Case Western Reserve University has received an anonymous $2 million gift to endow the program directorship of the Coulter-Case Translational Research Partnership in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, a joint department of the Case School of Engineering and the School of Medicine.

"Private commitments to the Coulter-Case Partnership are vitally important to its continued work in advancing interdisciplinary research," says Norman C. Tien, dean and Nord Professor of Engineering at the Case School of Engineering. "By promoting, developing, and supporting translational research through these collaborative projects, we can accelerate the process of moving promising technologies to clinical application."

In honor of the faculty mentor who guided him toward his doctorate in chemistry 45 years ago, University Trustee Antony E. Champ, Ph.D. (GRS ’63) has endowed a graduate fellowship fund at the College of Arts and Sciences. The fund will be named for J. Reid Shelton, a leading researcher in rubber chemistry, who spent his entire career at Case Western Reserve University and its predecessor institutions.

"He was a lovely man to work with, a really delightful person," Champ says. "Dr. Shelton also let you find your own way. He was always there for guidance, but he allowed you to take your thesis work wherever you wanted it to go—within bounds."

Tony and his wife, Edith, recently hosted the Washington/Baltimore alumni chapter for a wine tasting and tour at his business, White Hall Vineyards.

Two university trustees, Susie Gharib (FSM ’72), left, and Mary Ann Jorgenson (LAW ’75), are helping lead "Bridge to the Future: The Challenge for the Flora Stone Mather Center for Women." This $1 million matching challenge campaign from the Flora Stone Mather Alumnae Association will benefit the Center for Women.

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Nord Hall. (pictured right) The Nord’s $5 million gift allowed the Case School of Engineering to convert Enterprise Hall into a hub of engineering education, consulting academic and administrative functions and providing an artium and other common areas to give engineering students a sense of community.

Clark Hall. Fueled in part by Jane Nord’s interest in the arts and community outreach, the Nord’s $3 million commitment helped establish the Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences in 1996 and fund the renovation of Clark Hall (above) in which it is housed.

Profile: Eric and Jane Nord

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