Laurette Kirstein (LAS ‘40, MA ‘45) dedicated her life to helping international students navigate the challenges of studying in the United States. Following Kirstein’s 2005 death, she strengthened her legacy with a $750,000 estate gift to DePaul University.

For 32 years, the DePaul alumna served as director of what is now known as the Office of International Services at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), an office she helped create. Kirstein’s gift to DePaul will create a fellowship program benefiting international students who have shown a strong commitment to the Vincentian mission of social justice, according to Rosanne Roraback, director of DePaul’s International Student Office (ISO). “This fellowship program will honor Ms. Kirstein’s memory and lifelong commitment to international education,” she says.

The ISO will partner with DePaul academic departments, as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations, to select professionals whose work in their home countries will be furthered by graduate studies at DePaul. The first two of the full-tuition fellowships will be awarded in the 2007-08 academic year.

Marlene Sanders Heinlein (LAS ‘59), Kirstein’s cousin, describes the estate gift as fitting. In the 1950s, while a UIC English instructor, Kirstein “saw that the foreign students needed someone who would take up their cause and fight for them,” says Heinlein. “That’s what really inspired her.”

As an instructor, Kirstein created the first English classes at UIC specifically for international students. Later, as director of the Office of International Services, Kirstein served as UIC’s liaison with government agencies that dealt with immigration and advocated on students’ behalf.

“Laurette even had a closet of donated and second-hand clothes for students who needed them,” says Heinlein. “She was very devoted to her students.”

In addition to her gift to DePaul, Kirstein made estate gifts to UIC’s Office of International Services, the John Paul II Newman Center of UIC and family members. To learn more about planned giving at DePaul, call Joel Schaffer, assistant vice president, planned giving, at (312) 362-5319.

Learn more at studentaffairs.depaul.edu/iso/

DEPAUL’S INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

- 1,200 Students enrolled in fall 2007, the highest number ever
- 900 Students served by the ISO in 2006
- 100 Countries of origin for international students and alumni
DePaul donors contribute $34.9 million in FY2007— a record year!

Thousands of generous DePaul University alumni, friends, corporations and foundations helped the university set an all-time fundraising record in fiscal year 2007, which ended June 30. University benefactors gave $34.9 million, exceeding the university’s $20 million fundraising goal by 74 percent and more than doubling the previous year’s total of $15 million.

“Universities are made great through partnerships with alumni and friends,” says the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., president of DePaul University. “I’m grateful for all those who have partnered with us by supporting DePaul’s excellent programs and initiatives. This support will help us achieve our vision of being one of the finest urban and Catholic universities in the United States.”

Several focused fundraising initiatives contributed to the record year. The Campaign for Excellence in Science ended the fiscal year with nearly $15 million raised toward its $20 million goal, including $9 million in support from the State of Illinois. State funding is not included in fundraising totals. (See article on page 3.)

An endowment campaign for music scholarships — the first of its kind at DePaul — began two years ago and ended this fiscal year with impressive results. “We set out to add $1 million to the endowment,” says Donald Casey Jr., dean of the School of Music. “Including pledges and estate gifts, our total was more than $1.5 million in funding that will enable the School of Music to continue to attract talented musicians and scholars.”

Several fundraising efforts are still underway, including a $16 million campaign for the Real Estate Center at DePaul to secure funding for real estate research, endowed chairs and scholarships, and a $1.5 million campaign for the Coleman Entrepreneurship Center. (See article on page 7.)

“Strong philanthropic support for DePaul is vital to the pursuit of our Vincentian mission,” says Mary Finger, senior vice president for Advancement. “With the DePaul community’s continued support, the university will continue to enrich academic quality and prepare students to be socially responsible leaders.”

Learn more at giving.depaul.edu

Fiscal Year 2007 Fundraising Achievements

- Increase in total amount raised compared to fiscal year 2006: 128%
- Alumni contributions: $11.5 million
- Gifts and pledges of $10,000 or more, up from 197 in fiscal year 2006: 291
- Scholarships created, bringing the total number to 497
Steering committee leads the charge for science campaign

The new Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Science Building is beginning to take shape on DePaul University’s Lincoln Park Campus. The building is the centerpiece of the university’s ongoing $20 million Campaign for Excellence in Science, which will help prepare exceptionally educated professionals to meet the needs of Illinois’ scientific community.

The campaign steering committee has provided strong leadership for the fundraising effort, including making direct or indirect contributions totaling nearly $3.9 million.

Committee member Jim Koziarz (LAS ‘71) and wife Debra pledged $100,000 to name the science building’s biochemistry laboratory.

“Our donation to the science campaign is a way of saying thank you to DePaul and assisting the university in expanding its mission of providing educational excellence to Chicago,” says Jim. “It was at DePaul that I first had the chance to work in a biochemistry laboratory, and it was there that I decided to pursue advanced study in biochemistry.

“There are many people who owe DePaul a debt of gratitude for helping them in their lives and careers, and the best way to express that gratitude is to help the university educate the next generation of scientists and teachers,” he says.

In addition to the new science facility, the Campaign for Excellence in Science supports student scholarships and academic programs in the sciences. To support the science campaign, call Jennifer Keller, senior director of development, campaign fundraising, at (312) 362-7517.

Learn more at giving.depaul.edu/science

Watch the construction of the Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Science Building in real time at ntg.depaul.edu/science/live.php.

Dec. 31, 2007 is the last day for individuals over age 70 ½ to transfer up to $100,000 from an IRA to DePaul University without having to count the gift as taxable income. To learn more, contact Joel Schaffer, assistant vice president, planned giving, at (312) 362-5319.
Grant helps combat Chicago-area sex trade

The Schiller, DuCanto and Fleck Family Law Center at the DePaul University College of Law received a $40,000 Chicago Foundation for Women (CFW) research grant to help create a blueprint for ending the coercion and trafficking of women into the sex trade in Illinois.

Senior Research Fellow Jody Raphael is directing the study, which is part of CFW’s yearlong anti-violence initiative “What Will It Take?”

“We are proud funders of Jody’s cutting-edge research. What she does is so important, not only for women but for law enforcement systems as well,” says Hannah Rosenthal, CFW’s executive director. “Jody looks at communities of women that all too many people marginalize and ignore, and she brings sound research to help improve the lives of these women. She peels back the problems to reveal their origins — and only then can meaningful work begin that will prevent violence in women's lives.”

Previous research by Raphael established that between 15,000 and 25,000 women and girls as young as 12 participate daily in the Chicago-area sex trade industry.

CFW-funded researchers will interview women and girls currently engaged in prostitution and controlled by a trafficker or manager to determine how the sex trade operates and how to dismantle it. The final report, scheduled to be released in spring 2008, will help inform CFW’s statewide blueprint for ending violence against women and girls.

To make a gift to the College of Law, call Kevin Fortwendel, senior director of development, at (312) 362-5232.

Richardson welcomed back to DePaul

Two DePaul University presidents — the Rev. John T. Richardson, C.M., president from 1981-1993, and current president, the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M. — hosted a special reception for more than 100 alumni, retired faculty and staff members, and friends. Since 1997, Richardson has taught theology at Christ the King Major Seminary in Nyeri, Kenya. Over the summer, he was in the United States visiting family, friends and alumni. The presidents are pictured above with John B. Simon (JD ’67), chair of DePaul’s Board of Trustees.

Scholarship honors Suzanne and Pat Ryan

More than 200 donors provided a total of $52,000 to establish the Suzanne and Pat Ryan Endowed Scholarship in honor of Pat Ryan and the late Suzanne Ryan (pictured). Both Ryans taught at the School for New Learning (SNL) for more than 30 years. The first scholarship will be awarded during the 2007-08 academic year to an SNL undergraduate student who demonstrates merit and financial need.
DePaul calling: Student callers raise $185,000

The next time your phone rings, it may be a DePaul University student on the line. Student callers in the university’s telefund call center have contacted 16,000 alumni and raised $185,000 since the center’s September 2006 opening.

Whenever classes are in session, 20 student callers with majors from across the university are contacting alumni to tell them about university news and fundraising initiatives and thank them for supporting DePaul.

Ann Marie Brodarick (COM ’09), a finance and French double major, has worked at the call center since it opened. “Calling alumni is one of the best jobs on campus,” the Louisville, Ky., native says. “I enjoy talking to alumni about their experiences at DePaul and their career paths since college.”

In turn, Brodarick shares her experiences at DePaul, including the strong sense of community on DePaul’s campus and her quarter-long immersion in French language and culture while studying abroad at the Alliance Française in Paris.

Student callers also ask alumni to support DePaul. “Every night, I explain the importance of giving back,” says Brodarick. “I’m raising money for financial aid to students who can’t afford to come to DePaul, as well as programming and research that aren’t funded through tuition.”

When DePaul calls, please take a moment to learn more about the university’s educational initiatives and the many ways in which you can help support DePaul and its students. To make a gift now, visit giving.depaul.edu.

Student Giving launches with Class of 2007

Thanks to the hard work of members of DePaul University’s Student Giving Committee (several are pictured below), the Class of 2007 Gift campaign raised nearly $4,000 in gifts and pledges from undergraduate and graduate students. This was the first-ever university-wide effort inviting students to give back to DePaul to help perpetuate the university’s mission. Learn more at giving.depaul.edu/giving/student_giving.aspx.

Foundation continues to support student diversity

The Helen V. Brach Foundation recently gave $60,000 to the Egan Hope Scholars Program, which provides four-year scholarships to academically promising students from Chicago’s inner-city communities. The Brach Foundation is a longtime supporter of the Egan Hope Scholars, having given more than $400,000 to the program since 1995.

R. Matthew Simon, foundation president, presented the check to Mary Finger, senior vice president for Advancement (pictured above).
Ron Marcuson

Ron Marcuson may not be the longest-serving instructor at the School of Accountancy, but he is the only one to have earmarked $1 million of his estate to endow a full-time professorship in the Master of Science in Taxation (MST) graduate program.

Marcuson began teaching in 1984, about eight years after starting a 30-year career with Ernst & Young, including 20 years as a partner. In addition to the endowment, he has given DePaul a selection of modern-master prints, sculpture and artifacts from his personal art collection. Marcuson is shown above with a print by the Spanish artist Joan Miró.

Why did you include DePaul’s MST program in your estate plans?

Marcuson: I have a very positive feeling about the university and its mission in general. DePaul offers opportunities to students who might not otherwise be able to pursue an education — students, for example, who might be the first in their families to go to college.

I believe that what distinguishes DePaul is that most of our MST faculty has real-world experience in the area in which they are teaching. That depth of experience is what makes DePaul — and the MST program in particular — so valuable. I want to help ensure that this practical experience continues to be available to students.

What prompted you to donate your art to the museum?

Marcuson: If I had given the pieces to, say, the Art Institute of Chicago, they would probably wind up in a storeroom. At the DePaul Art Museum, they will be used every day as teaching tools.

International firm creates CTI scholarship

Deutsche Boerse Systems (DBS) Inc. is creating the largest one-year scholarship available to students in the School of Computer Science, Telecommunications and Information Systems (CTI).

The $20,000 expendable scholarship will be awarded in the 2007-08 academic year to a senior majoring in computer science, information systems, network technology or information technology who demonstrates both financial need and academic achievement.

“Deciding to partner with DePaul was easy,” says Stephan Reinartz, executive vice president of DBS Inc. and member of the CTI Leadership Council. “The education CTI provides is well known in the industry and in Chicago. The students have the background and the skills we look for in potential employees, so it makes sense to support education within that field, particularly as technology becomes even more important to the financial industry.”

DBS Inc. is the Chicago-based information technology operations center for Frankfurt, Germany-based Deutsche Boerse Systems AG, a leading service provider to the global derivatives and securities industry. DBS Inc. operates Eurex, one of the world’s largest derivatives exchanges, as well as various other exchange trading and clearing platforms.

“Scholarships are critical for the continued success of our students,” says David Miller, dean of CTI. “The DBS scholarship will support a highly qualified student late in his or her educational career, as well as increase the visibility of DBS Inc. among students and faculty.”

In addition to the scholarship, DBS Inc. is developing information technology and account executive internships and entry-level positions for young professionals. To support CTI, call the Office of Advancement at (312) 362-8666.

Learn more at cti.depaul.edu
Coleman Entrepreneurship Center campaign reaches $1.2 million

The Coleman Entrepreneurship Center is within $300,000 of meeting the Coleman Foundation’s challenge to raise $1.5 million before June 30, 2008. The foundation, which will match all campaign gifts dollar for dollar, issued the challenge in 2004 to encourage support for the center’s consulting services and educational programming.

Campaign donor Sean M. McWeeney (COM ’61), founder and president of Corporate Risk International (CRI), a corporate security consulting firm based near Washington, D.C., understands firsthand the value of entrepreneurship.

In 1991, after a 24-year career at the FBI, McWeeney founded CRI in his home office. Today, CRI’s 400 employees work with Fortune 100 companies, investment banks, international consulting firms and individuals.

“Entrepreneurs take a big risk by starting companies, but the jobs they create help keep the U.S. economy number one in the world,” he says. “DePaul University and the Coleman Center foster that kind of entrepreneurial thinking.”

McWeeney made a $50,000 gift to the Coleman Entrepreneurship Center campaign. “DePaul provided me with a good education and I’m happy to give back,” he says. To support the campaign, call John Bergholz, vice president for development, at (312) 362-5204.

Theatre School creates first lighting design scholarship

Lighting design graduates of The Theatre School at DePaul University and its predecessor, the Goodman School of Drama, work at all levels of the industry, from large-budget Broadway musicals to intimate performances in Chicago.

To help the program continue to attract talented lighting design students and recognize merit, DePaul University has raised $40,000 toward the first endowed scholarship specifically for these students.

Paul Gregory, founder and president of Focus Lighting, an architectural lighting design firm in New York, made a $10,000 gift to the scholarship. “This is about education,” says the 1973 Goodman School graduate. “I want to help create a pipeline of talented lighting designers by helping students fund college. The architectural lighting industry is growing quickly, but there aren’t enough experienced lighting designers.”

Gregory also supports hands-on education by employing several interns annually, including DePaul students, at his award-winning firm.

Three other donors also have made $10,000 lead gifts to the Lighting Design Endowed Scholarship: Theatre School attendee Scott Falbe and Samantha Falbe (THE ’98) of Chicago-based Intelligent Lighting Creations; Theatre School attendee Paul Miller, an associate lighting designer on Broadway; and Robert Shook (THE ’72), partner at Schuler Shook, and Leslie Shook, manager of the Merle Reskin Theatre at DePaul. To support The Theatre School, call Tessa Craib-Cox, director of development, at (773) 325-7929.
Events at DePaul

October
23 Ronald D. Marcuson
   Master of Science in Taxation
   Endowed Professorship
   Plaque Dedication

November
1 "14 Notable Alumni Under 40"
   Reception
8 Alumni Reception in New York City, hosted by the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., president of DePaul University

December
6 President’s Holiday Celebration

For more information, contact the Office of Advancement at (312) 362-8666.

OPENING MASS: Lincoln Park Chapel
The opening mass for the St. Louise de Marillac Chapel in the Lincoln Park Student Center was held Sept. 4 (pictured). The 65-seat space features a 5-foot icon of St. Louise de Marillac, the founder of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

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