What a great time to be a Boilermaker!

Dear President’s Council family,

What a year it’s been! We’ve celebrated Purdue’s sesquicentennial, the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing, and the historic, resounding success of Ever True: The Campaign for Purdue University.

We loved seeing so many of you on campus for President’s Council Annual Weekend during Homecoming last month. Our Back to Class sessions, 2019 Astronaut Reunion luncheon, campaign finale gala (see above), and pregame tailgate were overflowing with proud President’s Council members!

We have so much for which to be ever grateful, and during this season of thankfulness, we want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to you. We always say that the President’s Council family is at the heart of private giving. Your unwavering commitment and generosity will help us continue to build a better and stronger Purdue.

Hail Purdue!
JOANNE TROUTNER: PACESETTER FOR A ‘PET PROJECT’

YOU COULD ARGUE THAT JOANNE TROUTNER (BA ’74, MS ’76) has long been a pacesetter for Purdue University.

The distinguished lifelong Indiana educator, digital media pioneer, author, and consultant continues to lead by example, donating her time, talent, and treasures to numerous affiliations at her alma mater.

Now, she’s setting the pace for a “pet project” dear to her heart.

In conjunction with the Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine’s (PVM) 60th anniversary and approval to build the new veterinary teaching hospital, Joanne became one of the first of 60 “Pacesetters” who made leadership gifts to support PVM’s upcoming Leave a Print fundraising campaign. (See story on next page.)

“I have a great love for animals,” states the Gaston, Indiana, farm girl who once bottle-fed Holstein calves. She showed Angus cattle and Hampshire hogs throughout her 10 years in H-4, but a constant presence and pleasure are the canine companions in her life.

Joanne’s ongoing “love affair” began with Suzy, a Brittany spaniel. Over time, Saint Bernards, border collies, and a variety of hybrid dogs found a warm home—and heart—in the Troutner household.

A black Labrador retriever, Sammy, enjoyed “a wonderful and active life of 13 years thanks to the Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine and Community Practice,” Joanne noted in a testimonial. Today, two more black Labs, Billie Sue and Brandy, are part of the Troutner pack—and the PVM clientele.

“My love of animals is coupled with a deep admiration and respect for the vets who help provide these companions with healthy, happy, long lives,” Joanne says. “Of course, I would choose to join the Vet Med Pacesetters as I look forward to new facilities and teaching options for the future vets educated at Purdue.”

A President’s Council leadership-level donor since 1981, Joanne has given back as a mentor for the Pacesetters as well as a member of various committees and boards, including the Dean’s Advisory Board for the College of Education. And, of course, she cherishes her time serving the President’s Council family as an advisory board member and, notably, as recent past chair.

“No one will ever know just how much my experience as chair has meant to me. It’s truly been a pinnacle of my experience at Purdue,” Joanne noted. “And I have had the opportunity to expand my circle of friends, travel to wonderful locations on President’s Council cruises, and give back to my University.”

Up next, Joanne will continue setting the pace as a president’s council leadership-level donor since 1981, Joanne has given back as a mentor for the Pacesetters as well as a member of various committees and boards, including the Dean’s Advisory Board for the College of Education. And, of course, she cherishes her time serving the President’s Council family as an advisory board member and, notably, as recent past chair.

To learn about future trips, events, and experiences, visit PURDUE.EDU/PC.
Nancy Handel (BSIM ‘72) has been fortunate to travel around the world—in her personal life and her career as a finance executive. “I had the opportunity to make my first trip abroad when I was 17, spending eight weeks in Italy as a Latin scholar through a statewide competition,” the Indiana-born alumna says. “It changed my life and exposed me to another culture, another language, and another history.”

After nearly 20 years of supporting management undergraduates, she has committed $3.2 million to create the Nancy H. Handel Study Abroad Program, giving future Krannert students a chance for a similar transformative experience. “Nancy Handel recognizes the inherent benefit to management students in providing enhanced study abroad experiences,” says David Hummels, the Dr. Samuel R. Allen Dean and Distinguished Professor of Economics at the Krannert School of Management. “Her generosity over the years has allowed us to grow our study abroad participation exponentially and create a student culture where study abroad is a part of the conversation.”

Nancy, who also endows a financial aid scholarship, began sharing her passion for the world by establishing a study abroad scholarship fund that has already provided more than 131 study abroad opportunities to Krannert undergraduates since 2016.

“The goal of my financial support is to allow more young people to experience our global diversity firsthand. Hearing other languages, seeing, tasting, and smelling the unique beauty of another country, listening, learning, and appreciating our cultural and historical differences—these are gifts of travel abroad that can transform our worldviews.”

For more on Nancy’s story, see Krannert Magazine, Fall 2019 edition.

As PVM wraps up its 60th anniversary, the college is inviting Boilermakers and friends to get involved by supporting the Pacesetter initiative, which is nearing its goal of receiving 60 leadership gifts to kick off and build the foundation for the upcoming Leave a Print fundraising campaign.

“We feel strongly that the veterinary disciplines supported by PVM are critical to solving some of tomorrow’s greatest challenges,” says President’s Council members and PVM Pacesetters Drs. Marianne (DVM ’77) and Stephen Ash. “We hope for our children and future generations that our gifts will have contributed to a more peaceful world that is committed to healthier pets and people.”

Visit purdue.edu/vet/new-hospital or contact Tanya Finkbiner, 765-494-5032 or TJ.Finkbiner@prf.org, to learn more.
Purdue University has much to celebrate in 2019. After all, it is the University’s 150th anniversary. It is also the 50th anniversary of the historic Apollo 11 moon landing. However, one milestone that may not be as well-known is that 2019 also marks the 100th anniversary of the Big Ten Flags section of the Purdue “All-American” Marching Band.

This milestone is not lost on brother and sister alumni Joe (BSEE ’19) and Kaley (BS ’17) Bean. Joe can rattle off the history behind the colorful flags that have become such a meaningful part of the band.

“In 1919, Purdue started carrying the colors of the Big Ten. There have been changes throughout the years, and they actually went away in the late ’70s or ’80s,” explains Joe. “The Big Ten Flags then came back in the mid-2000s. Now, it is its own independent section and a well-oiled machine.”

Joe graduated this past May from the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. For the last two years, he served as section leader for the Big Ten Flags, which meant he had the honor of carrying Purdue’s flag. He followed in the steps of his older sister, Kaley, who was also a section leader. The siblings say they gained a lot from their time with the marching band.

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Thank you! You are ever true. We are ever grateful.

“...I am absolutely honored to have been chosen for the President’s Council Scholarship. I am so grateful to be able to represent a council that is dedicated to supporting the ongoing excellence of Purdue’s students. I will continue to give back to my communities in every way that I can.

This scholarship means that I can focus more on pursuing my dream and less on the financial requirements along the way. I am grateful to receive this support and helping hand.”
AN EXCERPT
FROM PRESIDENT MITCH DANIELS’ END-OF-YEAR LETTER

“IN THE YEAR JUST PAST, Purdue celebrated ‘150 Years of Giant Leaps,’ exploring our proud history and anticipating another century and a half (and more) of bold leadership and accomplishment.

Your support each year equips us to prepare thousands of bright young Boilermakers for successful lives and careers, and equips us to create and share knowledge and expertise that make lives better all around the world.”

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