DEAR FRIENDS

This past fall, the university was alive with both the arrival of students and the joyful activity of alumni, donors, and friends. In October, alumni and donors came to campus for a very special Homecoming and reunions weekend. U-M recognized five incredibly dedicated longtime fundraising volunteers with the university’s highest honor for fundraising leadership, the David B. Hermelin Award for Fundraising Volunteer Leadership. Through their generosity and leadership, these dedicated individuals—whose stories you’ll see on the pages that follow—have helped elevate the university’s contributions to society to new heights.

In November, more donors than ever participated in U-M’s third annual day of giving, Giving Blueday. Together, 7,364 donors—including 1,912 first-time donors—contributed more than $5.5 million to areas of importance to them. We are so grateful for the tremendous outpouring of support and participation in a single day’s time. It was a lot of fun to see alumni, donors, and friends from time zones across the globe using social media to share their stories, photos, memories, tributes, and maize and blue spirit.

In the ongoing Victors for Michigan campaign, donors are exceeding all expectations and helping to ensure another two centuries of vital support for students, engaged learning opportunities, and bold ideas advancing research and discovery. For your investment in positive change, thank you. The impact of your connection with the university will be felt and appreciated for generations to come. Go Blue!

Sincerely,

JERRY A. MAY
VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

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Victors for Michigan campaign volunteers gathered to celebrate this year’s recipients of the David B. Hermelin Award for Fundraising Volunteer Leadership. The Hermelin Award was established in 2004 to recognize outstanding fundraising volunteers whose commitment to, and support of, the University of Michigan reflects the standards set by the late David B. Hermelin (BBA ’58, LLD Hon ’00).

A tireless and exuberant volunteer and major fundraiser for Michigan for more than two decades, Hermelin served on the national committee for the Campaign for Michigan in the 1980s and was a major gifts co-chair of the campaign steering committee for the Billion-Dollar Campaign for Michigan in the 1990s. He also served as co-chair of the Detroit Major Gifts Committee.

The Hermelin Award is presented annually to volunteers whose fundraising efforts for Michigan exemplify the dedication David Hermelin showed to the university until his death in 2000.

The university was proud to recognize this year’s Hermelin Award recipients: Anthony (BS ’76, MS ’78, MD ’83, Med Fellowship ’89) and Cheryl (AB ’77, MBA ‘81) Chapekis of Dublin, Ohio; Peter Mertz (BS ’74, MBA ’81) of Hanover, New Hampshire; and Mary Petrovich (BSEIO ’85) of West Bloomfield, Michigan.
The most rewarding aspect of being a volunteer fundraiser is helping someone realize their dream. I help others consider what doors their college education opened for them—the transformative experience and lifelong friends they made—and recognize that, through their generosity, they can help others achieve similar life-changing experiences.

Anthony (“Andy”) (BS ’76, MS ’78, MD ’83, Med Fellowship ’89) and Cheryl (AB ’77, MBA ’81) Chapekis of Dublin, Ohio, do it all: organize, lead, motivate, and give. Together they serve on the Global Student Support Committee and, with another volunteer, co-chair the Columbus Campaign Council. Andy is on the Medical School Admissions Committee; Cheryl serves on the board of the Alumni Club of Central Ohio. They had given to scholarships for years and wanted to leverage the Michigan Matching Initiative by inviting others to join them. Alongside three other donors, they created the first-ever Central Ohio Alumni Club Scholarship Fund and raised more than $160,000. They also support and raise funds for the Blavin Scholars, a fund aiding Michigan students who have spent time in foster care. Andy and Cheryl lead by example in giving, volunteering, and urging others to become involved as well. They ask the University of Michigan what more they can do; then, they do it.

Peter Mertz (BS ’74, MBA ’81) of Hanover, New Hampshire, is co-founder, chair, CEO, and chief investment officer of Global Forest Partners LP. His early lead gift to the School of Natural Resources and Environment provided an important vote of confidence in the Victors for Michigan campaign. By chairing the school’s campaign committee, he provided ongoing leadership and inspired contributions from current students and younger alumni. Peter’s deep commitment to the C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital and its Congenital Heart Center includes making generous gifts, serving as an ambassador throughout the country, hosting events, and raising significant funds for children’s health. He also provides counsel on national and regional campaign committees. Peter’s generosity extends to the Stephen M. Ross School of Business and the Frederick A. and Barbara M. Erb Institute for Global Sustainable Enterprise. He encourages others to give to U-M, and he constantly says “yes” when asked for his time, resources, and leadership.

Student support is our passion—we want students to have the opportunity to attend Michigan and to be successful during and after their experiences here. Donating and volunteering help us realize that belief and share with others the vital role of student support in enabling students’ attendance and success!
MARY L. PETROVICH

“I love giving back to this great university that helped me achieve personal and professional success beyond my wildest dreams. It’s gratifying to be part of the leadership that ensures Michigan remains the ‘Leaders and Best’ for generations. By paying it forward, I know I’m making a difference for Michigan’s even brighter future.”

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VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON
FRIDAY | OCTOBER 21, 2016 | THE MICHIGAN UNION

The Hermelin Award ceremony was followed by a special luncheon that brought together Victors for Michigan campaign volunteers. President Mark Schlissel and Victors for Michigan Campaign Chair Stephen M. Ross (BBA ’62, LLD Hon ’11) offered their thanks and congratulations to this year’s Hermelin Award recipients.

Enjoy more content and photos at ldrsnb.st/UMHomecoming2016
1. Rich Rogel, Susan Rogel, Penny Papadopoulos (MS ’88), Amy Blavin
2. Nathan Hagerman (LSA Class of 2017), Michele Takei (AB ’72, MBA ’74)
3. Paul Blavin

DONOR RECEPTION WITH PRESIDENT SCHLISSEL FRIDAY | OCTOBER 21, 2016
THE PRESIDENT’S HOUSE

Loyal U-M supporters enjoyed a luncheon at the President’s House with President Mark Schlissel. The president and regents of the university greeted guests for a garden reception at one of the oldest buildings on campus.

STUDENT SUPPORT DINNER FRIDAY | OCTOBER 21, 2016
HATCHER GRADUATE LIBRARY

The Victors for Michigan campaign’s No. 1 priority is to ensure adequate support for a diverse and talented group of students from around the world. At this special dinner, members of the Global Student Support Committee convened for an action-oriented discussion on how to inspire continued support for students. Rich Rogel (BBA ’70, LLD Hon ’09) and Paul Blavin (BBA ’86) each offered remarks on what it means to be a leader in student-support fundraising.
The Wolverine faithful came together in a mass of maize and blue for the 40th annual Homecoming tailgate hosted by the Alumni Association of U-M. The Michigan Marching Band and the Michigan Dance Team ramped up school spirit in preparation for the Wolverines’ on-field clash with the Illinois Fighting Illini. U-M alumni, family, and friends enjoyed food, fun, and games to celebrate the occasion.

The alumni classes of 1956, ’66, ’76, ’86, ’96, and 2006 gathered for a celebratory reception at Crisler Center. Film producer and 2017 Golden Globe recipient Gary Gilbert (BBA ’86) [La La Land] spoke with Jim Burnstein (AB ’72, AM ’74), director of LSA’s Screen Arts and Cultures screenwriting program, about his Michigan experience and his career since graduation. Guests also enjoyed performances by student a cappella groups Amazin’ Blue and The Sopranos. At the celebration’s conclusion, student volunteers awarded commemorative Milestone Reunion pins to alumni celebrating 50 or more years since graduation.

1. Jim Burnstein, Gary Gilbert
2. Friends reunited at Homecoming
3. Eric Ersher (BBA ’86)
4. The Sopranos

Above: Jack Harbaugh helped fire up the crowd.
MTALKS
FRIDAY_OCTOBER 21, 2016
OUTSIDE ANGELL HALL

Homecoming Weekend kicked off with a meeting of the minds. Top researchers, faculty members, and students from all parts of campus shared their insights in presentations outside of Angell Hall. Guests also enjoyed remarks from Donald R. Shepherd Director of Athletics Warde Manuel (BGS ’90, MSW ’93, MBA ’05).

VICTORS 5K
SUNDAY_OCTOBER 23, 2016
ANN ARBOR

The weekend’s festivities concluded with a 5K through the heart of Ann Arbor. Volunteers cheered participants along as they ran, walked, and jogged to support students at U-M. A portion of registration fees contributed directly to student scholarships.

ROSS SCHOOL PHOTOS BY MARK BIALEK

AN EXPANDED ROSS SCHOOL HOME

As CEO of Related Companies, one of the largest private real estate development firms in the country, Jeff T. Blau (BBA ’90) of New York City has witnessed the completion of plenty of building projects. Perhaps few have held as much personal meaning, though, as the one celebrated on October 21, 2016, when Blau came to U-M along with his wife, Lisa J. Blau, and their three children.

The official opening of the new Jeff T. Blau Hall at the Stephen M. Ross School of Business marked an important milestone, Blau said. It helps complete the long-term plan for a unified business school complex envisioned years ago by Stephen M. Ross (BBA ’62, LLD Hon ’11), founding chair of Related Companies.

Together with the renovated Kresge Hall, Blau Hall forms a complex providing 179,000 square feet of new classrooms, collaboration spaces, and offices, as well as a redesigned digital library—all configured to enhance collaboration between faculty and students in the digital age.

The new buildings “are specifically designed to encourage collaboration, creativity, and innovation among our students and our staff,” Blau said, “and in doing that, they help keep our school among the very best in the world.”

ROSS SCHOOL PHOTOS BY MARK BIALEK

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› Flag-Raising and Tree-Planting Ceremonies
› A-maizing Building Tours
› Feast of Ideas
› Carillon Concert
› Distinguished Speaker Panel

UMICH200 BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

SUMMER FESTIVAL JUNE 26–27, 2017
› President’s Bicentennial Colloquium II
› Staff Appreciation Event
› U-M/Ann Arbor Bicentennial Day
› U-M Exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum

DETROIT FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 15, 2017
› Detroit Seminars and Luncheon
› Bicentennial Founding Ceremony
› Bicentennial Celebration Party

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› Third Century Expo and 3-D Light Show Finale
› Homecoming Game: U-M vs. Rutgers

SATURDAY, APRIL 8
TRUE BLUE! A TRIBUTE TO MICHIGAN
7:00 PM, HILL AUDITORIUM

James Earl Jones (AB ’55, LHD Hon ’71), Darren Criss (AB ’09), and Cecilia Muñoz (AB ’84) are among the distinguished alumni who will join U-M students and faculty in a live multimedia performance celebrating Michigan’s 200 years.

Tickets will go on sale in February. For more information, contact the Michigan Union Ticket Office at 734.763.8587, or visit the office online at muto.umich.edu.

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