Gary Hirshberg 72F Announces $1M Commitment

In his remarks during the inauguration ceremony of Hampshire’s sixth president, Jonathan Lash, Gary Hirshberg 72F announced a commitment of $1 million to Hampshire College.

This lead gift will help set in motion transitions in Hampshire’s food, operations, culture, and curriculum over the next five years, that, in the words of President Lash, will “help Hampshire to reach its full potential as a training laboratory for tomorrow’s entrepreneurs of change.” It will enable Hampshire to develop as a model 21st century college that operates more sustainably, is better integrated with its food, land, and community, and builds upon recent initiatives such as the Creativity Center.

This vision was developed through close collaboration between President Lash and a team of faculty, staff, and students from each school, who met on campus over the fall, culminating in a visioning retreat with Gary and several Hampshire alums.

New Scholarship Funds

**Tyler Rowland 08F Memorial Scholarship Fund**

An anonymous donor has pledged $25,000 to seed an endowed scholarship fund in the memory of Tyler Rowland 08F. Proceeds from the fund will be used to support Hampshire College students with demonstrated financial need and an interest in studying the classics or pre-modern literature, history, and culture.

**Undocumented Immigrant Scholarship Fund**

Hampshire College values its role as a global learning community and seeks to make its education available to promising students regardless of the circumstances of their nationality or immigration status. Through the tireless efforts of faculty member Margaret Cerullo, a generous group of donors are establishing an endowed fund to support undocumented immigrant students to pursue a Hampshire College education.

For more information on supporting these funds, contact Clay Ballantine at cballantine@hampshire.edu.
Upcoming Events

May 17, 2012: Div Free Dance Party: Alumni and Family Relations invites our young alums back to Hampshire for a free dance party in honor of this year’s graduates. Enjoy tapas, drinks, and dancing. 8:30 pm—midnight in the Red Barn.

June 7-8, 2012: Stonyfield Entrepreneurship Institute: A safe yet stimulating environment for focusing on the fundamentals of growing a sustainable enterprise with multiple bottom lines. On campus.

June 9, 2012: Class of 1972 and Friends Reunion: 40th Anniversary Celebration, including 5—7 pm reception at the home of the President.


June 8-10, 2012: Hampshire alums continue to make positive changes in the world in myriad ways. Come celebrate “Non satis scire” and share insights, resources, and perspectives at the Div IV forum on Social Change. On campus.

For more information and to register for these and other events, visit: http://www.hampshire.edu/alumni.

Graduate Gift Program 2012

The Graduate Gift Program, now in its sixth year, was created to foster a culture of philanthropy among graduating students, who are, after all, the alums of tomorrow. The program encourages the graduating class to come together to support Hampshire so that others may continue to benefit from the exceptional qualities of a Hampshire education. Participation keeps growing, and 2012 is shaping up to be our best year yet!
New Gifts and Grants

An anonymous donor has made a gift of $340,000 to Hampshire College in honor and memory of Joan Hastings. The gift will be used to continue a collaborative initiative through the Critical Studies of Childhood, Youth, and Learning program (CYL) to connect Hampshire resources and students with community organizations serving at-risk youth.

**Barbara Shufro 75F** and her husband pledged $75,000 to establish the Barbara Shufro and David Steuer Inclusion-Education Fund. The Fund will help support new classes, guest lectures, workshops, and internships for Hampshire College students concerned with the equitable education of youth with disabilities, a need identified by Associate Professor of Cognition and Education Laura Wenk (left).

The Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation awarded three fellowships totaling $22,502 to support faculty travel and research for Hampshire professors Omar Dahi, Andrea Dezsö, and Lawrence Winship. Right: Andrea Dezsö, assistant professor of art.

The Luce Initiative on Asian Studies and the Environment, a program of the Henry Luce Foundation, awarded Hampshire a grant of $50,000 to explore interdisciplinary connections around the theme of Food, Sustainability and Climate Change in East Asia.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences awarded Hampshire $7,000 to support several student interns participating in the film and video portion of the Entertainment Industry Internship Program (EIIP), an alum mentoring and internship program jointly sponsored by the Career Options Resource Center and the Film, Photo, and Video faculty.

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**Former Presidents Announce Presidential Challenge**

Former Presidents Charles Longsworth, Adele Simmons, and Gregory Prince have collectively pledged $125,000 to help build the President’s Discretionary Fund. They have called on all former trustees of the College, as well as select friends and former colleagues of President Jonathan Lash, to join them in giving to this Fund, which has already generated nearly $250,000 in contributions. Its purpose is to help enable Jonathan Lash implement his vision for Hampshire College.

For more information on supporting the President’s Discretionary Fund, contact Clay Ballantine at cballantine@hampshire.edu.

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