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Amado M. Peña Jr. '65, renowned artist, generously gifted the university artwork to be displayed on campus.

Amado Peña '65 generously donated numerous pieces of his renowned artwork to be displayed in the new music building at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. His gift exhibits one of the many unique ways in which alumni and donors can give back to our university – utilizing his creative talent to inspire current and future Javelinas.



Cover images of Peña's artwork photography by Amanda DeFrees.
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MISSION: To build private support for the mission and vision of Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

VISION: To be the vital partner with Texas A&M University-Kingsville by developing donor relationships and linking resources in the pursuit of the university's goals of excellence.

VALUES: *Service* - to the university and our donors

Stewardship - of resources through careful and responsible management, consistent with donor intent

Integrity - acting in a trustworthy, honest and moral fashion in all we do

Impact - lives by supporting the university's goal, mission and vision

Duty - to maintaining a commitment to excellence in all that we do

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President Mark A. Hussey



LTG (Ret.) Ricardo Sanchez

At the beginning of 2020, the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Foundation had just surpassed one of the largest milestones in its almost 50-year history. With You. Without Limits. The Campaign for Texas A&M University-Kingsville – the university’s first comprehensive capital campaign – eclipsed a tremendous goal of \$100 million raised in private support.

Instilled with a renewed sense of Javelina Pride, we were excited and hopeful for the opportunities awaiting our university and students through the remainder of the year. But, as with the rest of the world, we never could have predicted the global pandemic we would face only months later.

Despite the challenges the pandemic brought, the Javelina Family remains stronger than ever. Faculty, staff and students learned, adapted and ultimately flourished in a new virtual world. We immediately rallied together to support our students through this transition – raising over \$20,000 in March for the Javelina Student Emergency Relief Fund.

Your vast generosity continued during the university’s inaugural Javelina Day of Giving on Sept. 15th. In one 24-hour period, over 900 gifts were made by nearly 1,000 donors. Together, we raised an astounding \$200,000 that directly impacts our colleges and diverse university programs.

In October, Javelina Alumni helped earn national recognition for our great university, with Texas A&M-Kingsville being ranked in the Forbes Top 25 Universities According to Alumni Ratings. Our university was one of only two Texas schools on the list and ranked among other institutions, including Princeton University, Yale University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

These triumphs, and more, are detailed through this 2020 Foundation Annual Report. By hearing from our students and seeing firsthand the impact your giving has made on their lives, you will get a glimpse into how vital your support truly is for Texas A&M-Kingsville.

Your unwavering spirit of family and generosity propels us into a successful 2021, where we will see With You. Without Limits. come to its conclusion in August. But the success of the campaign does not mean our hard work is over. Together, we must remain loyal to our unified mission of creating opportunities of excellence for all Javelinas by providing a valuable, one-of-a-kind academic experience at our university.

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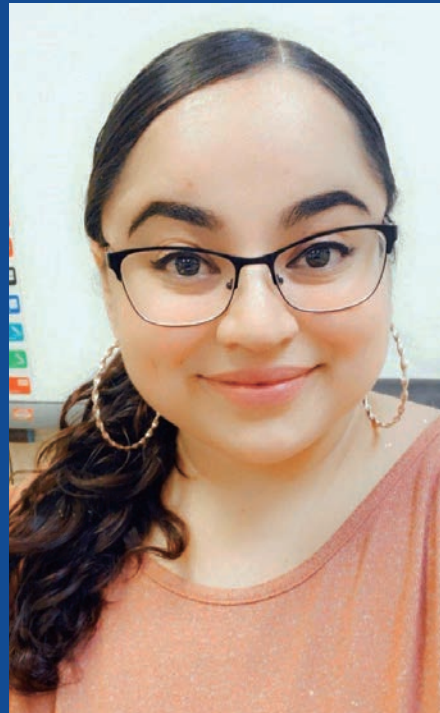
Administrative Coordinator, Development
CKWRI

STUDENT IMPACT



JAVIER SEGOVIA RANGE AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

As a sophomore studying under the Range and Wildlife Management program, there are many struggles that not just me, but any college kid has to face. With the hopes of one day becoming a game warden, focusing on school is priority number one. With that in mind, earning scholarships allows me to focus on the learning side of school and relieves stress when it comes to paying for classes. Being able to attend TAMUK and being surrounded by fellow students with the same passion for the outdoors is more than anyone can ask for.



SAMANTHA GONZALEZ HUMAN SCIENCES: HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDIES

Through consistency and determination I have been able to meet the requirements of a scholarship (almost) every semester through my college career. Some semesters, these scholarships were the only thing that allowed me to begin classes. Supporting my family, working, and going to school full-time are all extremely tough things to go through independently. Doing all three at the same time, have been trying. However, receiving scholarships truly helped me feel less worried about how long it would take me to complete my courses and be more involved with getting the courses completed.

ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEER WORK

Marc Cisneros Center for Young Children's Child Development Club

- Club member - Fall 2018-Spring 2019
 - Vice President - Fall 2019
 - President - Spring 2020-Present
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- Childhood Suicide Prevention Education Program at Bishop CISD
 - Assistance with advertising and marketing for the Human Sciences Department
 - Virtual assemblies with Bishop CISD: How to prepare for college life, credit cards, adulthood.
 - Volunteer hours at local childcare centers
 - Undergraduate Research - Coding and Transcribing secondary data to be used in a COVID-19 Gerontology Research Study.

STUDENT IMPACT

Donors to Texas A&M University-Kingsville committed more than \$11 Million during fiscal year 2020, the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Foundation reported. These contributions propel the university's first comprehensive capital campaign – With You. Without Limits. The Campaign for Texas A&M University Kingsville – even further past its \$100 Million campaign goal (achieved in December 2019) for a total raised of over \$105 million.

“Despite the diverse challenges our university alumni and supporters faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, these gifts are a testament to the unwavering generosity of all Javelinas,” stated Brad Walker, Vice President of Institutional Advancement & External Relations and Foundation CEO. “We are grateful for the dedicated Javelina Family who came together to support their pack, ensuring that the students, faculty and staff of Texas A&M-Kingsville are prepared for success heading into the new year.”

Almost 1,700 gifts were received, with the Javelina Student Emergency Relief Fund being one avenue donors poured their generosity into. Although it has supported students through hardships for numerous years, the relief fund raised \$20,940, in just two weeks, for students overcoming challenges presented by the coronavirus – including expenses with transitioning to an online, remote system of learning.

“We have received very generous contributions during this school year because our students and their welfare is paramount to all those who deeply care about our mission,” said Leonard Bedell '68, Treasurer of the Foundation and Javelina Student Emergency Relief Fund donor. “Our students have been affected by this pandemic and raising money for their special financial needs is what we are all about. The programs – run by an outstanding faculty – embrace the importance of having an active and engaged student population in serving the needs of South Texas. It is a very gratifying endeavor contributing and knowing our university and Foundation is focused on making a difference in the lives of our students and programs. Everyone has to make a decision of where their contributions can be most helpful, and I am convinced and proud of the academic achievements of our students.”

Please visit us at www.javelinagiving.org/give to learn how you can take part in this important mission and impact the lives of future Javelinas.

JAVELINA STUDENT EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND



**\$20,940 GENEROUSLY GIVEN BY
FACULTY, STAFF, ALUMNI & FRIENDS**



AWARDS UP TO \$250 PER STUDENT



**HELPED TRANSITION STUDENTS TO
VIRTUAL LEARNING FORMAT**



GIVING HIGHLIGHTS

COMBINED UNIVERSITY AND FOUNDATION 2020 GIVING

2,484
Gifts received



\$4,296
Average outright gift



\$975,000
Planned gift commitments



14.7%
Growth in endowment



2020 TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE FOUNDATION INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

	% of Portfolio	Value	Calendar 2019	Calendar 2020	Annualized Since Inception	Inception Date
Equity	82%	\$85,100,777	28.09%	16.27%	10.68%	6/30/2014
Fixed Income	14%	\$14,166,813	5.58%	6.88%	2.93%	6/30/2014
Cash & Cash Equivalent	3%	\$2,586,863	3.14%	0.17%	0.98%	6/30/2014
Alternative	1%	\$1,380,044	0.55%	(30.63%)	(13.19%)	6/30/2014
Total	100%	\$103,234,497	21.35%	12.47%	6.15%	6/30/2014
TAMUK Custom Benchmark			20.03%	10.51%	5.78%	6/30/2014

1,567
Number of Donors

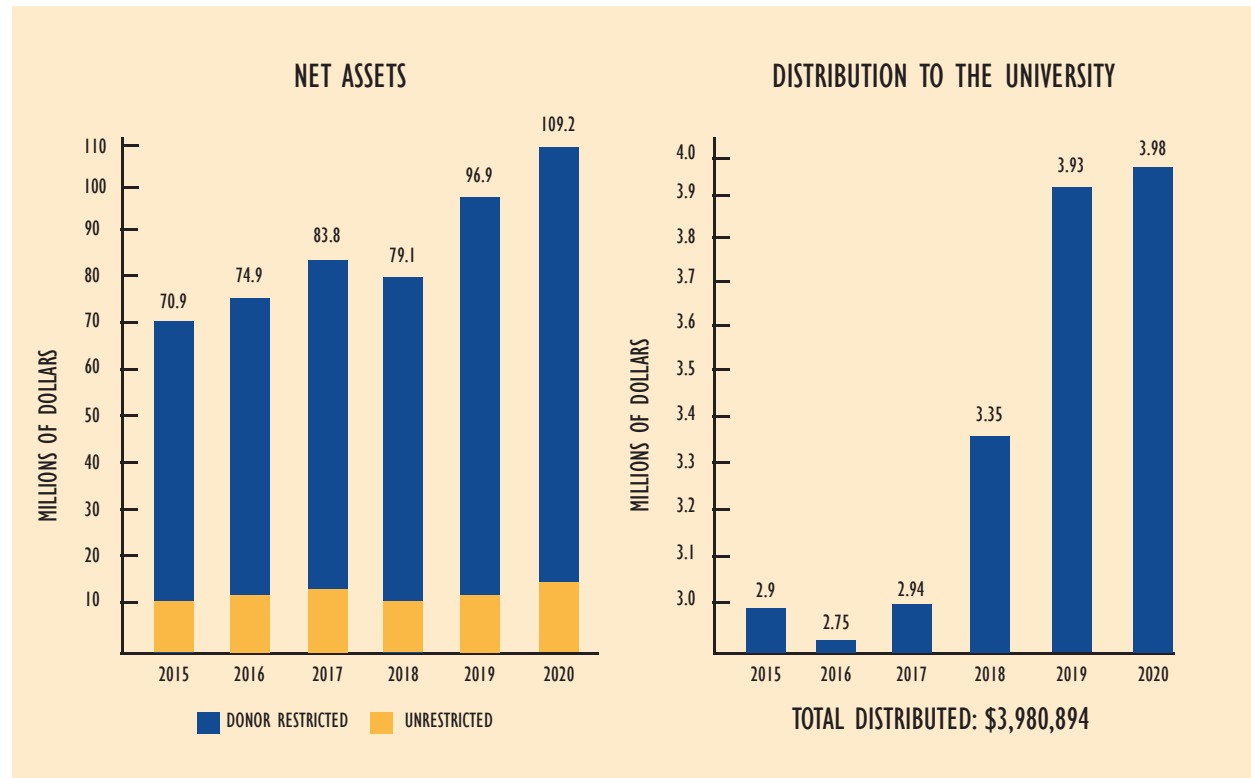
\$11,299,692
Total Received/Committed

\$109,298,600
Foundation Net Assets
(Unaudited)

TO READ THE FULL INVESTMENT POLICY AND AUDITED FINANCIALS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE FOUNDATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.JAVELINAGIVING.ORG.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE FOUNDATION FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	(UNAUDITED) 12/31/2020	(AUDITED) 12/31/2019
ASSETS:		
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 2,953,985	\$ 2,111,814
OTHER RECEIVABLE & PREPAID EXP	112,907	141,559
POOLED INVESTMENT FUNDS	103,124,019	91,043,410
UNCONDITIONAL PLEDGES	1,644,890	3,508,535
LAND, PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT (NET)	1,462,799	125,849
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$ 109,298,600	\$ 96,931,167
LIABILITIES:		
DISTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE	\$ 52,900	\$ 44,000
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	385,021	277,890
PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE	2,366	2,263
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	\$ 440,287	\$ 324,153
NET ASSETS:		
WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	15,831,202	14,441,696
WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	93,027,111	82,165,318
TOTAL NET ASSETS:	108,858,313	96,607,014
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS:	\$ 109,298,600	\$ 96,931,167



OPERATING ACTIVITIES			EXPENSES			NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT			PROGRAM EXPENSES:	\$ 4,211,275	4,122,460	INVESTMENT RETURN:		
CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$ 5,833,024	6,393,535	SUPPORTING SERVICES:			INVESTMENT RETURN, NET	\$ 10,322,942	14,447,518
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS:	1,042,391	1,435,265	MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	442,471	418,470	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	12,251,299	17,521,240
ROYALTY INCOME:	7,262	8,219	FUNDRAISING	300,574	222,367	NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	96,607,014	79,085,774
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	6,882,677	7,837,019	TOTAL EXPENSES:	4,954,320	4,763,297	NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	108,858,313	96,607,014

UN(AUDITED) 12/31/2020 (AUDITED) 12/31/2019

JAVELINA DAY OF GIVING RAISES MORE THAN \$200,000 FOR UNIVERSITY

The Texas A&M University-Kingsville Foundation hosted its inaugural Javelina Day of Giving on Sept. 15, 2020. The one-day fundraising event drew participation from nearly 1,000 students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the university. Over 900 gifts were received, totaling \$200,715 in support of Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Throughout the day, gifts flooded in from 30 states across the country. Alumni giving spanned a total of 75 class years – the oldest class gift reported from a member of the Class of 1950 and the youngest belonging to a student expected to graduate in 2025.

“We all know there is tremendous pride among the Javelina community, but the response to our first Day of Giving was almost overwhelming,” stated Brad Walker, Texas A&M University-Kingsville Foundation CEO. “It was humbling to see the support coming in from all over the country, and a great feeling to know the impact these gifts have on our programs and the lives of our students.”

Every college within Texas A&M University-Kingsville was represented in the campaign, with over 13 campus initiatives impacted by the generosity of donors. Standout gifts from the campaign included nearly \$75,000 given toward Javelina Athletics and a gift of \$25,000 from Dr. J. Talmer Peacock and Doris L. Peacock establishing the Amy Lawrence Graduate Scholarship in English.

By donating to the Javelina Day of Giving, our donors have impacted the lives of countless students of Texas A&M-Kingsville, providing them the necessary opportunities for success. Thank you for your dedicated support to our university and students!

Didn’t have the chance to participate in the Javelina Day of Giving? Whether it be time or talent, there are many ways you can give back! Visit us at www.javelinagiving.org/give to learn how you can impact the lives of Javelinas or to make a gift to your passion at Texas A&M-Kingsville.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 2021 JAVELINA DAY OF GIVING ON SEPT. 15, 2021!

OCELOTS IN TEXAS: THE FINAL FEW

By Caroline McAllister, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute



Texas is home to the last remaining populations of the U.S. ocelot, a small beautiful cat that is often called the “little leopard”. It is estimated that only 50-80 of these magnificent cats currently exist in Texas, and the scientists at Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute (CKWRI) at Texas A&M-Kingsville are dedicated to studying these rare animals with the hopes that these cats will continue to have a future in the United States.

The ocelot used to roam South Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Arizona, but habitat loss, predation and fur trapping lead to their decline. “At one time, Texas had more cat species than any other state with six cats. This Texas brag included the ocelot, jaguar, margay, [bobcat, mountain lion] and jaguarundi. If the ocelot disappears from the Texas landscape, we will only have the mountain lion and bobcat remaining. Losing biological diversity, especially something so special as this quintessential cat will perhaps be among our greatest sins that our descendants will be least likely to forgive,” said Michael E. Tewes, Ph.D., Regents Professor and Frank Daniel Yturria Endowed Chair for Wild Cat Studies at CKWRI. Today, the ocelot is one of only six wild cats that exist in the United States, and because the ocelot requires a lot of space to survive, this makes their habitat challenging as urbanization threatens their existence. A male ocelot typically ranges about twenty-five square miles and will defend his territory from other males. The females have a smaller range of about nine square miles. The ocelot is larger than a house cat, but smaller than a bobcat and are recognizable by their distinct spots, rounded ears and long, ringed tail. Today, there are currently two populations of ocelots remaining in the United States, and both are found in deep south Texas. One population exists at the Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge in Cameron County and the other is on private ranchland in Willacy County. “Ranchers in South Texas have quietly protected these rare cats for decades. East Foundation takes our stewardship responsibilities seriously, and our role in conserving ocelots is important to our mission” said Neal Wilkins, Ph.D., President and CEO of East Foundation, one of the strongest advocates of ocelots in Texas.

Before the CKWRI began studying these cats, there wasn’t much known about them. CKWRI’s findings confirm that ocelots move mostly under the cover of night and their preferred habitat is the thickest and thorniest of brush thickets imaginable, making them difficult to study. Not only do ocelots have a unique ability to turn their ankle joints around, enabling them to more effectively climb down a tree; but they are also good swimmers. These skills help

them escape from their predators; bobcats and mountain lions that must rely on their retractable claws to do similar movements.

Unfortunately, the federally protected ocelot continues to decline and much of this is due to vehicle collisions. CKWRI is actively involved in documenting and analyzing the ocelot’s movements so that protective measures like highway crossing structures along roadways can be implemented. Data on ocelot movements may also help transportation planners develop new roads with less impact on ocelots. CKWRI is also studying methods to accelerate growth of new habitat for these animals.

CKWRI’s current research would not be possible without the partnership and support of the East Foundation and other private donors who are tremendously dedicated to ensuring the future of this species. The ocelot is regarded as one of the most elusive animals in North America, but Dr. Tewes and his team of scientists at CKWRI along with the East Foundation and documentarian Ben Masters have made history by successfully filming ocelots in their natural habitat and capturing their movements and behavior. The result of this effort is Masters’ “American Ocelot”, a documentary short film dedicated to bringing attention to these endangered cats and the research being conducted by CKWRI and the East Foundation. The imagery that Masters captured for the film is breathtaking and offers viewers a rare glimpse into the lives of these mysterious cats. Capturing film footage of these cats in their native habitat that is full of thorns, extreme heat, bugs, and thick cover, not to mention the unpredictable nature of cats, took tremendous determination and patience. When asked about the filming experience, Masters stated “I was incredibly intimidated at first trying to capture high quality videos of wild ocelots simply because no one had ever done it before in Texas. All in all, we ended up with over five hours of ocelot footage including behaviors that we could have never imagined. My biggest hope is that the videos and images we captured can help further the restoration efforts of ocelots and their habitat as well as inspire landowners, government agencies, and the public to become ambitious and forward thinking about ocelot recovery efforts across their historic distribution in Texas. In my opinion, there is a lot of suitable ocelot habitat across Texas that historically had ocelots and should once again have ocelots. From the brush country along the Nueces River in South Texas to the thick river bottoms along the Trinity and Neches in East Texas, there are hundreds of thousands of acres of wild areas in Texas that could potentially support ocelot populations. What an incredible



Above: CKWRI’s Mike Tewes, Ph.D., conducting field work on an ocelot while in the field in the 1990s.

conservation legacy it would be to restore ocelots in our lifetimes from less than 100 individuals to over 1,000 and to increase their populations from two to ten or even twenty. The United States and Texas has a long history of successfully recovering endangered species through reintroductions and it is past time we began aggressively recovering our ocelots, arguably the most beautiful species in the United States, before a catastrophic fire, disease, or drought hits the few that remain.” The future of ocelots is dependent on a successful partnership between the federal government and private landowners. CKWRI is dedicated to providing both with the most applicable science-based information as they strive to protect the remaining ocelots and with any hope, increase the ocelot population in Texas.

For more information about ocelot research, please visit: www.ckwri.tamuk.edu/research-programs.

ENDOWMENTS LISTING

- Norma & Luis Adrian Scholarship Endowment
- Agricultural Leaders Scholarship Endowment
- American Petroleum Institute-Houston Chapter Scholarship & Excellence Fund
- Dr. Trudy B. Anderson Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Anonymous King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management Operations & Management Endowment
- Anne Armstrong Internship in Public Service & Leadership
- Athletic Booster Club Endowment
- Athletic Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Stacy & Chad Auler Fund for Wildlife Research
- Betty Baker Memorial Music Scholarship Fund
- John L. Bartlett Endowed Scholarship in Natural Gas Engineering
- Nancy Lee & Perry Bass Memorial Endowment for Bobwhite Quail Research
- Beal Foundation Scholarship Endowment
- Bedell Family Scholarship Endowment
- Leonard A. Bedell '68 Business Honors Scholarship Endowment
- Leonard A. Bedell '68 Transfer Student Scholarship Endowment
- Bee County Wildlife Management Association Scholarship Fund
- Stanton Bell Endowment for Wildlife Research
- Glenda & Tom Best Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Bishop Brown Bag Engineering Scholarship Endowment
- Bogusch Biology Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Bomer Fund for Quail Research
- Boone & Crockett Club Fellowship in Ungulate Research
- Elliott B. & Adelle Bottom Fellowship in Quail Research
- Cheryl '74 & Lewis Bradshaw '69, '71 MBA Scholarship Endowment
- Heino Brasch Memorial Graduate Scholarship
- Brittingham Conservation Foundation Endowment for White-tailed Deer Research
- Mary Ann & Bob Brookshire Scholarship Fund Endowment
- Fred C. Bryant Director's Infrastructure Endowment
- Building On Our Traditions Endowment-Academics
- Building On Our Traditions Endowment-Athletics
- Building On Our Traditions Endowment-Faculty Support
- Building On Our Traditions Endowment-Research
- Grady Cage Memorial Fund for Quail Research
- Marc & Eddy Cisneros Scholarship Endowment
- Dr. Kay Clayton Memorial Fund for Music Scholarship Endowment
- Kermeta "Kay" Clayton, Ph.D. & Charles R. Hoffman Student Success Endowment
- James H. Clement, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Coalson Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Coastal States Scholarship Endowment
- Betty & George Coates Fellowship in Habitat Enhancement Research
- Coates-Kelso Graduate Fellowship for Conservation & Management of White-tailed Deer
- The Morton Cohn Family Endowment for Quail Research
- Jackie & Jerry Collins Athletics Program Endowment
- Bill & Judy Colston Agriculture Scholarship Endowment
- Bill & Judy Colston College of Education Scholarship Endowment
- Bill & Judy Colston Honors Scholarship
- Bill & Judy Colston Kleberg and Kenedy County Junior Livestock Show Scholarship Endowment
- Archie Cook LDSSA Scholarship Fund
- Vannie E. Cook Endowment for Wildlife Research
- Welhausen Match-Vannie Cook Endowment for Wildlife Research
- Malcolm & Robin Cooper Endowed Scholarship Fund
- David & Maria E. Crowley College of Business Administration Scholarship Endowment
- William E. & Irene M. Cumberland Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Andrew Wayne Davis Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund
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- Gene & Lori Dawson Engineering Scholarship
- Albert Day Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Jacque & Edwin DeMouche Scholarship Endowment
- Leroy G. Denman, Jr. Endowed Director of Wildlife Research
- Charles A. DeYoung Endowed Fund for White-tailed Deer Research
- Jane Dodds Kingsville Garden Club Scholarship Endowment
- Frank H. Dotterweich Chair in Natural Gas Engineering Endowment
- June Dotterweich Athletic Scholarship Fund
- Dan L. Duncan Endowed Director of South Texas Natives & Texas Natives Seeds
- Celia & Cornelius Dupre Program in Wildlife Education Endowment
- Marianne Fowler Duthu '71 Endowed Scholarship
- Enbridge Engineering Scholarship Endowment
- Welhausen Match-Enbridge Engineering Scholarship Endowment
- Finoric-MubyChem Chemical & Natural Gas Engineering Scholarship Endowment
- Welhausen Match-Finoric-MubyChem Chemical & Natural Gas Engineering Scholarship Endowment
- First Community Bank Endowed Business Excellence Fund
- Flores-Feist Chemistry Student Travel Endowment
- Lucian & Maxine Flournoy Hearts for Minds Scholarship Endowment
- Walter Fondren III Fellowship in Shorebird and Wading Bird Research
- Dr. Dennis Ford College of Business Scholarship Endowment
- T. Dan Friedkin Endowment for White-tailed Deer Research
- Tom C. Frost Endowed Fund for Rio Grande Turkey Research
- Hilda Garcia Scholarship Fund
- Rolando & Norma Garcia Scholarship Endowment
- Dr. Fred Garland Scholarship Fund
- Jesus C. Garza South Texas Hispanic Engineering Scholarship
- Alfred C. Glassell, Jr. Endowed Professorship for Quail Research
- Alfred F. & Pat Gross Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Charles Guion Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Drewey Wayne Gunn Book Collection Endowment
- Jo & Bruce Gunn Endowed Fund-Veterinary Technology
- Habitat Restoration & Management Endowment
- William & Mary Hall Endowed Charitable Trust Fund
- Marvin P. Hamilton Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Ann & Henry R. Hamman Fund for Wildlife Research
- Nick M. Harrel College of Pharmacy Scholarship Fund
- Bill Hart Endowed Scholarship Fund

ENDOWMENTS LISTING

- Timothy Hartsfield Engineering Scholarship Endowment
- Stevens G. Herbst Dean's Support Fund
- Stevens & June Herbst Dotterweich Chair Research Support Fund
- Gabriela Hernandez '99 & Edgar Garcia Endowed Scholarship
- Hispanic Women's Network of TX, Corpus Christi Chapter Endowed Scholarship
- Hispanic Women's Network of TX, Corpus Christi Chapter Endowed Scholarship in STEM
- Dick Hitchens Athletic Scholarship Endowment
- Tim & Karen Hixon Fund for Wild Cat Research
- The Hixon Fellowship in Deer Research
- The Hixon Fellowship in Quail Research
- The Hixon Fellowship in Range Restoration Research
- Holt-Atherton Memorial Fund for Wildlife Research & Education
- Frank & Mary Grace Horlock Endowment for Wildlife Research
- Houston GPA Midstream Scholarship Fund
- John M. Howard Family Agricultural Science Scholarship Endowment
- Welhausen Match-John M. Howard Family Agricultural Science Scholarship Endowment
- Phil & Karen Starr Hunke Fellowship in Wild Cat Research
- Marchia Hutchison Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- IBC Bank Javelina Athletics Scholarship Endowment
- Javelina Teacher Preparation Enhancement Project Endowment
- Ann & A.C. Jones, IV Fund for Invasive Grasses Research
- Claude & Mary Jungman Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- David W. Killam Distinguished Lectureship in Deer Research & Management
- David Killam Fund for Wildlife Research
- King Ranch Family Trust Early Childhood Education Center Endowment
- Joyce C. & Wayne H. King Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Neal P. King Memorial/La Islas Endowment for Habitat Research
- Kleberg Bank-Clyde M. Allen, Jr. Fund for Excellence
- Kleberg Bank-Mildred Chiuminatto Scholarship Endowment
- Kleberg Bank-Samuel C. Nelson Endowed Scholarship
- Kleberg Bank-John Ramsey Womack, Sr. Accounting Endowment
- Kleberg County High Schools Endowed Scholarship
- Caesar Kleberg Foundation Hall of Natural History-Conner Museum Endowment
- Richard M. Kleberg, Jr. Center for Quail Research
- Richard M. Kleberg, Sr. Fund for Native Plant Development & Habitat Restoration
- Tio Kleberg Endowment for Applied Wildlife Research
- Tio & Janell Kleberg Wildlife Research Park Endowment
- Larry Kruse Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Olan Kruse Science Faculty Award
- Ralph Lanier Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Welhausen Match-Ralph Lanier Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Amy Lawrence Graduate Scholarship in English Endowment
- C. Berdon & Rolanette Lawrence Endowed Chair in Waterfowl Research
- Laurie & Duane Leach Avian Research Endowment
- Angie & Billy Lemmons Endowment for Wildlife Research
- Leonard Family Endowed Fund for White-tailed Deer Research
- Leonard Family Endowed Fund for Wildlife Habitat Research
- A. E. Leonard Undergraduate Scholarship in Wildlife Conservation
- Kenneth E. Leonard Fellowship for Livestock-Wildlife Research
- Meredith Long Wildlife Internship Program Endowment
- Doris & Terry Looper Endowed Fund for Wildlife Research
- Noemi S. Lopez '89 Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Lyssy & Eckel Feed Scholarship Fund
- Dewey Mayhew Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Frances & James A. McAllen Endowed Fund for Wildlife Research
- Welhausen Match-Frances & James A. McAllen Endowed Fund for Wildlife Research
- McCormick Leadership Endowment
- Fred McIntire Memorial Scholarship Fund
- The Robert & Janice McNair Foundation Endowed Fund for Wildlife Molecular Genetics Research
- Meadows Professorship in Semi-arid Land Ecology
- Joseph M. Mejia Endowed Scholarship
- Mestena Endowed Fund for Quail Research
- Dr. Richard Meyer Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Julie & Balous Miller Dream Scholarship Endowment
- Mogas Family Perseverance Scholarship Endowment
- Welhausen Match-Mogas Family Perseverance Scholarship Program
- Roberto & Trauterose Montoya Scholarship Endowment
- C. Van Mooney Memorial Endowed Professorship in Natural Gas Engineering
- Dr. Maria E. Morales Endowed Scholarship
- Merle & George Anne Muckleroy Endowed Scholarship Fund
- School of Music Excellence Endowment
- Musical Endowment Fund
- The Navy League of the United States Kingsville Council-Hahn Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Myrtle Watt Nelson Endowed Scholarship
- Robert & Rebecca Palmer Scholarship Fund
- Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc.-Eugene H. Dawson, Jr., PE Endowed Engineering Scholarship
- Corky & John Talmer Peacock Biology Support Fund
- Darline Sue & Talmer Peacock Scholarship Fund
- J. Talmer & Corky Peacock Mathematics and Science Scholarship
- Romeo Rene Perez Academic Achievement Engineering Scholarship
- Helen & Curtis Pinnell Endowed Fund for Shorebird and Waterbird Research
- Benjamin Franklin Pitman III Endowment for Wildlife Research
- Phillip M. Plant Endowment for Graduate Scholarships in Wildlife Research
- Hugh Porter Endowed Scholarship in Mathematics
- Quail Research Endowment
- Ed Rachal Endowment
- Ellen B. Randall Fund for Wildlife Research
- Reese-Franke Presidential Endowment
- Alice Kleberg Reynolds Foundation Endowed Fellowship in Quail Research
- Dorothy & Robert Rhode Library Endowment
- George Fred & Marion Rhodes Scholarship Fund
- Richard P. Ritchie Endowment Fund

ENDOWMENTS LISTING

- Alec D. Ritzell Memorial Fund for Wildlife Research and Education
- Charles R. Roberson Endowed Scholarship in Chemistry
- Jose Rodriguez Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Rotary Club of Kingsville-Jerry Bockholt Scholarship
- Colton Rusk Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- J.T. & Mary Bell Russell Scholarship Endowment
- Ralph C. Russell Accounting Scholarship Endowment
- Ralph C. Russell Endowed Chair of Accounting
- Welhausen Match-Ralph C. Russell Endowed Chair of Accounting
- Mahmoud “Mike” Sahtout Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Welhausen Match-Mahmoud “Mike” Sahtout Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- San Antonio Livestock Exposition Scholarship Endowment
- LTG (Ret.) Ricardo S. Sanchez ROTC Scholarship Endowment
- Charles “Chuck” Saverline, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- C.F. Dick Schendel Family Endowed Scholarship
- C.F. Dick Schendel Family Endowed Professorship in Soil Sciences
- C.F. Dick Schendel Soils Science Endowment
- Schmalenbeck Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Becky & Maurice Schmidt Conner Museum Endowment
- Maurice Schmidt Scholarship for the Visual Arts
- SCIF Sables Hunting Heritage Scholarship Endowment
- Walter Sells Chemical Engineering Research Endowment Fund
- Walter E. & Helen B. Sells Presidential Endowment
- Walter Sells & Helen B. Sells Honors Scholarship Award in Business Administration
- Walter Sells Physics Scholarship Endowment
- Nelson R. Sharpe Scholarship Endowment
- Dorothy & Tom Shockley Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Dr. George A. Slater Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Frank & Julieta Staggs Scholarship Endowment
- Stuart W. Stedman Chair for White-tailed Deer Research
- Stuart W. Stedman-Faith Ranch Fellowships in Deer Research (2)
- Stuart W. Stedman Endowment for White-tailed Deer Research
- Gil Steinke 1969-70 Javelinas National Championship Football Team Endowment
- Fred & Peggy Steves Scholarship Endowment
- Welhausen Match-Fred & Peggy Steves Scholarship Endowment
- Virgil Stone Accounting Endowed Scholarship Fund
- STSME Environmental Engineering Scholarship Endowment Fund
- STSME Geology Scholarship Fund
- Frances & Peter Swenson Chair in Rangeland Restoration Research
- Anupam Tagore '04 & Jolly Datta '04 Endowed Graduate Scholarship
- Steve & Karen Tallant Presidential Scholarship Endowment
- Steve & Karen Tallant Presidential Scholarship Endowment -Matching Fund
- George E. Tanner Mestena Inc. Engineering Scholarship
- Buddy & Ellen Temple Endowment for Native Plant Research
- Mike & Mary Terry Family Endowed Fellowship for Habitat Research
- Texas A&M-Kingsville Faculty, Staff & Dependents Scholarship Endowment
- Texas A&M-Kingsville Faculty Staff Scholarship Endowment
- Texas Association of County Engineers & Road Administrators Scholarship Endowment
- Texas Native Seeds Program Endowment
- Trail Riders Scholarship Endowment
- Truly Alumni Scholarship Endowment
- J.E. & Evelyn Turner Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Jerome M. Tymrak Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Valero-George Kain Endowed Scholarship in Engineering
- Daphne & Ben Vaughan III Endowed Fund for Birds of Prey, Songbirds, Shorebirds and Habitat Research
- VRC Corporation, Roberto & Trauterose Montoya Scholarship Endowment
- Welhausen Match-VRC Corporation, Roberto & Trauterose Montoya Scholarship Endowment
- Allison & Bryan Wagner Director's Excellence Fund
- Sam Walton Fellowship in Quail Research
- William E. Watt II Memorial Fund for Quail Research Endowment
- Welhausen-Dick & Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture Quasi-Endowment
- Welhausen-Dick & Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Quasi-Endowment
- Welhausen-College of Business Administration Quasi-Endowment
- Welhausen-Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering Quasi-Endowment
- Welhausen-College of Arts & Sciences Quasi-Endowment
- Welhausen-College of Education & Human Performance Quasi-Endowment
- Welhausen-Intercollegiate Athletics Quasi-Endowment
- Welhausen-President's Scholarship Quasi-Endowment
- Loris Welhausen HE Scholarship Endowment
- Edward E. Whitacre, Jr. Endowed Fund for Wildlife Research
- Linda & Edward E. Whitacre, Jr. Endowment for Waterfowl Research
- White-tailed Deer Research Endowment
- Dr. Robert R. White Research Travel Award
- James R. & Alinda H. Wikert Endowment for Quail Research
- C.C. (Charlie) Winn Endowed Chair for Quail Research
- Mitchell-Bruce M. Withers, Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund in Natural Gas Engineering
- Robert Wayne “Bob” Withers, Jr. Endowed Scholarship in the Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering
- Jess Y. Womack II Endowed Fellowship in Wetlands & Wetland Bird Research
- The Carl E. & Judith Kreuz Wood Scholarship Endowment
- Frank Daniel Yturria Endowed Chair for Wild Cat Studies
- F. Peter Zoch III Fund for Research in Habitat Enhancement

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- 2025 Endowment
- Emma A.S. Adams Memorial Endowment
- Arrington Match-Leonard A. Bedell '68 Business Honors Scholarship Quasi-Endowment
- Arrington Match-Leonard A. Bedell '68 Transfer Student Scholarship Quasi-Endowment
- Arrington Match-Cheryl '74 & Lewis Bradshaw '69, '71 MBA Scholarship Quasi-Endowment
- Arrington Match-Heino Brasch Memorial Graduate Scholarship Quasi-Endowment
- Arrington Match-Jackie & Jerry Collins Athletic Program Quasi-Endowment
- Arrington Match-David & Maria E. Crowley College of Business Administration Scholarship Quasi-Endowment
- Arrington Match-Eugene Dawson, Jr. Excellence in Civil Engineering Quasi-Endowment
- Arrington Match-First Community Bank Business Excellence Quasi-Endowment
- Arrington Match-Flores-Feist Chemistry Student Travel Quasi-Endowment
- Arrington Match-Gabriela Hernandez '99 & Edgar Garcia Quasi-Endowed Scholarship
- Arrington Match-Hispanic Women's Network of Texas, Corpus Christi Chapter Quasi-Endowment
- Arrington Match-Kleberg Bank-John Ramsey Womack, Sr. Accounting Quasi-Endowment
- Arrington Match-Noemi S. Lopez '89 Memorial Scholarship Quasi-Endowment
- Arrington Match-Julie & Balous Miller Dream Scholarship Quasi-Endowment
- Arrington Match-C. Van Mooney Memorial Quasi-Endowed Professorship in Natural Gas Engineering
- Arrington Match-Becky & Maurice Schmidt Conner Museum Quasi-Endowment
- Arrington Match-Maurice Schmidt Scholarship for the Visual Arts Quasi-Endowment
- Arrington Match-Frances & Peter Swenson Fellowship in Rangeland Restoration Research Quasi-Endowment
- Athletic Scholarships Endowment
- Athletics Hall of Fame Quasi-Endowment
- Ben P. & Margaret Bailey Memorial Endowment
- Helen Harp Baker Scholarship Endowment
- Balfour Emerging Leaders Endowment
- Band Scholarship Endowment
- Fred C. Benson Endowment
- Faye Dehn Bible Endowment Scholarship
- Brookshire Kleberg County Charitable Foundation Quasi-Endowment
- Campos Family Dental Endowment
- Carroll-Donovan Endowment
- David Thomas Clapper Endowment
- Mrs. J.E. Conner Memorial Museum Endowment
- Katherine Kantz Conner Endowment
- Jim Cooper Memorial Endowment
- Steven H. Crandall Endowment
- Daughters of the American Revolution for Agriculture Endowment
- C.J. Davidson Endowment
- Deseret Scholarship Endowment
- Frank H. Dotterweich Chair in Natural Gas Engineering Endowment
- Burgin Dunn Physics Endowment
- Irwin A. Dyer Endowment
- Joe A. Gonzalez (JAG)-Education is Our Freedom Endowed College Scholarship
- Mary Lee & Pete Emmert Scholarship Endowment
- E.B. Erard Journalism Scholarship Endowment
- Larry & Charlotte Franklin Journalism Endowment
- Fred M. Garland Endowment
- Gas Processors Association Endowment
- Paul C. Genho Endowed Chair in Ranch Management
- John W. Glock Education Endowment
- Nick Harrel, Jr. Wildlife Memorial Endowment
- Kathy Harrell Memorial Endowment
- Eladia Leon Hill Memorial Endowment
- Moses J. Horn Jr. '88 Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Endowment
- Javelina Alumni Association Match-Bill & Judy Colston College of Agriculture Scholarship Quasi-Endowment
- Javelina Alumni Association Match-Bill & Judy Colston College of Education Scholarship Quasi-Endowment
- Javelina Alumni Association Match-Dr. Dennis Ford College of Business Administration Scholarship Quasi-Endowment
- Javelina Alumni Association Match-Timothy Hartsfield College of Engineering Scholarship Quasi-Endowment
- Javelina Alumni Association Match-Frank & Julieta Staggs College of Arts & Sciences Scholarship Quasi-Endowment
- Javelina Teacher Preparation Enhancement Project Endowment Match
- Rumaldo & Teresa Juárez Scholarship Endowment
- Philip H. & Eliz A. Kelly Endowment
- King Ranch® Institute for Ranch Management Endowment
- The Sergeant Gene Christopher & Patrolman Felix Luna Salinas City of Kingsville Law Enforcement Scholarship Endowment
- Kleberg Hall of Natural History Endowment
- Dick & Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture Educational Support Endowment
- Commander E. Hodges Leggett Scholarship Endowment
- J.R. Manning Chair Endowment
- James R. McIntyre Professorship Endowment
- Patrick McMann Memorial Endowment
- Aline Mertens Art Scholarship Endowment
- Jacob Neurauter Memorial Endowment
- Rohan O'Neil Nicholson Scholarship Endowment
- Noel Loan Fund Endowment
- Harriet Owens Memorial Endowment
- Jennifer Parker Scholarship Endowment
- Olga R. Paul Scholarship Endowment
- John Talmer Peacock Endowment
- Peeler Family Legacy Quasi-Endowment
- Margy A. Pollard Memorial Endowment
- Hermelinda Bocanegra Pompa Endowment
- H. Rawls Memorial Radio Station Endowment
- Removing Education Barriers-Greater Texas Foundation Endowment
- Removing Education Barriers-Greater Texas Foundation Quasi-Endowment
- I. & J. Reynolds Scholarship Endowment
- Bertie T. Rogers Memorial Endowment
- Charles & Maydin Roslyn Endowment

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ENDOWMENTS LISTING (CONTINUED)

- Edward V. Ruhnke Chemistry Endowment
- Ralph C. Russell Accounting Scholarship Endowment
- Ralph C. Russell Chair of Accounting Endowment
- Ralph C. Russell Chair of Accounting Quasi-Endowment
- Walter A. Russell History Endowment
- David & Sue Sabrio English Endowment
- Sheriff Jim Scarborough Endowment
- Vivian Scholz Memorial Endowment
- Dr. Stephen Scofield Prize Endowment
- John F. Sinclair Family Endowment
- Jimmie & Barbara Steidinger Citrus Endowment
- Gil Steinke-Carlos Saldana Walk-on Football Scholarship Endowment
- Mildred M. Talbert Agriculture Faculty Development Endowment
- Mildred M. Talbert Music Endowment
- Texas A&I University Accounting Society Endowment
- Marlowe & Lois Thomas Endowment
- Jake Trussell Memorial Endowment
- Gary & Joan Underbrink Agriculture Scholarship Endowment
- University Scholarship Endowment
- University Women's Club-Nancy Phaup Scholarship Endowment
- Welhausen Endowment
- Jack R. Welhausen Student Loan Endowment
- John S. Westmoreland Chemistry Endowment
- Leland & Billie Jean Wilson Endowment
- Women's Athletic Scholarship Endowment
- Lorena & Patrick Wood Endowment
- Opal Owen Younts Endowment

MEMORIAL FUNDS & ENDOWMENTS ESTABLISHED IN 2020 AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE

- Norma & Luis Adrian Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Marchia Hutchison Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Paul W. Larson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
- Laurie & Duane Leach Avian Research Endowment
- Meredith Long Wildlife Internship Program Endowment
- Benjamin Franklin Pitman III Endowed Fund for Wildlife Research
- Alec D. Ritzell Memorial Fund for Wildlife Research and Education
- Bryce Taylor Memorial Scholarship
- Jerome M. Tymrak Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- William E. Watt II Memorial Fund for Quail Research
- Paul Wilson Memorial Scholarship
- The Carl E. & Judith Kruez Wood Scholarship Endowment

Many memorial endowments and scholarships were established in 2020 that included family, friends and loved ones of Texas A&M University-Kingsville who passed away. These funds were created in honor of beloved family and friends in support of scholarship and research at Texas A&M-Kingsville. These endowments continue the legacy of loved ones, while also positively impacting the lives of current and future students. If you wish to name an endowment or an annual scholarship in memory of or tribute to a loved one, please contact us at (361) 593-4191 or giving@tamuk.edu.

BEDELL '68, HENKEL '71 RETIRE FROM FOUNDATION BOARD



President Mark Hussey, left, presented Leonard Bedell with a plaque in recognition of his board service.



President Hussey presented Joe Henkel with a plaque in recognition of his board service.

The Texas A&M University-Kingsville Foundation thrives on the loyal support of its volunteer board members. Dedicated to the Foundation's mission of being a vital partner and resource for Texas A&M University-Kingsville, each member strives to enhance the university's goal of excellence for its faculty, staff and students.

No exception to this cause is Leonard Bedell '68 and Joe Henkel '71, who both recently retired after over 30 combined years of service to the Foundation.

The call to serve was initially ignited in Mr. Bedell when approached by his friend and mentor, then-Chairman J. Phil McCormick, to serve as the Board's very first treasurer. Already active in university affairs and having previously served as the national president of the Javelina Alumni Association, he gladly accepted the position.

"Looking back over my 12 years of service, we accomplished

quite a lot," Mr. Bedell expressed. "We set up procedures for accounting, recruited and selected the current CEO of the Foundation, served on the Executive and Investment Committees, worked and learned university objectives, and witnessed the progressive Foundation asset growth from \$30 million, when I joined, to surpassing the capital campaign goal of \$100 million in 2020."

Gratitude for the transformation and evolution of the Foundation was similarly expressed by Mr. Henkel.

"The mission of the Foundation expanded from the singular role of stewardship of Foundation assets to include the raising of funds and more." He continued, "Success has been due to outstanding teamwork of Brad Walker and the Foundation staff, the Board, and the administration at the university."

Of all the achievements they participated in as over the decades, they each can pinpoint their proudest. For Mr. Bedell,

it was establishing three scholarship endowments and receiving heartfelt, handwritten thank you notes from the recipients. For Mr. Henkel, it's the honor of participating in a university that "engenders such a significant and substantial social mobility for so many deserving people."

Although they have now both retired from their significant roles with the Foundation Board, their encouragement of others to volunteer has not ceased.

"The University deserves the time, treasure, and talent of everyone who wants to make a meaningful difference in creating opportunity," stated Mr. Henkel.

In agreeance, Mr. Bedell contributed, "You can serve the University by giving back with your experiences, perspectives and passion, regardless of your income level. Pay it forward with your time, talents and treasures to benefit those students following in your footsteps."



FRANK STAGGS '50: A LESSON IN GENEROSITY

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Reflecting on the more than 30 years that both Frank Staggs '50 and his late wife, Julieta Staggs, dedicated to teaching, Mr. Staggs felt there was no better opportunity or legacy to leave on his beloved alma mater than impacting the lives of future Javelina teachers.

Working in tandem with the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Foundation, he established the Frank & Julieta Staggs Scholarship Endowment to encourage first-generation students from select South Texas counties to pursue a degree in the College of Arts and Science at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, and a career in education upon graduation. Mr. Staggs continues his tremendous generosity by contributing an additional significant gift toward the scholarship through his will.

"It may sound corny, but I am sentimental about the university," Mr. Staggs expressed. "I always felt that the training I received [at Texas A&M-Kingsville] helped me be successful throughout my life, and I have pride in the school, its staff and students – they have very high standards."

Mr. Staggs' journey to attending then-Texas A&I University in the 1940s was driven by that sentimental value. He affectionally refers to Texas A&M-Kingsville as "[his] family's school," but it wasn't until after his years of service in the military during the war that Mr. Staggs was able to attend. But as soon as he could, he jumped on the opportunity and fully dedicated himself to his studies.

"I worked right through my years [at the university]," Mr. Staggs divulged. "I even took classes during the summer and extra courses because it was known as a top school and a good place to be." He was also proudly involved in campus activities and organizations, including an all-veterans Delta Sigma Chi Fraternity and Literature Club. The members became such close friends, they annually got together every year after graduation.



Above: President Mark A. Hussey, left, visited with Frank Staggs, right, at his ranch in Texas. Photos by Amanda DeFrees.

As a student, Mr. Staggs also became a successful life insurance agent and saw the potential to dive headfirst into the fruitful career after graduating. “Not to toot my own horn, but I was doing very well selling insurance. But I promised my parents that I would hold off on insurance for a year and begin teaching instead,” he expressed. Once he began his work in education, that year quickly came and went – he ultimately found himself retired after an abundant 31-year teaching career. However, he did maintain his insurance license simultaneously, co-owning a thriving insurance agency.

At 94 years old, he fondly looks back on he and his wife’s life together and credits Texas A&M-Kingsville in providing him the tools necessary for success. “There was never a teacher or staff member you couldn’t walk up to for advice,” he concluded. “The administration has extremely great leadership and the staff is still today just as incredible.” The lifelong friendships he built as a Javelina also fuel his pride in the university and give meaning to why he included Texas A&M-Kingsville in his will. “I have a connection to Kingsville, and I’ll always be proud to be from A&I.”



THE JAVELINA SOCIETY

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE

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The Javelina Society honors alumni, faculty and friends who have made provisions in their estate plans naming the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Foundation as a beneficiary.

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- RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS
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- TRUSTS

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TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE MAKES FORBES' TOP 25 UNIVERSITIES LIST

According to a newly released list by Forbes Media, Texas A&M University-Kingsville is ranked among the top 25 universities in the nation based on alumni ratings.

South Texas' first institution of higher learning ranks 21st on the list and is one of only two Texas universities, included in the rankings, the other institution being Rice University. Topping the list are Princeton University, Yale University, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"Our alumni are passionate about this university and are tremendous advocates," said Texas A&M University-Kingsville President Mark A. Hussey. "In 95 years, we have awarded more than 80,000 degrees. Our faculty and staff have impacted the lives of tens of thousands of graduates who have gone on to successful careers. Simply put, we change lives here."

The ratings provide a novel approach to university rankings and are based entirely on alumni feedback. Forbes notes while consumers frequently review products and services, university rankings have traditionally included alumni feedback only as one small factor in their methodology.

Rankings are based on a study published in the Journal of Consumer Affairs entitled "Assessing The Validity of Consumer Ratings for Higher Education". Researchers collected and analyzed data from the Strada-Gallup Education Consumer Survey. The data analyzed comes from 146,345 college graduates from 2,989 colleges and universities.

The study asked participants how strongly they agreed with a series of statements, including:

- You received a high-quality education
- You would recommend the educational path you took to other people

- You would not be where you are today without your degree
- You learned important skills during college courses that you use in your day-to-day life
- Your educational experiences make you an attractive candidate to employers
- Your education was worth the cost
- If you had to do it all over again, you would attend the same institution

"While I did not participate in this survey, I'm honored to be a part of Javelina Nation and completely agree that becoming a Javelina is well worth the investment. I certainly would not be where I am today without my experience at the university," said Romeo Perez, a 1982 Chemical Engineering graduate.

"Coming from a small South Texas town, I know first-hand the impact a first-class education from Texas A&I University/Texas A&M University-Kingsville has on the upward mobility of the families in our region and beyond. Sure, the affordability gave me access to an education, but the Javelina experience is what gave me the opportunities that started me on a career that took me to various parts of our country and across the globe. So yes, I would say that I am more than satisfied with my degree – I am a proud Javelina and glad to see my alma mater being highly recognized at a national-level."

Of the institutions included on the list, Texas A&M-Kingsville is the least expensive university, with tuition of approximately \$9,000 for in-state students. The University of Chicago is the highest-priced University with a tuition of more than \$60,000. Forbes notes that "when it comes to alumni ratings, there is no relationship between price and quality."