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Celebrating Great Partnerships UOW Scholarship Program 2008



Staff and students at the University of Wollongong acknowledged the many individuals and organisations who support the UOW Scholarship Program at a function on 15 October 2008 at the Innovation Campus.

The annual Recognition Evening provides the University's staff and students with the opportunity to thank the many donors who contribute scholarships to support students at UOW.

"The University appreciates the opportunity to recognise the support of our valued partners, who are making education possible through the power of

their philanthropy" said Elissa Gale, Fundraising Manager at the University.

More than 70 donors and representatives from sponsoring organisations were in attendance, along with 120 current scholarship recipients, UOW Deans, senior executives and other staff. The evening provided the opportunity for many donors to meet the students benefiting from their support for the first time and to hear about the impact of their gifts.

In 2008, over 150 scholars are being supported and inspired through scholarships donated by individuals, trusts and foundations, community groups

and corporate entities.

Based on the wishes of donors, scholarships may recognise community contribution, reward academic achievement or provide not only financial support for students but include work experience opportunities to enrich theoretical learning.

"My scholarship includes 10 weeks work experience over the summer, so when I finish my studies I'll be 10 steps ahead of other graduates" said Bradken Scholar, Rebecca O'Brien.

Thank you to all scholarship donors for your continued support for UOW students. You are making a real and lasting

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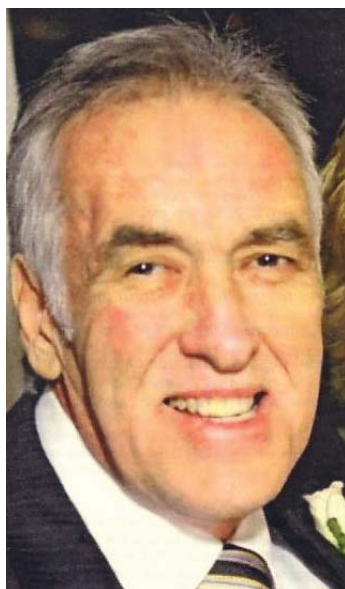


Above: (from left) Scholarship supporter Mrs Ann James with Medicine student and 2008 scholarship recipient Ilma Khan; the Faculty of Education's Jillian Trezise thanks Peter and Vicki Kazacos who have established a scholarship for Early Childhood students through their family foundation.

Top: Dr Graham Brisbane from the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority catches up with Engineering students supported by RTA scholarships.

A life-giving legacy

The George Koutsoukos Memorial Fund



George Koutsoukos' long battle with pancreatic cancer was lost earlier this year. Throughout his illness George underwent many mentally and physically taxing treatments and was on a variety of medications but refused to allow his ill health to overcome him. This determination meant that George survived the unsurvivable many times.

George spent many hours researching a variety of treatments and medical advancements for pancreatic cancer. He believed that with greater research this rare type of cancer could be more easily diagnosed and, through early prognosis and medical advances, treatment would prolong the lives of pancreatic cancer patients.

It was for this reason that George's family wanted to support pancreatic cancer research. In consultation with Professor Phillip Clingan, George's oncologist, a donation to pancreatic cancer research at the University of Wollongong was made in George's honour. The decision to pledge funds to UOW cancer research was also fitting as George's wife and children are all UOW alumni.

George's wife, Akrivula, completed a Bachelor of Arts (Honours), his daughter Madeleine graduated with a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Law and his son James completed a Bachelor of Commerce.

Although George's life ended prematurely it was extremely fulfilling. He had a loving family, a strong network of friends and a well regarded career of which he was very proud. George's family believes that he would be very pleased of his accomplishments and the legacy he has left behind.

The Koutsoukos family would like to thank relatives and friends who have supported this worthwhile cause in George's honour. **AU**

The University would like to thank the family and friends of the late Mr George Koutsoukos who have honoured his memory with a generous donation to UOW cancer research.

The George Koutsoukos Memorial Fund is supporting the work of a multidisciplinary research group led by Professor John Bremner and Associate Professor Marie Ranson at the University of Wollongong.

The support of many local groups and individuals, including the family and friends of George Koutsoukos, along with funding from the Federal government, has enabled the research group to develop new formulations for anti-cancer therapy. With these formulations UOW researchers aim to simplify the treatment process for cancer patients and improve patient comfort. These new drugs are particularly aimed at the treatment of patients with solid tumours, including pancreatic cancer.

Contributions to this vital research, such as those made through the George Koutsoukos Memorial Fund, provide much needed support to progress the work of the research group and encourage additional investment required for clinical trials.

Spotlight

Patient Volunteers in the Graduate School of Medicine



After a combined career of seventy years of high school teaching, Shoalhaven retirees, Jan Larson and Colin Marstin (above), are using their educational skills to support the training of young doctors at the new Graduate School of Medicine at UOW's Shoalhaven Campus. As patient volunteers, they help educate trainee doctors in communication, diagnosis, testing and consultation through each year of their medical studies.

Jan and Colin heard about the Patient Volunteer Program through a notice in their local adult education office. The program is part of a new and challenging model of training young doctors to listen and question. Patient volunteers work from scenarios, which focus on various modules of study. The chance for a trainee doctor to interview a practice-patient helps to bring alive the material learned from books and teachers.

The experience of each patient volunteer session is different and often unexpected. Not only do Jan and Colin get to use their teaching and people skills, but their bodies are also examined by the trainee doctors.

In one patient volunteer session, Colin, wearing work clothes and unshaven, was so convincing as a miner with lung problems that he had to reassure the students he was only acting according to his scenario. When he was needed as a subject on which to test the students' skills at taking blood pressure, he was relieved to find out his blood pressure was fine – twelve times in two hours!

Jan's role plays meant she got to pretend she had heart problems, breathing problems and dizziness, all in the space of six months. She has also moved into another role, helping the students with their learning about women's anatomy.

"We feel privileged to be part of the training of these young doctors," say Jan and Colin. "At our age, we're likely to be seeing one of these students when they become doctors in a local surgery. This is our chance to help student doctors learn good communication skills while they're also learning medical skills. This program in the Graduate School of Medicine means we can give our minds and our bodies to medicine."

To find out more about the Patient Volunteer Program or other volunteering opportunities at UOW please contact donations@uow.edu.au or 02 4221 5131. **AU**

Rio Tinto inspires UOW students in memory of Professor Howard Worner



An extremely generous gift from global mining and resource company Rio Tinto has made the option of higher education all the more possible for rural students eager to study Engineering or Science at the University of Wollongong.

In July the University was delighted to receive a \$70,000 gift from Rio Tinto for the Howard Worner Memorial Fund. ITC Group of Companies Chairman, Dr Brian Hickman was instrumental in securing the gift through his long standing connection with the engineering industry and his passion for the cause – Professor Howard was a mentor and important influence on Dr Hickman’s academic and professional career.

The Howard Worner Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to preserve the legacy of Professor Howard Worner, who was a significant member of the UOW community and a noted philanthropist.

The fund recognises Professor Worner’s rural origins, his contributions to the scientific community and his passion for new challenges by providing scholarships for students from a rural background studying Engineering or Science at UOW. It is hoped that recipients of the scholarship will draw upon Professor Worner’s ideals and achievements as guidance for their own personal and professional development.

In a letter accompanying the gift, Rio Tinto’s Chief Executive Mr Tom Albanese acknowledged the importance of the life and work of Professor Worner, and said Rio Tinto’s investment in the education of young

professionals is critical, both to its own future and to that of the wider mining industry.

“We make very significant contributions to scholarship and research programs at a large number of universities around the world and it is a privilege to include this endowment and the University of Wollongong among those we support.”

This gift moves the University closer to its goal of establishing an endowment to ensure the scholarship is able to be offered in perpetuity, as a lasting acknowledgement of Professor Worner’s contributions.

The Office of Community and Partnerships invites others to join Rio Tinto and the many other organisations and individuals who have invested in the Howard Worner Memorial Scholarship Fund.

If you would like to find out more about how you can support talented UOW students through a gift in memory of Professor Worner, please contact 02 4221 5131 or email donations@uow.edu.au. **AU**



Above: Chief Executive Officer for Rio Tinto, Mr Tom Albanese

Your Gifts in 2008

Thank you for your generous support in 2008. More students and vital research projects have been supported through your gifts this year than in any previous year.

For scholarships alone, over \$1 million has been donated or pledged in 2008, providing financial support and valuable experiences for more than 150 students at UOW.

Below is an overview of gifts received so far this calendar year, including contributions from 1 January to 30 November 2008.

Corporate and Community Scholarships	\$ 921,140.00
Learning & Development Fund	\$ 8,786.00
Research & Innovation Fund	\$ 23,248.80
Cancer Drug Research Group Gifts	\$ 10,000.00
Howard Worner Memorial Fund	\$ 100,400.00
Other Gifts	\$ 45,965.75
TOTAL 2008 (as at 30 November)	\$1,109,540.55

Current gifts will provide 9 Learning and Development Scholarships in 2009. But we aim to offer 12 of these scholarships next year to support students in need. This means an additional \$2300 is needed before the end of 2008. If you would like to support the Learning & Development Fund, please contact call or email us or visit www.uow.edu.au/donations/ **AU**

2008 Annual Fund Update

Saving lives is no easy feat but Professor Anatoly Rozenfeld’s vision for a world without cancer is closer to reality everyday. Through the generosity of more than 150 alumni, friends and staff at the University of Wollongong, over \$25,000 has been donated to support the 2008 Annual Fund.

Not only will this generous support assist Professor Rozenfeld and his team of researchers, but it will also provide an avenue of support for students keen to pursue their educational endeavours and make the most of their higher education.

Already, gifts to the Annual Fund are assisting Professor Rozenfeld and his team take remarkable steps towards improving diagnosis and treatment for what is rapidly becoming the largest cause of mortality this century – cancer.

Gifts to the Learning & Development Fund will provide practical support for UOW students. In 2008, the Annual Fund supported 11 scholarships for students in need. With your help, we can exceed this number and provide more support for students across all faculties next year. Support includes, but is not limited to, help with textbook costs, purchase of computers and other equipment, travel support, rent assistance and internet expenses.

“My scholarship from UOW alumni is helping me work towards my dream job as a PE teacher. It’s really inspiring to know there are people out there so keen to see me succeed,” said scholarship recipient, Rachel Riedel.

If you would like any further information on the 2008 Annual Fund or to make a contribution, please call or email the Office of Community & Partnerships or visit www.uow.edu.au/donations/ **AU**

Support Now

By supporting UOW you will share the hopes and dreams of our researchers and students and inspire them to realise their vision for a better tomorrow.

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Share our Vision

— Bequests

The new UOW Bequest Brochure is now available. All current supporters of UOW will be sent a copy shortly.

Many of the University's significant donations have been made through bequests. These gifts help ensure the prosperity of future generations and for many donors provide the chance to make a significant contribution, not possible during their lifetime.

The University of Wollongong is grateful for the support of all donors. We are committed to ensuring all benefactors are appropriately recognised during their lifetime.

If you have made a bequest to UOW we encourage you to contact us so we can acknowledge your support.

When you make a bequest you will be invited to join the UOW Bequest Society. As a member of this group you will receive regular updates and invitations to University events where we can share the achievements our donors make possible.

To request a copy of the brochure or discuss your bequest, please contact us on 02 4221 3918 or at bequests@uow.edu.au.

Supporting UOW offers many rewards.

At the heart is the opportunity to make a difference – to the lives of students and the skills they will attain, to important research projects, to the economic well-being of the Illawarra, and to the future of our country.

We would be happy to discuss further your options for supporting students, researchers and other areas of UOW. Please contact us for more information.

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