

## Bosdell's Gift Will Impact Many Generations



**During her 88 years on earth, Dr. Betty J. Bosdell '49** showcased the gift of being able to foster positivity and encourage everyone around her to strive for greatness in their lives.

Bosdell, who passed away in 2017, lived a life of selflessness, generosity and loyalty to her loved ones. These were traits prompted by her father's words during the Great Depression: "There is always enough."

After earning a bachelor's degree in English from UM (then Alabama College), Bosdell earned her master's and doctorate from the University of Illinois at Urbana. From there, she taught at Chico State College in California, the University of North Dakota, the University of Iowa and Northern Illinois University, where she earned the title of professor *emeritus* upon her retirement in 1984. A licensed therapist for several decades, her major areas of teaching included theories of psychotherapy, group therapy, child therapy, transpersonal psychology, psychological assessment and biofeedback.

No matter where life took her, Bosdell was focused on serving people first and providing a caring, understanding ear to anyone who needed it.

In her autobiography, Bosdell credited Montevallo with laying the foundation for her lifelong passion of serving others.

Throughout her life, Bosdell was committed to helping the University continue to make a difference for future generations of students. She included UM in her estate planning, leading to the second-largest estate gift the University has ever received at nearly \$1.3 million.

Including UM in an estate plan provides many benefits to both the donor and the University. Planned gifts are vitally important to the University because they help secure long-term financial stability, allow the University to plan based on knowledge of future income and allow Montevallo to continue its mission well into the future. *Continued on page 4*

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### Make the Memory Count

Provide the path for UM students to benefit from a truly enriching college experience. Contact Kelli J. Holmes at [kholmes4@montevallo.edu](mailto:kholmes4@montevallo.edu) or 205-665-6215 to learn how.

# University, Donors Support Students Impacted by COVID-19



**The University, the UM National Alumni Association and the UM Foundation** have stepped up to help students who were facing financial hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In April, the University approved refunds for unused housing and meal plans for students who were required to leave campus as a result of the pandemic.

In addition, the University distributed \$1.2 million in federal emergency funds directly to students to assist them with the hardships they faced in the wake of COVID-19.

Shortly after students were required to leave campus last spring, the University also established the COVID-19 Student Relief Fund, which provided limited emergency financial support to UM students who were unable to meet essential expenses due to a temporary or unexpected hardship caused by the pandemic. By early May, donors had contributed \$60,000 to the fund including gifts from alumni and the UMNAA board.

Planned gifts played a significant role in allowing the

University to establish the COVID-19 Student Relief Fund, and they continue to provide support for students who are facing immediate, urgent needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The UM Foundation board of directors approved an additional \$1.25 million in scholarship funding during a May 8 meeting to help offset the financial burden the COVID-19 outbreak has caused for students.

The additional needs-based scholarships will assist new and returning students with expenses such as tuition and fees. “During these unprecedented times, it is of utmost importance to offer additional assistance where possible,” said Karen Kelly, Foundation board chair. “The board unanimously agreed that providing funds in the form of scholarships for current and future students experiencing unexpected financial need is critical to helping the University advance its mission in the immediate future, and critical to helping make a long-term difference in the lives of students. We are very excited to have the opportunity to do so.”

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## 1896 Society Brunches Past

The University of Montevallo typically hosts its annual 1896 Society Brunch each November. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 event has been canceled. We look forward to resuming the event and celebrating with our 1896 Society members in 2021!

- 1 Dr. Susan Vaughn '71 and Ann Kelly '57;
- 2 Diane Ray '68, Dr. Apple Kridakorn '70 and Pat Scales '66;
- 3 Barbara Bonfield '58 and Melanie Poole '86;
- 4 Sandi Falkenhagen '68 and Brent Falkenhagen;
- 5 Mike Meadows '79; 6 Bob Chapman '84 and Rod Hildreth '62.

## Dear 1896 Society members,

As the 2020-2021 University of Montevallo Student Government Association president, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks from the entire student body for your generosity and support. Your gift demonstrates your love for Montevallo and allows students to experience all of the opportunities our University offers. Through your gifts, you demonstrate your commitment to higher education and the future of our campus and students.

Montevallo's liberal arts education offers students a unique perspective on learning. While at UM, students receive a more personal and hands-on educational experience which encourages critical thinking and creates transferable skills. The faculty and staff at UM provide more hands-on learning and valuable problem-solving techniques. The individualistic and well-rounded education provided at Montevallo produces graduates who grow to be leaders across various disciplines.

Thank you for your very generous gifts to UM. Your support allows students to pursue their dreams, and your devotion to our University exemplifies the meaning of the Montevallo family. For students, witnessing your financial selflessness is inspiring, providing the long-lasting impact we know Montevallo will have on our lives. Most importantly, we know we will always have a place to call home. A place we will always know "We Belong." With my sincerest appreciation, I thank you for investing in our futures and believing in our dreams.

**Best Regards,**

*Thomas Dillard*

**SGA President 2020-2021**

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Planned giving provides donors an opportunity to inventory their assets and liabilities and identify the goals and priorities of the legacy they want to leave. Making a planned gift also allows donors to minimize their estate tax, increase income from assets and maximize assets left to heirs.

There are several types of planned gifts, and each offers unique advantages. For more information on ways to support the University through a planned gift, please call Scott Dillard or Kelli J. Holmes at 205-665-6215.

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### **About the 1896 Society**

The purpose of the 1896 Society is to recognize and thank the individuals who have made the University of Montevallo Foundation a part of their estate plans. Ways to give include bequests, life insurance, retirement plans, charitable gift annuities, charitable trusts and real estate.