Reflections on Success

OUR TIME

The Campaign for Oglethorpe University
To the thousands of alumni, families and friends who gave to the OUR TIME campaign, we offer our sincerest thanks.

When the campaign launched in the fall of 2013, little did we imagine that Oglethorpe would be celebrating a surpassed $50 million goal nearly two years ahead of schedule. And yet, here we are. With more than $50.2 million in contributions and commitments raised as of October 2015, the University has now successfully completed the largest fundraising campaign in its history.

Accomplishments throughout the campaign are truly remarkable. One fourth of the total raised came from ever faithful OU alumni. Your trust and commitment were so important to all of us. University trustees and our foundation partners each similarly contributed one fourth of the total raised. Oglethorpe’s Annual Fund received more than 10,000 gifts from some 3,700 donors, with members of the James Edward Oglethorpe Circle gifting in excess of $4.3 million.

And growth in the University’s endowment, and many deeply personal planned gift commitments have provided a solid foundation for the future.

The impact of these gifts will be felt for years to come.

This Reflections on Success report highlights many of the campaign’s accomplishments as well as several personal stories of people who played a part in our journey to the finish line. Their stories represent thousands of others equally powerful and equally significant.

Serving as co-chairs for the campaign has been a privilege. As we conclude our work, we are obliged to Larry, the Board of Trustees and our fellow members of the Steering Committee for their vision, their leadership, and their commitment to success. Working beside you was an honor.

With lasting gratitude to you all,

Belle Turner Lynch ’61 (H) ’10 & Warren Y. Jobe (H) ’09
Success By The Numbers

2 new facilities  10,026 gifts from 3,686 donors to the Annual Fund  41 estate gift commitments

27 new named endowed funds  $4.3 million in Annual Fund support from James Edward Oglethorpe Circle members

44% The average alumni gift to the Annual Fund increased 44%, from $202.15 to $291.17  116 pieces of artwork added to the OUMA’s collection

Sources of Dollars Raised
- 26% Alumni
- 27% Foundations
- 13% Corporations
- 8% Other Individuals
- 26% Trustees

Campaign Donations by Category
- 45% Capital and Program Objectives
- 25% Planned Gifts
- 19% Annual Fund
- 11% Gifts In Kind

WITH MORE THAN $50.2 MILLION IN CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMMITMENTS RAISED AS OF OCTOBER 2015, THE UNIVERSITY HAS NOW SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE LARGEST FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN IN ITS HISTORY.
To say that the TLCC has exceeded all expectations for a “Living Room” for our students is an understatement. On a practical level, it is home to our A_LAB, Campus Life Offices, incredible dining hall, game room, Starbucks, and numerous meeting rooms, patios and lounge areas. Each day it serves the needs of more than 1100 students and their visiting families and friends. Throughout the year, we welcome guest lecturers, corporate internship partners, and others – from within metro-Atlanta and beyond – as part of our many engaged learning initiatives. On special occasions, the granite and glass architecture provides a stunning backdrop as the TLCC is transformed for major campus events.

Perhaps, former Board of Trustees chair Norm Findley expressed our shared feelings best when he said, “Completion of the Campus Center represented a pivotal moment in the life of this university. When I toured the newly opened building back in August 2013, I wasn’t prepared for my reaction. I was genuinely overwhelmed. I think we all underestimated the substantial impact the TLCC would have on our campus.”

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Student interest in OU’s theatre program continues to rise. Rapidly! And, thanks to expanded curriculum offerings and significant improvements in production quality – made possible with our new Scene Shop – Oglethorpe can now offer theatre majors and other interested students a more fully rounded experience.

Recently added Theatre Department classes include Lighting Design, Scenic Design, and Stagecraft. Our student crews are designing and constructing elaborate sets on-site – rather than off. And the department has much needed storage space for its costume inventory and sets.
Shelley and Donald J. Rubin ’56 (H) ’13 have given generously to support the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art for many years, including numerous gifts of artwork to its permanent collection. As part of the OUR TIME campaign, the Rubins made a record donation to the University’s endowment in 2013. Through their gift, the Shelley and Donald Rubin Exhibition Series was established to support exhibitions, as well as arts-related curricular programs complementing each exhibition of the series. In future years, this program is envisioned to encourage and support new courses, lectures, online learning, and other innovative approaches to arts education.

The Shelley and Donald Rubin Gallery and Exhibition Series
Oglethorpe is pleased to acknowledge the following members of our community who,
through their deeply generous commitments during the early stages
of the campaign, anchored its ultimate success:

**The Fred Agel Servery**
Given by Trustee Dr. J. Frederick Agel, Sr. ’52 (H) ’13

**Career Services Office**
Given by Franklin L. Burke ’66 in memory of E. Deloney Sledge

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Given by Emeritus Trustee Robert E. Bowden ’66 and his wife Mrs. Dixie Carroll Bowden

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Given by Emeritus Trustee Dr. Warren Y. Jobe (H) ’08

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Given by Trustee Mrs. Belle Turner Lynch ’61 (H) ’10

**Magbee Residence Hall**
Given by Mr. James R. Magbee

**The Sheffield Terrace**
Given by Trustee R.D. Odom, Jr. and his wife Mrs. Betsy Odom

**The Lale Ö zgörkey Bell Tower**
Given by Trustee Cemal Ahmet Ö zgörkey ’84 and Armagan Ö zgörkey ’85 in loving memory of their mother Lale Ö zgörkey

**The Reiser Scene Shop**
Given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reiser

**The Shelley and Donald Rubin Gallery**
Given by Mr. Donald J. Rubin ’56 (H) ’13 and his wife Shelley Rubin

**The Upper Terrace Dining Pavilion**
Given by Economics Professor Emeritus and Trustee Dr. William O. Shropshire (H) ’14 and his wife Dr. Patricia P. Shropshire

**The Truett and Jeannette Cathy Café**
Given by Trustee Timothy P. Tassopoulos ’81 and his wife Maria Tassopoulos

**Hearst Classroom 209**
Given by Trustee James Winestock
As a husband and father of three, Mr. Tom Clements ’86 has made a life; as a senior law partner at Clements &Sweet and one of the top 100 lawyers in Georgia, he has made a living. Now, as Chairman of the Board of the Atlanta Recovery Center and Chair of the President’s Advisory Council at Oglethorpe University, Mr. Clements is making a difference. Reflecting on his decision to attend Oglethorpe, he says that he came to play tennis, but “it was the people more than anything” that made him a Stormy Petrel. That feeling returned years later when Mr. Clements and his family became involved in the alumni community, where he was a founding member of the Stormy Petrel Bar Association for alumni in and students interested in the legal community. Most recently, the Clements asked, “What can we do to make a difference?” The immediate answer was to create a scholarship; “it excited me to be able to give this opportunity to someone else.” The Clements’ generous scholarship has no restrictions. “One of the things we’ve learned is that the school knows better in terms of identifying needs…and giving opportunities to a lot of folks who probably couldn’t go to college otherwise.”

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded Oglethorpe a sizable grant to support the University’s “Explorations in the Core” program. Deeply rooted in the liberal arts tradition and recognized by the Association of American Colleges and Universities and funded twice by the National Endowment for the Humanities, Oglethorpe’s award-winning, innovative core curriculum has been a unifying academic experience for all students since its inception seventy years ago.

Through the “Explorations in the Core” program, faculty are now piloting variations of standard courses by testing new methods, texts, and pedagogies. At the time of the award, Dr. Charles Baube, professor of biology and then director of the Oglethorpe Core, said, “Our goal is to ensure that this rigorous, interdisciplinary course of study in the arts and sciences remains relevant and continues to be a model for liberal arts instruction in the 21st century.”
Rising To The Challenge:  
THE CLASS OF 2015

In 1998, the senior class at Oglethorpe introduced a new tradition of giving back to their university – the Senior Campaign. Operating within the University’s Annual Fund, the campaign offers upcoming graduates a platform for making their first voluntary, charitable contribution to the place where they built memories, made friends, and learned valuable life lessons in and out of the classroom.

Oglethorpe’s Class of 2015 made history by achieving a record-breaking 65% participation in their senior campaign. And when a class gets behind the campaign with this much enthusiasm, it’s a sign that they feel good about what they achieved at OU. “The Class of 2015 has a long history of rising up to a challenge,” said Class President Carter Miller who recognized his classmates during commencement for their collaborative effort.

Decades of Dedication:  
DERRIL GAY ’62

Among Oglethorpe’s many loyal alumni, Dr. Derril Gay ’62 has been a generous donor to the University’s Annual Fund for 34 consecutive years. His gifts have established him as a member of both the James Edward Oglethorpe Circle of “the most generous and loyal university benefactors,” and the Carillon Club in recognition of his “consecutive annual philanthropy.” Derril is among some 200 Oglethorpe Circle members and a distinguished group of 51 alumni Carillon Club members who have given consecutively for more than 20 years. Together, gifts from alumni such as these have been integral to the success of the University and the OUR TIME campaign, and invaluable to the growth of our community as a whole.
The Show Must Go On:
EDGAR BODIFORD ’49

In September 2015, the curtain closed on the life of alumnus and professional actor Edgar Bodiford ’49. After attending Oglethorpe, Bodiford went on to pursue his childhood passion – after all, there is “no business like show business.” Under the stage name “Grant Walden,” Bodiford starred in three national tours – *The Music Man* (Harold Hill), *A Little Night Music* (Fredrik), and *Little Me* (Patrick Dennis) – and worked with such show biz greats as Bob Fosse, Sid Caesar, and Liza Minnelli. Along with a scrapbook of his life’s work and a collection of vintage Oglethorpe pins, through estate plans Bodiford generously left his Upper West Side apartment to the University. Funds received from the sale will establish a substantial endowed scholarship fund, The Homer Edgar Bodiford, Jr. Scholarship Fund, ensuring that his show goes on.

Bringing The Classroom Into OUMA:
DR. AND MRS. MICHAEL SCHLOSSBERG

Founding director of the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art Lloyd Nick began the University’s relationship with Dr. and Mrs. Michael Schlossberg, two of Atlanta’s esteemed art collectors and enthusiasts, in 2010 displaying over 100 pieces of their personal collection of 19th Century French art. Since then, the Schlossbergs have generously loaned more than 220 pieces of their diverse collection to OUMA’s temporary exhibits (most prominently in “The Sorrow of Too Many Joys” exhibit of 19th C. French satire in 2015), and donated 12 of their pieces to Oglethorpe’s permanent collection. Dr. Schlossberg and his wife Lana have pursued their shared love of collecting for the past 30 years, and found their true passion to be sharing such remarkable artwork with others, particularly for educational value. Oglethorpe’s unique ability to “bring the classroom into the museum,” as current Curator of Collections John Tilford says, has created and fostered an invaluable relationship with the Schlossbergs for which the University is immensely grateful.

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