

# PULSEPOINT



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL: THE HEART OF PRIVATE GIVING AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY



## 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!*

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## 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 treasure 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 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 4-H, 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 Purduettes vocal ensemble and has served on 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. 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 the volunteer chair for the reconstituted Women for Purdue organization, whose founding members meet this November to chart a course for women philanthropists at our University.

For Joanne Troutner, "Hail Purdue!" is more than a fight song. Staying involved is her way of staying ever true. And she says: "My Purdue experience has given me lifelong friends, a wonderful husband, a fulfilling career, and a life for which I am ever grateful."//



Enjoying dinner during the Greek Isles Cruise, Summer 2019

## 2020 CALENDAR

To learn about future trips,  
events, and experiences,  
visit [PURDUE.EDU/PC](https://PURDUE.EDU/PC).

January 10–24	New Zealand & Australia Cruise
February 13–16	Naples Back to Class & Annual Dinner
April 18–25	Peru Immersion Excursion
June 19–22	The Greenbrier
July 19–26	<b>SOUTHERN FRANCE RIVER CRUISE</b>
September 12	Tailgate // Memphis
September 19	Tailgate // Air Force
October 10	Tailgate // Rutgers
October 30	Back to Class // Annual Dinner
October 31	Tailgate // Northwestern
November 14	Tailgate // Wisconsin
November 21	Tailgate // Iowa



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A LOOK AT HOW  
YOUR SUPPORT AT THE  
PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL LEVEL  
EMPOWERS PURDUE  
TO MAKE GIANT LEAPS.

## Programs

WORLD-CLASS  
GENEROSITY

■ **THROUGHOUT HER LIFE**, 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.

Nancy Handel

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.*

Handel study abroad scholars  
in Madrid, 2019

## Faculty

BUILT  
TO LAST

■ **AS A JUNIOR IN PURDUE'S** Construction Engineering and Management (CEM) program in 1980, Gary Dernlan had taken out one student loan of \$2,500 and was on the verge of taking out another.

That's when Professor Donn Hancher made him an offer. "I've got a \$2,500 check from a donor," he said. "Do you want it?"

Gary accepted the scholarship gift, sidestepped the additional debt, and—as the top student in his class—went on to a rewarding career in the construction and real estate industries that has made him and his wife, Susan (BA '82), eager to pay it forward to other Purdue students.

This year, their latest gift to their alma mater created the Dernlan Family Headship of Construction Engineering and Management, held by Makarand Hastak. "Our hope is that the gift will sustain the program for the long term," says Gary. "Because CEM is so young [43 years], the donor base has not come of age yet. We're not of age, really! But giving back is an idea for others to consider."

For Professor Hastak, the named headship means recognition for one of the world's best construction engineering and management programs. Purdue CEM boasts 100% job placement for students within three months of graduation, thanks in large part to its signature (and required) three paid internships for students.

"I thank the Dernlan family for their faith in our faculty, staff, and students, particularly their confidence in my leadership in steering CEM to the next higher level," says Hastak. "Endowed chairs such as this one endorse the strong partnerships we cherish with our alumni and the construction industry." //

## Facilities

LEAVING A PRINT ON ANIMAL  
AND HUMAN HEALTH

■ **AFTER 12 YEARS OF PLANNING**, the dream of a new Purdue veterinary teaching hospital is close to coming true, and Boilermakers are setting the pace in launching the next generation of veterinary care.

The current hospital's caseload has grown by more than 50% over the last eight years, and the new \$108 million complex, which needs \$8 million in private support, will better equip Purdue's College of Veterinary Medicine (PVM)—the only veterinary school in Indiana and one of four in the U.S. that trains the entire veterinary team—to meet demand.

"The teaching hospital is a priceless resource that produces a stunning return on investment for the people of Indiana," says Dean Willie Reed. "It also supports vital areas of research across our campus, ranging from cancer drug discovery to the development of treatments for paralysis that benefit both animals and humans."

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," say 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](http://purdue.edu/vet/new-hospital) or contact Tanya Finkbiner, 765-494-5032 or [TJFinkbiner@prf.org](mailto:TJFinkbiner@prf.org), to learn more.

Marianne and Stephen Ash

Gary and Susan Dernlan





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#### Student Support

### FLYING THE FLAG IN THE NAME OF FAMILY

■ 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.

"The professional skills and development I learned from my time with the marching band and volunteering, in my opinion, are priceless," says Joe. "When I interned, I took those skills to work every day, and I'm excited to apply them in my professional life."

Joe says he also received some scholarship assistance throughout his time at Purdue.

Now as very recent graduates, Joe and Kaley want to give back.

They recently established an endowed scholarship to support the Big Ten Flags section of the Purdue "All-American" Marching Band.

"The outline for eligibility of the scholarship requires that you be in the Big Ten Flags section and demonstrate quality leadership characteristics," says Joe.

Joe says they received some help from another band alum to get the endowment up and running with the hope that more alumni will contribute in the future. He is eager to help provide other students with similar opportunities he and Kaley experienced.

"I think it's easy for band alumni and supporters to jump on board to support student scholarships because that's what it's all about," says Joe. "They love to give back to these students and share the experience that they had." //



(Center) Joe and Kaley Bean

## PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL AWARDS 40TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIPS



**CATHERINE EICHLER**  
ROCKY RIVER, OHIO

SECOND-YEAR PROFESSIONAL STUDENT  
WORKING TOWARD HER PHARM.D IN  
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

“I have dreamed since I was a child of being among the fourth generation of my family to graduate from Purdue, and with the generous support of this scholarship, I am able to continue pursuing that dream.”



**KATIE HUFF**  
MILFORD, NEW JERSEY

SENIOR STUDYING APPLIED EXERCISE &  
HEALTH IN HONORS COLLEGE; MINORS IN  
PSYCHOLOGY AND TECHNOLOGY,  
LEADERSHIP, AND INNOVATION

“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.”



**SARAH THOMAS**  
BROWNSBURG, INDIANA

JUNIOR TRIPLE-MAJORING IN SPEECH, LANGUAGE,  
AND HEARINGS SCIENCES; KINESIOLOGY; AND  
FRENCH; PLANS TO STUDY OCCUPATIONAL  
THERAPY POST-GRADUATION

“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.”



#### WE DID IT!

Powered by President's Council members' generosity, Purdue soared past its \$2.019 billion goal for *Ever True* to support three priorities: placing students first, building on our strengths, and championing research and innovation. Here, some facts and figures on the largest fundraising campaign in Purdue history.

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# OVER 1 MILLION GIFTS

## 209,551 donors

# \$925M

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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. ”

*To read President Daniels' letter in its entirety, watch your mailbox or visit [purdue.edu/pc/president](http://purdue.edu/pc/president).*

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Naples Annual  
Weekend!

February 13–16 // 2020 **RSVP** by February 3 [PURDUE.EDU/PC/NAPLES](http://PURDUE.EDU/PC/NAPLES)