students in their senior year may participate in a year-long, fully immersive, co-teaching experience in partnership with public school master teachers and teachers in residence. MSU program leaders will present data that documents graduation, certification and employment rates that approach 100 percent for Internship Academy participants.

Presenters: Sara Tipton, academy director, and Robin Koerber, program coordinator

Jan. 23, 2019

Space: The Final Frontier (at Missouri State libraries)

Meyer Library is in the midst of a multiyear project to update and improve spaces throughout the building. Libraries are combining information, services and spaces in many innovative ways. Attractive, comfortable and productive areas and furnishings are key to student learning, retention and achievement. This presentation will provide an overview of the goals and progress to date regarding this massive project.

Presenters: Tom Peters, dean of library services, and Rachel Besara, associate dean of library services

March 27, 2019

Cultural and Economic Impact of International Students

MSU's long-range plan calls for the university to attract international students from a broad array of countries. It also calls for initiatives that provide international experiences and promote global learning for all MSU students, faculty and staff. The speakers for this presentation will discuss how the office of international programs aids in globalization and helps MSU's international community feel included on campus.

Presenters: Dr. Jim Baker, vice president for research and economic development and international programs; Brad Bodenhausen, associate vice president, international education and training

May 29, 2019

Living-Learning Communities

MSU wants to find the best way to assist first-year students as they transition from high school to college. For more than 10 years, students have had the opportunity to join living-learning communities. In these communities, called LLCs, students with similar academic or lifestyle interests live, study and socialize together. Bears in the Know attendees will learn how students' participation in an LLC affects their transition and engagement. Attendees will also learn about ways to engage with LLCs.

Presenters: Gary Stewart, director, residence life, housing and dining services; Alisa Garbisch, assistant director residence life-student success initiatives; Katie Colip, coordinator of success initiatives; Christopher Clark, coordinator of residence life-student success initiatives

July 24, 2019

Ensuring Relevance, Responsiveness and Accessibility (in graduate programs)

At the 2017 Global Summit on Graduate Education, there were common themes that characterized graduate programs that are successful now and will continue to be so in the future. Presenters will discuss the strategies that the MSU Graduate College and graduate interdisciplinary programs are using to ensure success in graduate programming for both domestic and international students.

Presenters: Dr. Julie Masterson, dean of the Graduate College; Dr. Gerald Masterson, director of graduate interdisciplinary programs

Thank you to Bears in the Know sponsor Arvest Bank!


"The impact this program brings to our community is invaluable, and we are honored to have the opportunity to partner with the school through Bears in the Know."

**— Brad Crain,
Arvest Bank president**





HASS-DARR HALL



Supporters help West Plains campus celebrate new facility, athletics anniversary

It has been an exciting year for Missouri State University-West Plains. A facility that will benefit students was renovated and opened. Other private support went to student scholarships and campus improvements. Here are a few highlights.

HASS-DARR HALL OFFICIALLY OPENS WITH DEDICATION, RIBBON-CUTTING

With the snip of 11 pairs of scissors, members of the Judge William R. Hass family, William and Virginia Darr, and representatives from Missouri State University officially opened Hass-Darr Hall on Sept. 26 at Missouri State University-West Plains.

An estimated 250 students, faculty, staff, government representatives and area residents attended the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony. They were able to see for the first time the latest addition to the campus.

The 18,000-square-foot facility, which once served as the West Plains Post Office, will become the “heart of the campus” with the variety of services it houses, West Plains Chancellor Shirley Lawler said.

These include the Darr Honors Program, Carol Silvey Student Union, Drago College Store, Admissions Welcome Center, Veterans Center, student life and development office, tutoring services and other much needed classroom and administrative space.

The facility is named Hass-Darr Hall in recognition of significant gifts from two families who are long-time university supporters, Mary Hass Sheid, the William R. Hass family and William and Virginia Darr.

SCHOLARSHIP HONORS ATHLETICS ANNIVERSARY

Grizzly Athletics enthusiasts Jack and Inez Pahlmann established a scholarship in honor of the 25th anniversary of Grizzly Athletics at Missouri State University-West Plains.

The Pahlmann 25th Anniversary Grizzly Endowed Scholarship will be awarded each year to a member of the Grizzly Volleyball team and the Grizzly Basketball team.





TAKEN FROM A MESSAGE FROM
C. MICHEL MINOR TO ALL WHO WILL
PERFORM IN THE HALL:

“ You have the unique opportunity to add to the quality of life, expand points of view, bring diverse groups together and benefit your communities economically. Thank you for your tireless dedication and the delight you bring to others.”



Recital hall now named for alumnus who loves classical music, performing arts

A performance area in Ellis Hall, the home of the music department, now has a name: **The C. Minor Recital Hall**.

MUSIC FILLS THE HALL AT DEDICATION

It was dedicated April 20 thanks to a gift from alumnus C. Michel Minor.

At the dedication, MSU administration members and Minor spoke, and several faculty members, as well as the university's men's chorus, performed musical interludes.

MINOR IS AN AVID ARTS SUPPORTER

C. Michel Minor, or Mike, grew up in Springfield.

He earned a bachelor's in chemistry education in 1980 from Missouri State, and built a career in the information technology industry.

He has been an avid supporter of classical music and the performing arts throughout his adult life. He credits his time at MSU for sparking his appreciation for classical music: In 1977, he volunteered as an usher for a student production of the operetta "Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss II.

Minor has held volunteer and leadership roles in many arts organizations. He has been president of the Kansas City Symphony Alliance (2017-18), president of the Friends of the Kansas City Symphony (2005-07), president of the Association of Major Symphony Orchestra Volunteers (2013-14), and a member of the Volunteer Council of the League of American Orchestras (2013-15).

IT'S NOT HIS FIRST SUPPORT OF MSU

Minor is the founder of the Lucille Strawson Abegglen Scholarship for the Arts at Missouri State. It is named in honor of his grandmother, who attended MSU (then known as the Fourth District Normal School) in the early 1900s.

Minor serves as a trustee for the Missouri State University Foundation, is a member of the MSU chemistry advisory board and is a recipient of a platinum medallion from the foundation.



Leaders of MSU's volunteer efforts gather for second-annual forum

The MarooNation Volunteer Engagement Forum was held June 22-23 on campus.

We hold this forum to bring together volunteer leaders who believe wholeheartedly in Missouri State and help us spread the word about MSU.

If that sounds like you, here's a sample of topics you could learn about at our engagement forum:

- Future trends of state support in higher education.
- How events in Washington, D.C. and Jefferson City, Missouri, affect MSU — and how you can help advocate for higher education.
- Facts about our newest and most successful academic programs.
- How to become an MSU social media ambassador, increasing the visibility of MSU events, achievements and fundraising efforts.
- Career services we offer to students, and how volunteers can help.
- The top 10 things you should know about today's Missouri State University student, including feedback from current MSU students.
- How storytelling can meet the needs of prospective and current students.
- All of the current volunteer opportunities offered by Missouri State.

The conference also included a round-table lunch discussion with current students, staff, faculty and alumni leaders.

It was rounded out with fun networking and social events, such as a Tent Theatre production, a reception with food trucks and a party held on the patio of Plaster Student Union.

It concluded with the Missouri State University Alumni Association's annual Bears of Distinction Dinner and Awards.

Get info about the next forum

Missouri State's third volunteer engagement forum will be held in 2019. If you are willing to share your time and talents to benefit future generations of Bears, we hope you will attend!

Mark your calendars: **June 21-22, 2019**

REGISTER FOR NOTIFICATIONS ABOUT THE EVENT:

 alumni.missouristate.edu/volunteer

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A few ways our volunteers give back

We have among an incredible group of alumni and friends who give back in many ways. A few recent examples:

- **Dinner with Eight Bears:** This new program lets you host a meal for students so current Bears can network with you and learn about life after college.

Learn more or sign up to host:

 missouristate.edu/dinnerwitheightbears

- **The Darr College of Agriculture Alumni Committee:** This group of alumni, faculty and staff organizes an annual celebration that includes dinner, entertainment and silent and live auctions. More than \$71,000 has been raised for student support. Most recently, the group has created an endowed scholarship.

Learn more or get involved:

 ag.missouristate.edu/alumni





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The Missouri State University Alumni Association is governed by a 23-member board, with five officers on an executive committee.

The board:

- Represents the interests of the alumni population as a whole;
- In close collaboration with the office of alumni relations and the Missouri State University Foundation, has responsibility for providing leadership, resources and oversight of the Alumni Association's strategic plan, ensuring alignment with university goals;
- In close collaboration with the office of alumni relations and the Missouri State University Foundation, has responsibility for successful implementation of programs and activities.

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- A jade glass award designed especially for members
- Exclusive events held throughout the year
- Access to special parking on campus
- Invitations to special occasions on campus
- Use of the Duane G. Meyer Library (a special embossed card is issued to members)

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Medallions are presented to members whose cumulative giving reaches certain levels. The medallions are given out at an annual reception.

The types of medallions are:

- Founders Medallion, \$1 million
- Platinum Medallion, \$500,000
- Sterling Medallion, \$250,000

- Presidents Medallion, \$100,000
- Silver Medallion, \$50,000
- Bronze Medallion, \$25,000

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A full list of The Founders Club members starts on page 46.

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THE FOUNDERS CLUB 2018 MEDALLION HONOREES

The Founders Club held its annual medallion reception and recognition ceremony Aug. 11 at the Davis-Harrington Welcome Center.

Each year, medallions are awarded to Founders Club members whose cumulative giving has reached certain levels: Founders, Platinum, Sterling, President's, Silver and Bronze.

This year, 70 new medallions were awarded to alumni, friends, businesses and organizations.

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