Good News

A selection of recent gifts from around campus

The Helene Fuld Health Trust, the nation’s largest private funder devoted to nursing students and education, generously established the Helene Fuld Health Trust Scholarship Fund for Baccalaureate Nursing Students (BSN) with a $550,000 grant. The endowment has already awarded scholarships to nine students over the past three years.

The Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation pledged $640,000 over four years to the Interprofessional Learning Exchange and Development Center (i-LEAD) at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing and the School of Medicine to implement an interprofessional medicine and nursing curriculum.

The Medtronic Foundation renewed its support for the Medtronic Scholars Program in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, committing $90,000 over the next year. The funds will continue to support student scholarships and fellowships.

Rockwell Automation contributed $75,000 to the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science to upgrade a computer teaching lab for all engineering students. The company has also supported joint research and development grants in wind energy and algae harvesting research.

The Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Ohio’s Community Benefit Advisory Committee supported the university’s National Youth Sports Program with a $10,000 grant to provide healthy food for participants.

Profile

The John Huntington Fund for Education

More than 100 years after his death, the philanthropic legacy of oil executive John Huntington continues to inspire Cuyahoga County and its aspiring engineers, scientists, mathematicians, nurses and nutritionists.

In 1918, the John Huntington Art & Polytechnic Institute, created through Huntington’s bequest, opened to a handful of Cleveland-area students. The institute provided educational opportunities to students in applied arts and industrial occupations. It gained momentum until it was disbanded in 1963, giving rise to the John Huntington Fund for Education.

The resulting fund has provided steadfast support to Case Western Reserve University, having funded more than $15.5 million in scholarships to deserving Cuyahoga County residents pursuing a Case Western Reserve education in a technical field. In the past 10 years alone, the fund has provided more than 2,200 awards to qualifying Case Western Reserve students.

“The John Huntington Fund for Education has allowed me to really focus on academics,” says Paula Simpson (CWR ’12), a nursing student who came off active duty from the Army in the fall of 2008 after 13 years of service. “After I get my degree I want to travel to developing countries and provide medical services to people there.”

Simpson is one of the 228 current Case Western Reserve students who receive scholarship assistance from the fund.

“Because of scholarship programs like the John Huntington Fund for Education, some of the most talented young minds in Northeast Ohio have been afforded the benefits of a world-class education,” says Rick Bischoff, the university’s vice president for enrollment management. “These students go on to be leaders and innovators in our community and around the world.”