

2018 MSUM FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT



MSUM Foundation
MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD®

FY18 ANNUAL REPORT



Greetings from the MSUM Foundation Board,

Thank you for your continued support of Minnesota State University Moorhead and our Foundation. Because of generous donors like you, we are able to accomplish many great things. It is an exciting time to be involved with MSUM.

We are grateful to our University and Foundation leadership teams along with faculty for everything they are doing to meet our goals and enhance the educational experience for our students. We refer to it as a “transformational” experience to attend college here. Donors are directly impacting the lives of many your people embarking on their careers. The students on campus surely appreciate the advantages given to them by the generosity of our supporters, and we thank each and every one of you.

Thankfully,

Rick Kasper '80
Board President



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Your gifts enable the Minnesota State University Moorhead Foundation to serve its mission of creating opportunities for generations of MSUM students by inspiring alumni and friends to connect, engage and give. You are transforming the lives of our students and transforming the world with your support. Your gifts supports scholarships that allow student to focus on classes and experiences that transform them. Your gifts support faculty and allow them to craft experiences for students the deeply engage them in critical questions. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and trust.

The MSUM Foundation was founded in 1969 for the purpose of providing support for MSUM. The Foundation has a total of 266 endowment funds and 410 restricted funds. We look forward to celebrating our 50th year, and are excited about the possibilities the future brings.

The Foundation Board recently completed its annual fall meeting. The board approved audited financials that included total assets of \$38.65M and an endowment of over \$24.49M. Last fiscal year, you gave more than \$2.4M. In the last six years, the Foundation has provided a total of \$14.65M in support to the University, primarily in the form of scholarships for students and funds to provide the margin of excellence for our programs.

On behalf of the MSUM Foundation, I thank you for your continued support and trust.

Gary Haugo
VP for University Advancement
MSUM Foundation

“

*Because of your help, I am able to pay for my college career and continue my education toward becoming the **best teacher I can be.** There are no words to **express my gratitude** for making this possible for me. **Thank you sincerely.***



– Melissa Tohm,
Tracy Lynn Mack
Scholarship recipient

”



“

This scholarship will go a long way in helping me **achieve my goals**. I will be able to **pursue my dreams** and **make a difference** in this world without the looming threat of college debt. You have made an **impact in my life** and ultimately the lives that I hope to impact someday. For that **I am truly grateful**.



– Kervens Accilien,
Jerome E. Swanson Chemistry
Scholarship recipient

”

2018 FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS



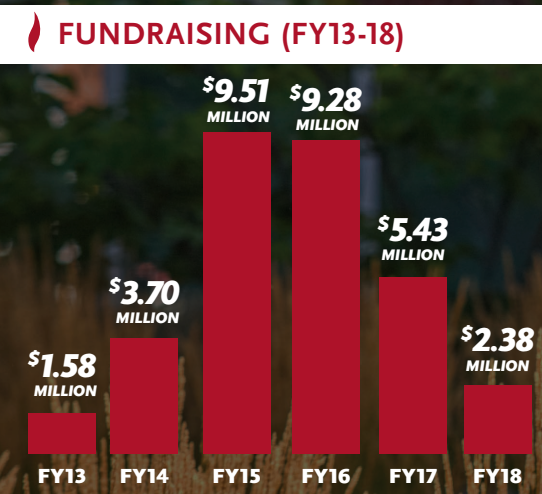
FUNDRAISING
TOTALED
\$2.4 MILLION



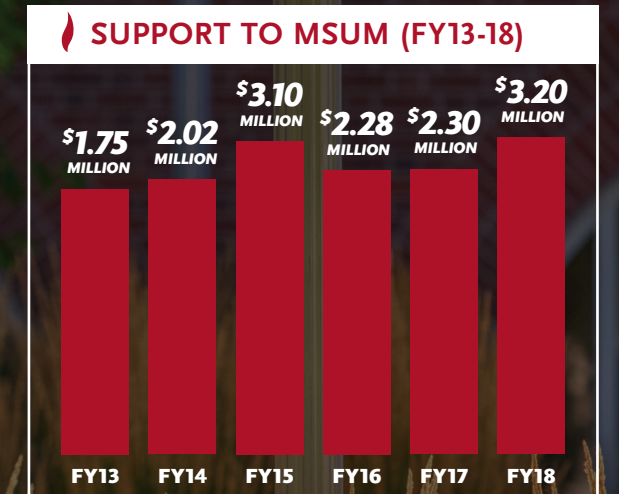
ALMOST
\$1.3 MILLION
EARMARKED FOR
SCHOLARSHIPS



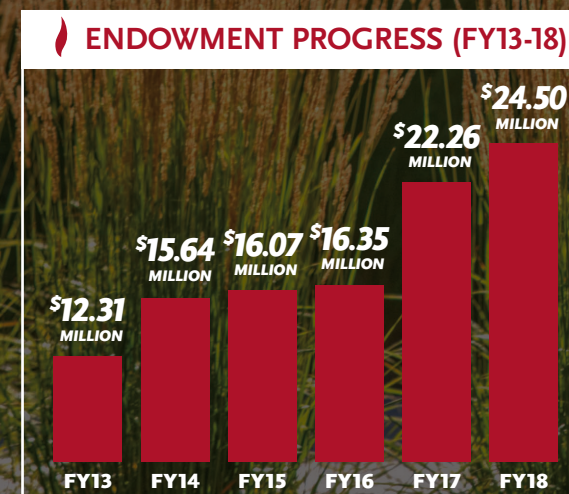
\$1.9 MILLION
EARMARKED FOR
PROGRAMS
AND FACULTY



Fundraising includes new gifts, pledges, grants and bequest commitments.



Funding and programming provided to impact the University by supporting students, educators, programs and facilities.



ENDOWMENT IMPACT (FY13-18)

FY13	\$269,541
FY14	\$611,901
FY15	\$381,766
FY16	\$747,743
FY17	\$455,141
FY18	\$497,240
6yr Total	\$2,963,332



Joan Sprague

Joan Sprague had made something of herself. Born during the Great Depression, the second child of five, she worked to save enough money to pay for college on her own. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in physical education and English in 1958, followed by a master's degree in physical education and health. She had finished a successful career as a teacher and coach, having used her skills across the United States and even overseas, gathering accolades on both the academic and athletic fronts. She had become a world traveler, experiencing cultures and adventures in 60 countries and six continents. She even climbed Mt. Fuji and Machu Picchu, and at age 80, zip-lined across a canyon in Mexico. Her life was full.

But as Joan was going over her financial statements, she had a feeling that she should share some of the benefits of her success with others. Joan talked to a friend and old classmate, who had given a financial gift to the Minnesota State University Moorhead Foundation. That friend explained the importance of giving back, and what an impact it could make on students, as well as her own life. After that conversation and some deep thought, Sprague decided to begin the Joan Sprague Endowed Scholarship at MSUM. This is the first endowed scholarship with a preference to be awarded to a female student pursuing a teaching career in physical education. "I needed to give to a place that would go on forever," she said of starting her scholarship. "I now have the advantage of having funds to help, and I know there are many students who can't afford to go to college. I feel really good about doing it."

To Sprague, MSUM will always have a special place in her heart. During her time as a student, she met friends and built relationships that changed her life. Her classes and student teaching experiences were transformational in making her the successful educator she became. Though she now resides in California, Sprague recently had the opportunity to visit MSUM. "It felt like such a familiar, friendly place," she said. "It felt like home. When I come back to campus, I just feel like part of a family." ■



Lois Selberg

Lois Cornell Selberg (1925-2018) earned a bachelor's degree from Moorhead State Teacher's College and a master's degree from the University of Minnesota. In 1961, she joined Moorhead State University, first in the English Department and later as an Assistant to the Academic Vice President.

During her thirty-year career, Lois was tirelessly and passionately focused on improving students' lives. She led the groundbreaking Project E-Quality program to welcome students of color to the university. She initiated a Student Advisor Program to help students navigate the challenges of college. She spearheaded the university's long-standing annual Fourth of July community celebration. She established two endowed scholarships that have helped hundreds of students pursue their passion to study at MSUM.

Lois was well known for her amazing creativity and remarkable talent for bringing people together to create something wonderful out of a mere idea.

May her fiery spirit and impassioned focus inspire all of us. ■

“

*I am so thankful for the opportunity to receive the Dorothy Dodds Scholarship. With this scholarship, I am able to **pay for the necessities** such as books and tuition. **It gives me the opportunity to pursue a career** where I can **invest in others' lives** just as you are with mine.*



– Kaitlin Adams,
Dorothy Dodds
Scholarship recipient

”



MSUM Foundation
MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD®

Minnesota State University Moorhead

MSUM Foundation , MSUM Box 68
1104 7th Avenue South, Moorhead, MN 56563
Phone: 218.477.2143 Fax: 218.477.2909

mnstate.edu/alumni