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**In this issue of the Benefactor:**

- **UK dentistry grad uses an endowment**
  - Craig Q. Adams’ is creating a scholarship program similar to the one that helped him obtain his degree from the UK College of Dentistry in 1987.
  - When Craig Q. Adams was in high school and his father told him to consider dentistry as a career, he took the advice seriously.
  - “Academics were very important in my family,” he remembers. “My dad was an engineer, and he felt dentistry would be a good career for me. As it turns out, he was right.”
  - Craig pursued an undergraduate degree at Miami University of Ohio, and eventually began applying to dental schools. He was accepted at five, and chose the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry.
  - “UK was also a good choice,” he says. “The dental school was ranked in the top five in clinical dentistry, and that was the direction I wanted to go in my career. The faculty-student ratio was more intimate than at larger schools. The professors treated us with respect and called us ‘student dentists’ rather than ‘dental students.’ I felt like they lifted us up and carried us along as they taught us.”
  - Craig was responsible for his own dental school tuition and other expenses. “I paid for my first year,” he recalls. “Then I received a full-tuition, merit-based scholarship for my second, third and fourth years of dental school. That was huge for me. Not only did the scholarship fund my tuition, it also made me aware for excellence because being able to apply for it each year was contingent upon my standing in class.”
  - Craig graduated in 1987, went into general dentistry and eventually built up a thriving practice in Raleigh, North Carolina.
  - “I recently learned that the scholarship I received at UK is no longer available,” he continues. “So I decided to begin a similar program to provide merit scholarships for one or two students per year. In essence, I want to help provide the same kind of gift I received.”
  - “Dr. Adams is making what I call a ‘hybrid gift,’” explains Ford Stanley ’91, UK Senior Director of Gift and Estate Planning. “He is establishing an endowed scholarship to be funded with both outright gifts during his lifetime and deferred gifts through his estate plan. This enables him to work with us on the details of how he wants the scholarship to function, and gives him the opportunity to see his philanthropy at work as scholarships are made.”
  - Craig shares, “I’m making gifts over five years to initially fund the scholarship. I hope the first awards will be in 2020. I’m also giving IRA funds through a beneficiary designation and the proceeds of a life insurance policy to increase the scholarship for the long term. I’m happy to do this,” he adds, “because today’s students are graduating from dental school with an average debt of $250,000.”
  - Dr. Adams also gives of his time and talent in many other ways. He and his local colleagues host semiannual full charity clinic days for patients in need who start lining up the night before the free clinic opens. He works with local Christian non-profit groups which periodically assign him patients in need to treat pro bono. He has participated in more than 15 mission trips with other professionals to Haiti and Mexico to provide free medical, optical and dental clinics for the indigent. He is involved with a Russian relief organization which brings supplies to the United States for treatment. He also has uptitled space in his Raleigh dental office building for a local church.
  - “One of the greatest joys in life is giving to others,” he says. “I have been fortunate to experience success, and this enables me to give back to the UK College of Dentistry and also pay it forward to some degree.”

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**What kind of endowments are there?**

An endowed fund can be established to benefit a great many causes at UK, including student scholarships, faculty development, academic support, health care and research.

**How can an endowment be named for someone?**

Yes. That person can be yourself, a loved one or an individual who has significantly influenced your life. Through an endowed fund at the University of Kentucky, you can create a named memorial which will last in perpetuity.

**How much is required to begin an endowment?**

The University’s board of trustees has set $25,000 as the minimum required to initiate an endowed undergraduate scholarship fund. This amount is necessary to generate a meaningful annual return for the endowment’s designated scholarship support. And, of course, the larger the principal is, the greater the impact the endowment will be.

**How can I establish an endowment?**

There are multiple options. You can begin an endowed fund at UK with an outright gift of cash, securities or other property. You can also set up an endowed fund to be activated through a bequest in your estate plan.

**Who can help me create an endowed fund at UK?**

Experienced and highly-skilled gift and estate planning officers are available to assist you without cost or obligation. They can help you establish an endowed fund to fulfill your special philanthropic interest at the University, and provide a lasting, meaningful legacy for future generations.

**Contact the UK Office of Gift and Estate Planning**

For more information about gift and estate planning options at the University of Kentucky, contact:

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Phone: 1-800-878-6172 (roll-free) or (859) 257-7886
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- “I would like to provide the same kind of scholarship opportunity to others that I received as a student.”

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From where I sit... by Mike Richey '73 '79 Vice President for Philanthropy and Chief Philanthropy Officer

The University of Kentucky was founded through transformative philanthropy

Last November, the UK Office of Development became the Office of Philanthropy. This name change signals the increasing importance of philanthropy to the University of Kentucky. Our beloved institution was actually born out of philanthropy in 1865 when 50 Kentuckians gave $100,000 from their personal resources to create a high quality educational institution for the Commonwealth. The University’s subsequent century and a half of distinguished service all began with this tremendous vision and the generosity that turned it into reality.

Philanthropy can help shape the University for future achievement

Today, UK is uniquely positioned and uniquely qualified to address the Commonwealth’s challenges as no institution can. As the state’s flagship and land grant research University, our purpose is to make a difference in the lives of all Kentuckians. With new philanthropic investments in this historic mission, the University of Kentucky can have extraordinary impact on the Commonwealth for years to come.

Philanthropy can benefit the donor as well as the University

Through planned gifts in particular, there are many opportunities available to invest in the University of Kentucky, its outstanding programs and its deserving students. Not only do planned gifts assist UK, they can also provide financial benefits for the donors making them. Some planned gifts result in immediate tax advantages, while others may help reduce your taxable estate or even create a guaranteed lifetime income for you, for you and your spouse, or for another person. And beyond these tangible benefits, giving can also be transformative for the donor. Many individuals discover new joy and fulfillment through giving to benefit others.

Philanthropy can create a memorial to extend a person’s name and influence

It’s never too late to remember someone who made an impact on your life. Planned gifts can be used to recognize a mentor, family member or other person. Making a gift which qualifies for naming recognition is an ideal way to establish an enduring legacy for someone at the University. With an endowment or other special gift, you can create a memorial to extend someone’s name and influence for perpetuity.

Philanthropy can help propel the University into a new era of service

As we move forward into a second 150 years of service, we need private philanthropy more than ever before to help us achieve our goals. We need UK alumni and friends to partner with us as we embrace our Commonwealth and its hopes, dreams and opportunities. And we need UK alumni and friends to ask themselves important questions:

• What is income tax deduction in the year you make your gift?
• Potentially lower estate taxes (if your estate is taxable).
• Partial capital gains avoidance if you give appreciated assets.
• A portion of your payments could be tax free.

With a charitable gift annuity, you can assist the University of Kentucky and achieve your personal and financial goals. Contact the Office of Gift and Estate Planning to see a free illustration of your potential payments and tax savings. The chart below shows current gift annuity rates.

Gift Annuity Rates - Single Life (current as of November 2015)

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Note: The rates are for ages at the nearest birthday.

The IRA charitable rollover is now a permanent gift option

Congress has extended the IRA charitable rollover and made it permanent. If you are age 70½ or older, an IRA rollover gift is a simple and easy way to use your Individual Retirement Account to reduce taxes and support the University of Kentucky without impacting your saving or account balance.

Consider the advantages

Gifts made directly from your IRA account (up to $100,000 per year) are not reportable as taxable income. They also qualify for your required minimum distribution (RMD).

In addition, making an IRA rollover gift may prevent you from:
• Being bumped into a higher federal and/or state income tax bracket.
• Hitting the phase outs on your deductions and personal exemptions.
• Falling into the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT).
• Incurring the Affordable Care Act (ACA) tax.

How you can benefit

You can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover gift this year and in future years if:
• You wish to make a significant gift without using cash or other assets.
• You do not need all or a portion of your IRA income.
• You are paying too much in taxes and are looking to reduce your income.
• You want to make a charitable gift using pre-tax IRA assets rather than taking a distribution, paying income taxes and using after-tax assets to make a charitable gift.
• You do not itemize deductions. Because a rollover gift can reduce your income and taxes, you can still benefit from charitable giving even as a non-itemizer.
• You want to give over and above your normal giving. An IRA rollover gift does not count toward the 50 percent annual limitation on charitable gifts.
• You want to lower your tax on Social Security. Because of an IRA distribution, you may be paying tax on 85 percent of your Social Security. Using the IRA charitable rollover may lower your income and only 50 percent of Social Security is taxable.

Other retirement plans

This gift opportunity only works for IRAs. If you own another type of qualified retirement plan such as a 401(k) or 403(b), you must first make a tax-free rollover of funds into an IRA. Then you can make your gift from the IRA account.

How to make an IRA rollover gift

To make your gift, simply notify your IRA plan custodian of your intent to make a current transfer from your IRA account directly to the University of Kentucky. And for more information, contact the UK Office of Gift and Estate Planning.

Beneficiary designation gifts are easy to make and offer advantages

A tax-wise way to leave a legacy at the University of Kentucky is by making a gift of all or a portion of your IRA or other retirement fund via charitable beneficiary designation.

Tax savings: When left to individuals, as much as 35 to 60 percent of your retirement account can be paid as taxes. However, the University of Kentucky can receive your retirement fund free of tax. That means 100 percent of your account can be left to support the important work of the University.

From a tax perspective, your retirement plan is a good asset to leave to charity and can be a bad asset to leave to family.

Revocable: You can modify or revoke the beneficiary designation at any time during your lifetime.

Avoid probate: Gifting assets via a beneficiary designation will avoid the probate process.

Easy to do: Simply fill out a brief beneficiary designation form provided by the plan or account administrator.

Inexpensive: In most cases, there is no need to amend your will or trust, thus saving legal fees.

Personal assistance is available to help you plan your special gift

"Hi, I'm Ford Stanley. For the past 10 years, I’ve been helping UK alumni and friends with tax-wise gift and estate planning. It would be a pleasure for me to assist you as you consider making a special gift to the University. Please contact me. There’s no cost or obligation, and I would enjoy helping you plan your legacy at the University of Kentucky.

J. Ford Stanley ’91, Senior Director of Gift and Estate Planning 1-800-875-6272 (toll-free) or (859) 257-7886 giftandestate@uky.edu

Have you included the University of Kentucky in your estate plan?

If your answer is yes, will you please let us know?

We first want to say thank you for benefiting the University in this special way. Then we want to work with you to make sure the University is prepared to be a good steward of what you have planned.

And finally, we want to invite you to become a member of UK’s Society of 1865 which recognizes alumni and friends who are leaving a legacy at the University through a bequest or other planned gift.

Please let us know that UK is in your estate plan by returning the enclosed postage-paid reply card. Or contact us at 800-875-6272 or 859-257-7886, or email giftandestate@uky.edu.