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The best gifts aren't always tied with a bow

By Marcie Otteman Grawburg, ’87
Executive director of alumni relations

You know that feeling you get when you give someone a really special gift? The one you searched for, found, knew would be perfect, and then wrapped it in shiny paper and topped it with the perfect bow? Remember the look of pure joy when they opened it – the look that let you know how much they loved it? You may have even been more thrilled than they were, and that’s part of what makes giving so great.

St. Francis of Assisi said, “For it is in giving that we receive.” Whether it is our time, talent or treasure, giving makes us feel good; it gives us purpose, motivation and satisfaction.

In this issue you will meet people who gave the ultimate gift – the gift of life. You’ll read about Central Michigan University students, alumni and their families who have been touched by the gifts of organ, tissue and cornea donation. This package includes the story of grad student April Lucas, who gave perfect gifts when she died in 2011 of a brain aneurysm: She gave new life to four complete strangers.

We’ll also hear from alumni who are giving financially to scholarships for CMU students. We talk to some of those students about what that generosity means to them and their ability to learn.

Speaking of giving, this issue marks the 68th year we have been giving you Centralight as a quarterly magazine. Centralight started in 1930 as a newsletter and moved to its current format in December 1948. It was produced then by the extension department and subtitled “The Alumni Quarterly.”

Which made me ask the question, “Where did the name Centralight come from?” I turned to our sleuthing friends at the Clarke Historical Library. After much searching, they didn’t have a definitive answer for me, but they offered a pretty good educated guess. “As for the history of the name, we have noted that the students of Central, as far back as the early 1900s, were referred to as Centralites, and this may have inspired the name of the publication.”

I like to think that is exactly why they named the magazine Centralight. Our alumni light the way for others by giving back. Their generosity keeps the spirit of CMU alive.

It’s the season of giving. I hope you will give more than you receive, and the joy you share with others will make all the difference.

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PBR-Professional Bull Riders event with meet and greet, Detroit
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Tampa Bay Lightning vs. Red Wings, Tampa
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Pistons vs. Houston Rocket, Auburn Hills

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6
Alumni social, Scottsdale, Arizona
6-8
Boyne Ski Trip, Boyne City

March
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Red Wings vs. Calgary Flames, Detroit
18
CMU golf outing with social, The Villages, Florida
20
Dinner Theater, Mount Pleasant
20
Tampa Bay Lightning vs. Red Wings, Tampa

April
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Alumni social, Naples, Florida
12
"Phantom of the Opera," Wharton Center, East Lansing
25
Scholarship luncheon, Mount Pleasant

This is a small sampling of the many alumni events throughout the U.S. Please visit alumni.cmich.edu for a comprehensive list.

Corrections
Fall 2014, Central’s chosen children
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CMU brews up a new certificate program in fermentation science

Highly sought curriculum on tap to be sixth in the country

CMU’s College of Science and Technology is creating a certificate program in fermentation science to teach enrollees to make craft beer.

The program would be the first of its kind in Michigan and the sixth in the nation. Students would take a series of advanced science classes that cover topics such as biochemistry and microbiology.

Two Mount Pleasant breweries, Mountain Town Brewing Co. and Hunter’s Ale House, are slated to be key partners in the proposed program, which is in the academic curriculum process and is expected to enroll its first class in the fall of 2015.

“As of 2013, Michigan ranked fifth in the nation in number of breweries, behind only California, Colorado, Oregon and Washington,” says Ian Davison, dean of the College of Science and Technology. “This growing industry contributes significantly to the state’s economy, supporting jobs in breweries as well as in farms producing barley and hops.”

In 2012, the Brewers Association calculated that Michigan craft brewing contributed 11,666 full-time equivalent jobs and had about $1 billion in economic impact.

The state of the university is ‘good, very good’

CMU President George E. Ross delivered his annual State of the University address Oct. 8, noting, “With big thinking comes big progress.”

“We have much to celebrate,” Ross told the crowd assembled in Warriner Hall’s Plachta Auditorium. “All of us are making a deep impression on students and parents when they are visiting our campus.”

Ross, who is approaching his fifth year as president, challenged campus to overcome Michigan’s shrinking high school classes and increase enrollment at CMU to 30,000.

He noted the $95 million Biosciences Building under construction and outlined five strategic priorities, including student success, research and creative activities, quality faculty and staff, community partnerships, and infrastructure stewardship.

Freshman class grows nearly 27 percent

This fall’s incoming freshman class numbered 3,811 students – up from 3,012 last year. That’s a 26.5 percent increase, boosting CMU’s total enrollment to 27,069.

The bump is particularly notable in light of the continuing decrease in the number of students graduating from Michigan high schools.

“This increase reflects the dedication and hard work done every day by CMU faculty and staff as well as the efforts of our admissions and marketing teams,” says George E. Ross, CMU president.

CMU’s undergraduate enrollment, on campus in Mount Pleasant and through its Global Campus, is at its fourth highest in a decade.

Steven Johnson, vice president of enrollment and student services, says the larger freshman class reflects the popularity of CMU across all of Michigan’s 83 counties, and he credits the entire university community for achieving the increase.

“The whole campus has come together to help middle and high school students appreciate CMU’s nationally ranked academic programs and the learning experiences they’ll have in the classroom and beyond,” Johnson says.
Researchers get a bird’s-eye view

Scientists could spend less time collecting data in the field because of a study by CMU researchers using a six-foot helicopter equipped with a high-resolution digital camera.

CMU geography experts are using the aircraft to advance research imaging of Great Lakes coastal wetlands.

Benjamin Heumann, director of Central’s Center for Geographic Information Services, and a team of geography students spent a fall day at Wilderness State Park near Carp Lake flying the aircraft along the Lake Michigan shoreline. The helicopter’s camera took thousands of aerial photos researchers will use to map every location of Pitcher’s thistle, a threatened native plant that grows on beaches and grassland dunes along Great Lakes shores.

“Right now, the EPA spends millions of dollars sending scientists out into the field to count species manually, but we don’t have a lot of good spatial data,” Heumann says.

“We’re hoping that by using this new technology, coupled with ground sampling efforts, we’ll be able to cover larger areas and get a better understanding about the state of the ecosystems around the Great Lakes and how they’re changing.”

Central’s engineering program ranked in top 100 by U.S. News

CMU’s School of Engineering and Technology has been ranked 86th among the nation’s universities offering bachelor’s and master’s degrees in engineering by U.S. News & World Report.

“CMU’s undergraduate engineering program recognition reflects the benefit of our small class sizes that allow for greater interaction with dedicated faculty,” says Mohamad S. Qatu, director of the school.

CMU faculty and its Engineering and Technology building, which features 30 specialized laboratories and classrooms, prepare students with a solid career foundation for working with electronics, robotics, manufacturing systems and more.

In addition to the engineering school’s recognition, CMU as a whole ranked No. 194 among national universities and No. 110 among top public schools.

In 2014, U.S. News & World Report rated CMU No. 1 overall for undergraduate online programs, No. 1 nationally for its online bachelor’s and master’s in education programs for veterans, No. 3 in graduate education programs for teachers and administrators, and No. 17 for its online graduate business program.
Chippewas for life

CMU gives and receives in the world of organ donation

PHOTO BY STEVE JESSMORE

BY BETSY MINER-SWARTZ '86
Thousands of Central Michigan University students, faculty, staff and alumni have been touched by the modern-day medical miracle of organ, eye and tissue donation. They have suffered tragedies and, in death, have given others new life. They also have received – they’ve been given a heart, lungs, a kidney or corneas. Those recipients get a new shot at life and, because of it, are able to see, experience, travel, love and make a difference of their own.

More people are in need of transplants than ever before. The national waiting list grows every week and today stands at an astounding 124,000 – enough people to fill Kelly/Shorts Stadium four times. In Michigan, more than 3,400 people are waiting for a phone call with the news that their lives will be saved.

Here are some of the stories from CMU students and alumni who make up the world of donation and transplantation. They represent both the beauty of giving and the joy of receiving. And some are working in the field to help make those transplants possible. 

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Born with just half of her heart working as it should, 1-year-old Maggie McLaren was admitted to the University of Michigan’s C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital in Ann Arbor three years ago to do one of two things: Receive a new heart from a generous little donor or die there waiting.

Maggie McLaren

She turned 4 this year.

“When we found out Maggie would need a new heart, we were grateful we still had options but were overwhelmed by the gravity of our situation,” Kelly McLaren, ’98, wrote in the months after her daughter’s life was saved. “I couldn’t even begin to imagine a life without our baby girl.”

Maggie had tubes and monitoring equipment connected to her chest, sides, even her toes. “For five months, holding our daughter was like untangling Christmas lights,” says McLaren, who lives in Lansing with her husband, Nick, and their daughter. “Not knowing what the next day would bring was the worst.”

Mott had become their second home, and the baby was running out of time.

“She was full of smiles and love and strength, but she was swollen and blue, not able to walk or even crawl. I just wanted my little girl to be able to run and play and enjoy her childhood.”

The McLarens clung to hope as their little one got weaker. Then, when things were very bleak, the news came: There was a new heart for Maggie.

“I was elated and relieved that my daughter wasn’t going to die, but we still had to get through the surgery. And we knew someone else’s child had to die for Maggie to live.”

Their little one was about to receive the most treasured gift anyone could possibly receive: Life.

When the six-hour surgery was over, the McLarens could see Maggie’s new heart beating in her chest. “To this day, I am floored that it wasn’t always hers,” says Kelly, who earned her degree in art.

Today, Maggie’s life is so very normal. She sings her banana song every time she gobbles one down; she loves to eat hot dog buns and “ogurt” (yogurt) and belly laugh when something’s funny.

This year, on the anniversary of her March 12 transplant – just like the two before that – she drew a picture for her donor, and her mom tucked it away in a box. “We do it so we can look back in remembrance on her sweet angel. Later, we will use the pictures as a teaching tool for her. She had a sick heart, and she had to get a healthy one.”

The McLarens – who have not yet met the family of Maggie’s donor – are determined to teach their daughter to be grateful for her gift and for the child who gave it to her.

“That’s the only reason she’s here.”

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3,400 Michigan residents are waiting for organ transplants
April Lucas died a hero.

Just ask her dad. Then ask any of the four men who are alive today because the popular, 23-year-old graduate student donated her organs.

April, '11, had just enrolled in CMU’s hospital administration program when she suffered a brain aneurysm while studying at her Mount Pleasant apartment in late 2011. She was flown to Beaumont Health System in Royal Oak, where it was later determined the young woman from Wixom was brain dead.

“She wasn’t on the registry, so when the choice came for organ donation, I left it up to April’s brother, Kevin,” her dad Harry Lucas of Macomb says. “I said, ‘You decide what she would want.’”

Kevin gave the nod. “From that moment on, it was about honoring April,” her dad says. “It’s made a world of difference for all of us – and the recipients and their friends and families. Her gifts are precious.”

As Harry Lucas puts it, his daughter delivered four miracles that day, and three years later, he’s met or at least talked with all of April’s four organ recipients:

“Bob — who got a kidney and her pancreas — is in his 50s and lives in Illinois. He has grandkids, he’s working again, and he and his wife are now traveling.”

“Jared is 30 – he was near death when he received April’s liver. He just graduated from nursing school.”

“And there’s Bill from New York. He has April’s lungs and will be able to see his daughter graduate from high school.”

“The other kidney went to Kassim, who lives in Grand Rapids, and he’s since had a baby.”

Kassim Scott was diagnosed with kidney disease in 2007. The illness put much of his life on hold. He was just 30 and dialysis was sustaining him.

“I was in and out of the hospital and barely able to work,” he says. “I was at my lowest moment when I got the call that there was a kidney.”

The transplant gave Scott his life back and made it possible for him to start a family: Little Korrie is 20 months old.

“I always wanted a daughter, and now I can run and play with her,” he says. “And I’m getting married next year. I never would have had any of this without my transplant.”

Scott has talked with April’s dad, but they’ve not yet met in person. When that day comes, he will say face to face what he’s already told Lucas by phone: “Thank you for your donation. It completely changed my life around.”

Harry Lucas and his wife, Peggy — April’s stepmom — now help promote donation in Michigan by talking publicly about their unimaginable tragedy and all the good that came after that.

“I’m telling the story of every donor through my daughter,” Harry says. “It’s an unconditional gift to a complete stranger. And now we know that her time on earth meant more than those 23 years.”

80 percent of patients waiting for organs need a kidney
Alex Teska

Alex Teska, ’10, considers herself fortunate.

She gets to hear the best stories – poignant ones about people who are blind or nearly blind, and then they can see again.

Their worlds are a dark blur; some see no color. Many lose their sight gradually because of genetics or disease, others suffer traumatic corneal burns or cuts. Many can’t see to read a book, recognize faces, drive or appreciate a stand of sugar maples in the fall.

And then their vision is restored because of the generous gifts of others.

That’s where Teska’s job as community relations liaison for the Ann Arbor-based Michigan Eye-Bank comes in. The Eye-Bank helps fulfill the wishes of people who want to donate their corneas.

Teska, 26 and originally from Trenton, hears the moving stories of transplant recipients who wake up from their surgeries and can already see better and more – and their vision only improves with time. They’re overwhelmed with appreciation and gratitude as their worlds are transformed.

She hears from people like Casandra Perry, who, at 38, learned she was going blind.

“I couldn’t see the details of things like blades of grass,” Perry says. Her diagnosis: Fuch’s dystrophy, a painful, degenerative disease that distorts vision before robbing sight altogether.

Six years ago, the Northville woman received two transplants. Weeks after her surgeries, her world was bright, colorful and detailed again.

“The things I had been missing for years started to come into focus. Like the freckles on my son’s face,” Perry says.

The decisions of strangers saved her vision and helped her remain the sole provider for her daughter, Liz, and son, Jack. “The Michigan Eye-Bank gave me hope and they gave me sight.”

Teska, who earned her degree in political science, tells Perry’s story often. And there are so many more – like the grandmother who was able to see the faces of her grandchildren for the very first time, the artist who was able to return to her painting after years in the dark and the children who sometimes are able to see clearly for the first time and experience things they never imagined.

“I get to hear their stories and share them with others to increase awareness,” Teska says. “Everyone’s job at the eye bank is an important piece of the puzzle, but I feel lucky in that I get to see the results.

“These people become family because of the deep and wonderful connection through the gift of sight,” Teska says. “Hearing a recipient or donor family’s story is always a stark reminder of the amazing cause that I work for.”

2,044 people in Michigan became eye donors in 2013, enabling others to see again.
Ashley Brown

Alum Ashley Brown and her colleagues at Gift of Life Michigan save lives.

The Grand Rapids woman, M.A. ’13, works with donation coordinators who are dispatched to hospitals all across the state to fulfill the wishes of terminal patients registered to be organ and tissue donors. They talk with families and – in cases involving patients who aren’t registered organ donors – ask mothers and fathers and spouses and siblings if their loved ones would want to help others.

More often than not, the answer is yes.

“The number of people waiting for an organ transplant continues to rise, and I have the opportunity every day to help close the gap,” Brown says. “It doesn’t get any better than that.”

When it’s clear a patient will become an organ donor, the team from Gift of Life works with hospital staff and transplant teams in surgery. Those hearts, lungs, kidneys and livers are then rushed to transplant centers across Michigan and the Midwest where desperately ill patients are already prepped for life-saving surgery.

Brown, 29, spent four years in hospitals with grieving families and transplant surgeons. Today, using the skills she learned in CMU’s master of science in administration program, she leads a team of six donation coordinators covering hospitals in Michigan’s southwest region.

“Through Gift of Life (based in Ann Arbor), we are not only changing the life of the person waiting to be transplanted, but each and every person they are connected to,” she says. “To be a part of that is truly amazing.”

Brown’s first organ donor case involved the family of a young man in a car accident.

“I had the opportunity to learn who he was as a person and all that he gave during his short time on Earth,” Brown says. “It was no surprise to me that his final gift to others was to be an organ and tissue donor.”

Brown was asked to speak at his funeral.

“What an honor it was to talk about the lives he saved and to represent the young man I felt I knew after spending so much time with his family,” Brown says. “Over the years, I’ve stayed in touch with them, and I still have his picture on my desk as a constant reminder of why we do what we do.”

Someone dies every 18 minutes in the U.S. waiting for an organ transplant.
Many Central students know personally what it means to give the ultimate gift of life — and to receive it. Those students are channeling their passion into as much good as they can by helping add names to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry.

Jesicalyn Stoddard, 20, of Madison Heights, will be a leader this winter in something called the Gift of Life Campus Challenge, the largest college-based organ donor drive in the nation. Students on campuses across the state will compete Jan. 15 to Feb. 26 for new donor registrations by hosting sign-up tables and educating their fellow students.

“It’s important because once we pass, it’s the last thing we can do to help others,” Stoddard says.

She knows. Her father received a rare kidney and liver transplant in 2013 after his appendix burst, destroying those organs.

“I never really knew how important donation could be until it happened to my family,” Stoddard says. “It’s the only reason he’s here. If he didn’t have a transplant, I wouldn’t have a dad.”

In its 11-year history, the Campus Challenge has added more than 35,000 people to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. Central has added 1,528. The best year in Mount Pleasant was in 2005, when 463 people registered on campus.

Stoddard has high hopes for the 2015 competition.

She will get some help from Washington Township sophomore Derek Lucassian of the Sigma Pi fraternity. His cousin, grad student April Lucas of Wixom, died of a brain aneurysm in 2011 and saved four lives.

“She’s not gone – she’s still living on,” says 19-year-old Lucassian. “I met some of her recipients and it was extremely emotional.”

His fraternity has taken on organ donation as one of its philanthropic projects, along with suicide awareness and the Adopt a Family program.

“I love getting people to sign up. It’s just so important.”

CMU consistently ranks in the top half of the competition with other schools statewide, says Jennifer Tislerics of Gift of Life Michigan in Ann Arbor.

“With more than 20,000 students on campus plus their family members and alumni, there is tremendous opportunity to inspire and motivate more people to register,” she says. “Not only would Chippewas help save lives and lend hope to those who are waiting, but CMU has real potential to bring home the statewide trophy in 2015.”

283 Michigan residents were able to become organ donors last year; 914 people donated tissue.

Register today to become an organ and tissue donor

If you don’t have a red heart emblem on your Michigan driver’s license or ID, you aren’t registered in this state. Doing so takes less than a minute: Go to giftoflifemichigan.org/go/cmu.

If you don’t live in Michigan, go to donatelife.net/register-now to join the registry in your state.
Elementary education senior Julie Claveau is just the fourth female drum major in the Chippewa Marching Band’s 91-year history. “The band is of huge importance to CMU Chippewa pride and culture,” Claveau says. “Every single game, I get chills up and down my spine. It’s hard work, but it’s a lot of fun.”
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Seniors have taken CMU women’s basketball to new heights

In the fall of 2011, Central Michigan women’s basketball coach Sue Guevara welcomed a freshman class that brought great promise. Guevara was entering her fifth year as the Chippewas’ coach, and her program had taken a firm hold. The previous year, the Chippewas had won 20 games for the first time in two decades, and the team reached the semifinals of the conference tournament for the first time in nearly as long.

Guevara knew full well that based on the collective record of that 2011 freshman group, the foundation was there for something special.

“Quite frankly when they came in, I expected that we would take it up a major level their first year,” Guevara says, “which is totally unfair to a recruiting class.”

Jas'Mine Bracey, Crystal Bradford, Jessica Green and Kerby Tamm entered their senior season this fall with the opportunity to take CMU women’s basketball to unprecedented heights.

“It’s definitely a now-or-never thing because we’re not going to get this moment back,” Bracey says. “This is our last year.”

“We want to leave our legacy here’
The first three years have been exceptional by any measure. The Chippewas are 61-40; they won the Mid-American Conference West Division championship last season, CMU’s first regular-season league title since it won the predivisional MAC crown in 1985.

The Chippewas reached the MAC Tournament championship game during the quartet’s freshman season, losing a one-point heartbreaker to Eastern Michigan. They captured the tournament title the next year, landing the CMU program its first NCAA Tournament berth since 1984.

Bracey, Bradford, Green and Tamm comprised four-fifths of CMU’s starting lineup a year ago and all have played critical roles in the team’s success.

“We want to leave our legacy here,” says Bradford, the reigning MAC Player of the Year who, even if she never played another minute in a Chippewa uniform, has left a nearly unmatched statistical mark on the program. “It should be a show this year. I’m shooting for a movie-like fairy tale ending.

“I feel that with the talent and the work ethic that we have, we should have won all three rings by now, but it didn’t happen the way it should have,” Bradford says “which is life.”

Overcoming challenges
The players’ bonds stem from the victories and the successes and perhaps more so from losses and tragedies.

Green was lost to a knee injury at the end of her sophomore year. Bradford suffered a similar fate as CMU entered the MAC Tournament last spring and was upset in its first-round game.

“It was a learning experience, a life experience that I had to go through,” Bradford says. “Being injured, I was a coach. I found a new love.”

An injured Green looked on as her teammates won the MAC Tournament title in 2013 and then lost a first-round NCAA Tournament game.

“It was a learning experience, a life experience that I had to go through,” Bradford says. “Being injured, I was a coach. I found a new love.”

Coach Guevara, now well into her fourth decade of college and professional coaching, saw the lesson that both Bradford and Green so painfully endured – and Bracey and Tamm saw up close.

“Life,” Guevara says, “moves on without you.”
Each covets being a part of what may be this season.

“‘You definitely appreciate it more because when it’s taken away from you, you can’t do anything but watch,’ Green says. “It’s definitely an eye-opener because you could never have a chance to play again. But since you do, take advantage of it, work hard and get back out there with your team.”
From good to great
Bracey and Bradford were high school teammates, and they played AAU ball with Green for years before coming to Mount Pleasant. They meshed with Tamm, who earned her keep with a remarkable work ethic and a team-first attitude.

And while the group was clearly talented, that will take a team only so far. It needs intangibles to go from good to great.

"Over the years, we grew as friends off the court, which helped us a lot on the court," Bracey says. "Because Jess and Crystal and I played together before – from when we were like 10 up until now – yes, we have a strong bond. And when we came in with Kerb and we got to know her, it's like we're four sisters out there.

"It helps a lot on the court. Because we know each other, we know different things that others are going to do, looks. Like when somebody's going back-door, it's just a look. We know it."

Traits like that come only with familiarity, an outgrowth of countless hours on the gym floor together, in the weight room and on the never-ending litany of road trips that are a fact of life in college athletics.

It also comes from traveling abroad together and in partaking in team-organized leadership exercises orchestrated by Guevara, who knows that a collection of talent is one thing, a team is quite another.

"Coach G has not only helped us grow on the court, she's helped us grow as young women through different things that have nothing to do with basketball," Bracey says. "Traveling the world, manners, conducting ourselves a certain way, all that stuff."

An added dimension
The senior group added another piece to the puzzle last season when Lorreal Jones transferred in from St. Louis. The Detroit native could not dress for games last season under NCAA transfer rules, but she practiced daily and found her niche.

"It was hard at times," Jones says. "But it was fulfilling to watch the team grow and to collaborate with the team and the players, even if it was just in practice."

Being a relative newcomer, Jones has a unique perspective on what sets the group apart.

"They are all great players, some of the best I've ever played with," she says. "When I see them, I see the potential of what we can be together. We have a power dynamic."

It's taken a great deal of cultivation on Guevara's part to get this group where it is today. You don't last as long in the coaching game as Guevara has without a visceral feel for players.

"We always have a good time and laugh, but she knows when we need to buckle down and be serious," Tamm says. "She cares about you more as a person than as a player. She pushes you, and she's not afraid to tell you how it is, which is what you need."

"I just have the utmost respect for her as a person and as a coach."

A coach on and off the court
Bradford, who Guevara says is the best player she has ever coached, echoes Tamm's sentiments.

"On and off the court I have matured tremendously," Bradford says. "I've come very, very far. I don't think at any other university I would have matured the way I have matured here.

"I've had a coach who didn't just worry about me as an athlete, she worried about me being a young lady and she worried about me being a student. I couldn't be happier."

Motivation unquestionably burns hot.

"This class came in with a lot of confidence in their ability," Guevara says. "These kids knew how to win, and that was their expectation. They expected to be champions."

"To see what we do with this season – what is this class going to be remembered for? Usually it's a single player who is a program changer. This is a class of program changers." •
RECRUITING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHIPPEWA

BY TERRI FINCH HAMILTON, '83
ADMISSIONS ALUMNI AMBASSADORS SHARE THEIR PASSION FOR CMU WITH STUDENTS IN SEARCH OF A SCHOOL

Central alumni love to harken back and share everything good about their college days in Mount Pleasant.

“Those were the best years of my life,” they say.

“I made lifelong friends.”

“I absolutely love CMU.”

Now the Admissions Office is deputizing passionate alumni willing to use those golden (and maroon) memories to help recruit the next generation of Chippewas.

They’re called Admissions Alumni Ambassadors, and they represent CMU in their communities all over the country at college fairs, receptions and other events for new and prospective students.

“Our alumni are some of the best recruiters CMU has,” says Amy Hauenstein, associate director of admissions, out-of-state recruitment and alumni engagement. “They’re out there, all over the place, more than 210,000 of them.

“When they relate their CMU experiences to others, it only helps us.”

As the number of high school seniors in Michigan declines, CMU is looking to other states for prospective students.

That’s where the alumni ambassadors come in.

So far, 17 alumni are participating from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., Texas and New York.

Hauenstein still needs ambassadors in Dallas, Southern California, Florida and the East Coast.

“We’re looking for alumni who are enthusiastic about sharing their CMU experiences with prospective students and their parents,” she says.

Visit cmich.edu/alumni/engage/admissions for an application. If you’re approved, you’ll receive an information packet and be directed to a 30-minute online training video that explains the responsibilities, from how to set up a CMU information table to answering frequently asked questions.

Ambassadors will be asked to visit three or four college fairs each year in their region, Hauenstein says. Her hope eventually is to broaden the program and have ambassadors write personal notes to newly admitted students and make welcome phone calls.

“High school students relate to successful young alumni standing behind the CMU table,” says Annie Sanders, associate director of alumni relations. “Having alumni there puts more of a personal spin on things. They can speak from experience about residence hall life and what Mount Pleasant is like.”

It’s great for alumni, too, she says.

“Maybe you’re passionate about CMU but you lost touch. Maybe you can’t give a financial commitment right now, but you can give time,” Sanders says. “It’s a great way to reconnect.”

MEET THE AMBASSADORS

SPENCER LONG, ’08, ’10 MA, had plenty to talk about as he staffed the CMU table at a fine arts college fair in Chicago.

An active and passionate alumnus, Long told Chicago students about the personal connections he made with professors and the close-knit atmosphere on campus.

“I love talking to students and watching them decide that CMU is a contender,” says Long, who works in campus housing at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

As a CMU student, Long belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and was involved in Leadership Safari.

“I told them CMU is not just a four-year experience,” Long says. “It’s a lifelong friend.”

MELICA HAMPTON, ’11, had a great time hosting the CMU table at the Passaic County College Fair in New Jersey.

“It’s a way I can give back to my community and give back to CMU,” says Hampton, a work readiness instructor at Goodwill Industries.

She answered plenty of student questions about course offerings, scholarship opportunities and Greek life. And she says she never ran out of good things to say about CMU.

“The classes are small; the instructors know who you are,” she says. “I love helping get CMU’s name out there.”

SARA HUBBARD, ’99, led tours of CMU as a campus ambassador during her years at Central, so her new role as an admissions alumni ambassador is a natural extension of that, she says.

“I had a great experience at Central and I want to pass that on,” says Hubbard, who was a resident assistant at Emmons Hall and a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority.

Hubbard, who cares for her young children at home, recently staffed a CMU information table at a college fair in Indianapolis. She answered questions about financial aid and happily told Indiana students if they maintain a 2.75 grade-point average at Central, they’ll pay in-state tuition.

“I think it says a lot about the university that its alumni are willing to volunteer their time to tell prospective students about CMU,” Hubbard says. “This is a great idea.”
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Four spiral-bound notebooks filled with handwritten stories are stacked on a table in front of Clarence Tuma.

It’s early October and the 89-year-old is almost finished compiling the memories of his lifetime for a book he began writing nearly five years ago.

His stories are featured in his memoir, “Feeding the World: A One-Pound Pork Chop at a Time,” set for a late 2014 release.

“If I had known I was going to one day write a book, I would have written a lot of this down as it happened,” says Tuma. “Looking back, people may say what made Tuma famous was a pig.”

The pig he’s referring to is one of the delectable entrees from his family’s legendary fine dining restaurant, the Embers, which closed in 2007 after nearly 50 years as a Mount Pleasant destination.

But Tuma’s book is about so much more than the Embers.

His life’s rich history originated with his grandmother sending his father from Lebanon to America when he was just 12 to protect her son from being kidnapped by Turkish nationalists.

“What I like is that in telling my story, I get to tell … the stories of other people who are important in my life,” Tuma says.

Tuma’s book includes everything from growing up as one of nine children in Detroit to serving in the Army during World War II, attending and graduating from CMU, and owning a highly regarded restaurant.

Tuma spent a lot of time at Park Library writing in notebooks, which he handed off to his granddaughter Samantha Minnis, ’05, to read and type into the computer. Toward the end of the process, Tuma connected with friend and author Jack Westbrook to help him put the finishing touches on his work.

“He opened the Embers two months before I graduated from high school,” says Westbrook, who grew up in Mount Pleasant. “His is a classic rags-to-riches story, but his also has been a life of sharing and helping others fulfill their dreams.”

For more information on ordering Tuma’s book and the official release date, please visit his official Facebook page – Feeding the World: A One-Pound Pork Chop At A Time.

The book also features favorite Embers recipes such as the peas and peanuts salad, pecan rolls, meat loaf and, of course, the one-pound pork chop. •
Gifts of knowledge
CMU is fortunate to have the support of generous alumni and friends who have, through the years, created a legacy of giving that has touched hundreds of students. They’re establishing scholarships, guiding the next generation of leaders and offering hands-on learning opportunities. They’re giving because they can, they love this university, and they know their gifts can and do make all the difference for future alumni.

Here are five stories of giving that promise to fuel your CMU pride.

BY AMY SOPER
CMU has been part of Caitlyn Marie Uebbing’s life since the day she was born. Her parents met on campus, and it’s no coincidence that her initials are CMU. Her brother’s initials are CMU, too.

“The CMU flag was out the first day I came home from the hospital,” says Uebbing, a freshman from Rochester.

Caitlyn’s parents, Richard and Amy (Rosseau) Uebbing, met on campus in 1981 and both are alumni. So are an assortment of aunts and cousins.

“At a Central basketball game my senior year, a group of students unrolled a sign Richard made that said ‘Amy, will you marry me?’” says Amy, ‘86. “With our life together being centered around CMU, we knew it was always going to be a part of our future.”

Although Caitlyn was surprised to learn she received a $2,000 Alumni Gold Scholarship, some might think it was meant to be: The competitive, one-time-only scholarship is for children and grandchildren of CMU graduates. Three incoming freshmen receive the award each year.

“The financial support and the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of my family to get a great education here means a lot,” says Uebbing, an athletic training major. “I received no other scholarships, so this was a really big thing that made me love being here even more.”

Uebbing says she plans to apply to CMU’s physical therapy graduate program and pursue a career in sport injury rehabilitation.

Alumni Legacy Program

Children and grandchildren of CMU alumni can benefit from the Alumni Legacy Award. The award grants in-state tuition rates to all out-of-state admitted undergraduate students whose parents or grandparents are CMU alumni.

For more information, contact Undergraduate Admissions at (888) 292-5366.
An idea born from a casual conversation between two roommates sitting on a couch in their off-campus apartment could lead to a groundbreaking career. CMU alumni Sheldon Brummell, ’10, and Julius Bryant, ’10, first talked about giving back to CMU when they were still students. They decided then that they wanted to help the scant number of minorities in the College of Business Administration. Brummell is a line-haul coordinator for Con-Way Freight in Ann Arbor. His former roommate, Bryant, is a commercial operations manager for General Electric in Louisville, Kentucky. They created the Bryant-Brummell Business Award in 2013. Preference is given to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of underrepresented minorities in business. Raheem Kareem, a junior from Oak Park majoring in human resources management, is the first recipient. Kareem received $1,000. “Being the first recipient of this award has made me realize what a heartwarming experience it can be to give back,” he says. How to contribute to the Bryant-Brummell Business Award To donate, go to bbbgive.com. Select the Bryant-Brummell Business Award in the search box and enter your donation amount.
For the past 27 years, Central-loving friends have gathered in Traverse City for the CMU Thomas “Bud” Moore Scholarship Open.

Named for Moore, who died at 69 in 2002, the golf tournament raises scholarship money for CMU students in northern Michigan’s Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau counties.

“He just loved Central Michigan so much and had kept up with his friends and was just very involved,” Betty Moore says of her late husband.

Dan Stoudt, a friend of Moore’s and member of the scholarship committee, remembers Moore, ’55, gathering his friends to launch the tourney.

“Tom was a charming, well-thought-of person who was always doing things for other people,” Stoudt says. “He had the innate ability to get others involved, as no one could turn him down.”

That kind of charisma has paid off in a very successful golf fundraiser that has spanned nearly three decades. It has now nurtured a sizable endowment that has allowed enough spendable income to award $18,000 in scholarships this year.

Recipient Kaischa Smith is a 32-year-old elementary education student who takes classes through CMU’s Global Campus in Traverse City.

She was awarded $2,000.

“I substitute teach in the public school system, and I haven’t made a whole lot of money, so the scholarship was a tremendous help,” she says. “I had a really great education in the Traverse City Public Schools. I’d love to be able to work in the school system as a teacher and give back.”

Betty Moore said her husband was passionate about staying connected with friends. Though his career as an attorney eventually led his family to Texas, he maintained a summer cottage in Traverse City and loved reuniting with his college buddies. The golf tournament provided a great opportunity for that.

She says the event’s lasting impact on students has meant a lot to her. “It makes me feel really good. It makes me feel like his presence is still around.”
No scholarship is too small.

Senior Alyson Beland knows just how much $500 can mean when it comes to determining a career path. The public relations major from Dundee received an Integrative Public Relations Alumni Award to attend a PR conference in 2013.

“I was in my junior year in college and going to that conference changed my perspective on what I wanted to do,” Beland says. “It helped me take a broad idea and change it into reality.”

Beland thought she might want to pursue public relations for a nonprofit organization, then decided corporate public relations was a better fit for her.

A few weeks after that conference, she learned about opportunities at The Dow Chemical Co., and today she’s a co-op in public affairs for Dow Elastomers, a business unit of Dow.

That scholarship also introduced her to a new role model – the scholarship’s creator, CMU alumna Anne Gaertner, ’02. Gaertner started the scholarship in 2011 to help two students each year attend the national public relations conference. The award is funded by contributions.

“I was fortunate to receive scholarships, and it’s my responsibility to ensure today’s students have the same opportunity given to me,” says Gaertner. “You don’t have to wait until you’re earning a salary north of $100,000 to reinvest in your alma mater.”

Beland says she remembers feeling both nervous and curious about meeting the person behind the scholarship.

“I met her, and she was more than what I expected,” says Beland. “She’s done so much and created an image of herself that I want to be like. Anne gave her heart through the award to help someone further their education. I want to be that person who gives back.”

Beland expects to graduate in May and is applying for Dow’s Public Affairs and Government Affairs Development Program.

Margaret “Ranny” Riecker lives on at CMU through the people she’s helped and inspired.

Riecker, who died last April, was a CMU trustee from 1974 until 1992. She initiated efforts such as the Robert and Marjorie Griffin Endowed Chair in American Government. In doing so, CMU is now able to expose students to political expertise by employing a government expert as a faculty member through that endowment.

Riecker also provided financial support to establish The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions, which opened in 2004. That’s helping students become physician assistants, physical therapists and audiologists at CMU.

Kathy Wilbur, vice president of development and external relations for CMU, remembers meeting Riecker in 1978. Wilbur had just started working on the campaign to re-elect CMU alumnus Robert Griffin to the U.S Senate.

What she saw in Riecker left a lasting impression.

“Initially I was scared of her,” Wilbur says. “But it didn’t take me long to figure out that I liked and respected her. She was forthright and direct.”

Riecker’s assertiveness helped her blast through the glass ceiling at the time. She expected a place at the table in what many considered a man’s world. When Wilbur started working at CMU in 2002, she reconnected with Riecker, who was no longer a trustee but was still involved at CMU.

“I learned … from watching Ranny over the years,” Wilbur says. “I learned I can be at the table if I do it appropriately and that you really could have all of your worlds overlap and combine – you could be an accomplished woman, a wife, a mother, a leader, and be involved in higher education, politics and your community. It was all possible. Ranny did it all with intelligence, class and grace.”
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THE BEAR FACTS

Kirsten Nicholson and her team loaded two 10-foot-tall taxidermied grizzly bears on a flatbed trailer back in 2007 and headed for CMU’s Museum of Cultural and Natural History. Nicholson, the museum’s curator, retrieved the massive animals from the home of Judy Dean whose husband, Dale, shot them while hunting in Alaska and British Columbia years ago.

“We covered them up with a tarp, and I drove 25 miles an hour all the way back from Midland,” Nicholson says. “At one point, the tarp blew back and a bear’s arms were showing. You should’ve seen the looks we got.”

The grizzlies, which likely weighed around 500 pounds each before they were stuffed, are on display in the main gallery, along with a sensor pad that lights up and growls for museum visitors.

“When we have our staff meetings and there are visitors, we usually count to 20 before we hear the screams,” Nicholson says. “The bears are a lot of fun and a great way to introduce visitors to wildlife in need of conservation.”

PHOTO BY STEVE JESSMORE, ’81
Each year, CMU recognizes alumni and friends who have made significant contributions of their time, talent or financial resources to help advance and bring positive recognition to Central Michigan University. Seven alumni and one foundation were honored in September at the annual CMU Alumni Awards ceremony. The 2014 winners:

**Outstanding Recent Graduate Alumni Award:** Laura Cochrun, '09

Cochrun is community development specialist for the Arajuno Road Project, an organization that supports the children and families living along Ruta Arajuno in the Upper Amazon Basin of Ecuador.

**Distinguished Young Alumni Award:** Nathan Tallman, '07, '09

Tallman was the first president of the CMU Young Alumni Board, and he now serves alumni at the national level. Tallman was instrumental in developing the CMU Alumni Association's strategic plan. He is the corporate development director for Metro Wire & Cable, a producer of wire and cable products.

**Corporate or Foundation Partner Award:** Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation

This Midland-based foundation is the namesake of the only named college at CMU. It has given nearly $9 million in support of several colleges, including $5 million for the Health Professions Building, which opened in 2004.

**Chapter/Club Service Award:** Bryan Wieferich, '02

Wieferich has been a member of the CMU Honors Program Alumni Board for more than 12 years – 11 of those as president. Wieferich has helped develop and raise money for an endowed honors program alumni scholarship.

**Honorary Alumni Award:** Mark Stansberry

Stansberry owns and operates Mountain Town Rehab, a physical therapy clinic in Mount Pleasant. He serves as an adjunct faculty member for The Herbert H. & Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions and is on the physical therapy admissions board.

**Community Recognition Alumni Award:** Robert Van Deventer, ’74

Van Deventer was honored for his commitment to advancing the connection between the Great Lakes Bay Region and Central Michigan University. He is the president and CEO of the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce.

**Alumni Commitment Award:** Keith Goodwin, ’74

Goodwin recently served as the 2014 executive-in-residence for the CMU College of Business Administration. He presented at the New Venture Competition kickoff and was a finals judge. Goodwin also mentored the students who won first place at the 2014 Alpha Kappa Psi regional competition in Chicago.
Distinguished Alumni Award: Thomas Crean, '89

Crean is Indiana University's men's basketball coach. Since joining the program in 2008, he has led IU to a 73-31 record, won the 2013 Big Ten title outright and saw the Hoosiers make back-to-back appearances in the Sweet Sixteen for the first time since 1994. IU also spent 11 weeks as the No. 1 team in the nation in 2012-13.
Pulitzer Prize winner inducted into Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame

William Serrin, ’61, former investigative reporter and New York University journalism professor, was inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame as a distinguished journalist who has advanced the legacy of a free and responsible press and influenced Michigan journalism.

Serrin, who served as CMU student body treasurer, earned a Pulitzer Prize as part of the team of reporters that covered the Detroit riots for the Free Press in 1968.

The Saginaw native’s career in journalism has spanned 50 years and included a stint at the New York Times, where he was the first labor and workplace correspondent in American journalism. He left the Times in 1986 to write “Homestead: The Glory and Tragedy of an American Steel Town,” which was listed by the U.S. Department of Labor as one of the “100 Books That Shaped Work in America.”

Serrin was inducted into the CMU Journalism Hall of Fame in 2005. He retired from NYU in April.

1974 championship football team reunites at homecoming

The legendary 1974 CMU football team gathered on campus for homecoming in October to celebrate the 40th anniversary of its Division II championship.

More than 60 players and coaches were honored at halftime. And after four decades, their bond is as strong as ever.

“You would think over time, that 40 years would maybe reduce that bond a little bit,” says Dick Dunham, a sophomore standout in that game. “But it hasn’t. That’ll tell you how strong it was.”

Coach Roy Kramer, who went on to become the athletic director at Vanderbilt and, eventually, the commissioner of the Southeastern Conference, joined the team for the reunion.

“Amazing how many I recognize,” Kramer says. "They’ve all changed a lot. We had a great camaraderie and to see them all here, and understand how much that experience meant to them – it meant an awful lot to me."

The team finished 12-1 on the season and rolled past Delaware 54-14 in the title game to deliver CMU its only national championship.

The ’74 squad has marked other milestone years with reunions. With time, the gatherings become more special, says Mike Franckowiak, the team’s All-American quarterback.

“It’s just a thrill to come back and see everyone,” says Franckowiak, a retired equities trader now living in North Carolina. “Whether you made the 20-year reunion or the 25th or the 30th – not everyone makes every one, so this one is special."
Anson Family Atrium dedicated at events center

CMU alumni Todd and Tim Anson possess a deep appreciation for the lifelong benefit an education provides.

In late October, the brothers shared that appreciation with their alma mater by lending their generous support to the McGuirk Arena atrium. The area, now known as the Jack and Patricia Anson Family Atrium, was dedicated and named in honor of their parents.

“My parents are living proof that ‘Going to school is like walking through a magic door to your dreams,’” Todd Anson says, borrowing a quote from Nobel Prize recipient Malala Yousafzai. “That’s exactly what happened to our family.”

CMU ties run deep in the Anson family. Jack enrolled at CMU on the GI bill after serving in the Navy in World War II. He met Patricia at CMU; she passed away in 2011. Jack graduated in 1950, Patricia in ‘47. They settled in Mount Pleasant and raised their family. All three sons, Todd, Tim and Steve, are CMU alums. Todd is an attorney and venture investor living near San Diego, and Tim is a certified public accountant in Washington, D.C. Todd’s wife, Terri, and Tim’s wife, Kristi, also are CMU graduates.

“We celebrate one of Central Michigan University’s most distinguished families as we officially dedicate the Jack and Patricia Anson Family Atrium,” CMU President George E. Ross said during the ceremony. “We sincerely appreciate your unwavering generosity and leadership which has made the Anson Family Atrium, and so much more, possible here at CMU.”

Entrepreneurial alum wants to help students navigate campus

Jay Peitsch arrived in Mount Pleasant in 2008 from the Saginaw area and tried to make his way around an unfamiliar campus and city. It took a while for him to get his bearings, and he found the campus maps helpful.

But by his second year on campus, he wanted more information. So he went to work building his own navigation system.

He and a business partner have since created a navigational app for Michigan State University and the city of Detroit; an app for CMU is set to launch in February.

Back in ’08 Peitsch envisioned a website that featured not only a map, but information about businesses, entertainment, nightlife and more. “But back then, the most advanced phone was the Palm Treo, so there really wasn’t a market for it to be mobile.”

He graduated in 2009 and entered the investment world but wound up crossing paths with Dan Kerbel in 2012. Kerbel was developing a mobile application that would function the way Peitsch envisioned his website. They created Guidesmob and launched their first app for a college campus. More than 28,000 people have downloaded the Spartan App, featuring information about MSU’s campus.

The CMU app will be a free download for iPhones and it will be offered for the Android platform in fall 2015.

Ringing it in

Sacred Heart Academy in Mount Pleasant marked its 125th anniversary on Sept. 2, with 125 bell rings, rung by CMU alumni Julie Theisen, ’82, and Capt. Andy Theisen, ’84.

Delta Sigma Phi reunion

CMU’s Delta Sigma Phi fraternity members from the mid 1950s came together again this year, keeping up a tradition to meet every other year for more than four decades.
In Memory

Grace E. (Howard) Allen, ’34, Plattsburgh, N.Y., died June 20, 2014, age 100.
Homer W. House, ’35, Clare, died Aug. 6, 2014, age 100.
Virginia (Weir) Feusse, ’48, Toledo, Ohio, died Sept. 27, 2014, age 90.
Edward Kwiatkowski, ’50, Detroit, died July 12, 2014, age 88.
Lawrence E. Wagner, ’50, Saline, died Aug. 28, 2014, age 94.
Ronald L. Leinweber, ’54, Grand Blanc, died Oct. 17, 2014, age 82.
Margaret L. (Franks) McIlton, ’60 M.A. ’67, St. Louis, died Aug. 3, 2014, age 90.
Carl E. Bloom, ’63, Charlevoix, died July 22, 2014, age 73.
Frederick J. Baker, ’64, Los Angeles, Calif., died Sept. 15, 2014, age 73.
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Darrel L. Dutcher, ’70, Cadillac, died July 24, 2014, age 76.
Harry C. Clark, M.A. ’70, Martinsburg, W. Va., died Sept. 8, 2014, age 67.
Jon L. Saxton, died Sept. 28, 2014, age 93.
Dorothea A. (Clara) Quick, died May 23, 2014, age 82.
Marjorie (Joines) Rhoads, died Aug. 10, 2014, age 75.
Norman L. Hayes, M.A. ’76, Dayton, Ohio, died Oct. 12, 2014, age 73.
Eddy M. Lewis, M.A. ’77, Dayton, Ohio, died June 5, 2014, age 90.
Roger D. Barnard, M.A. ’79, Traverse City, died Aug. 22, 2014, age 68.
Harold D. Penney, M.A. ’80, Orangevalle, Calif., died July 4, 2014, age 86.
Donald W. Hand, ’84, St. Joseph, died July 13, 2014, age 70.
Maria L. Bremmeyr, ’85, Traverse City, died Sept. 5, 2014, age 53.
James L. Howard, M.S.A. ’87, Quincy, Fla., died July 11, 2014, age 66.
Leslie D. Renn, M.S.A. ’90, Mesa, Ariz., died July 10, 2014, age 74.
Steven D. Eisenberger, ’93, Shephard, died Sept. 18, 2014, age 51.
Sharma S. (Simmons) Wilkins, M.S.A. ’96, Dayton, Ohio, died July 7, 2014, age 51.
Carol J. (McCulloch) Langm, M.S.A. ’97, Chester, Va., died Sept. 19, 2014, age 65.
Steven L. Rohlenga, M.S.A. ’01, Carlisle, Penn., died July 30, 2014, age 49.
Elva C. Cornett, M.A. ’09, Douglasville, Ga., died Oct. 4, 2014, age 64.

Faculty
George Stengren, Mount Pleasant, died July 5, 2014, age 86.

Staff
Helen Julia Bolle, Bellaire, died Dec. 1, 2007, age 89.
Gerald Church, Atascocita, Texas, died March 6, 2011, age 82.
Susan E. Clarkson, Croswell, died Sept. 11, 2014, age 69.
Martha Mogg, Mount Pleasant, died Sept. 9, 2014, age 84.
Donald B. Pumfrey, Remus, died Nov. 12, 2013, age 97.
Wanda Seelhoff, Rochester Hills, died Nov. 29, 2013, age 84.
Thomas E. Spence, Clare, died Dec. 23, 2010, age 69.
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Dr. Gregory W. Housner was looking for a way to support Central Michigan University and repay his parents for their generosity throughout his educational experience. He discovered establishing a charitable gift annuity with the university.

Housner, who now is in practice with Dearborn Orthopedics & Sports, designated his gift to CMU Athletics. In return, his parents receive a quarterly check directly from CMU.

“The gift has a dual purpose: it fulfilled my need to give, but also the annuity gives back to my parents,” Housner says. “They paid the institution while I attended, now the institution pays them.”

Housner’s parents paid his tuition while he attended CMU to pursue his career as an orthopedic surgeon. This enabled him to focus on his education as well as play baseball and football.

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