What Have You Helped Us Do in the Past Year?

Presidents Blair Montgomery and Daniel J. Bradley and Foundation President C. Brent Skidmore lead Fairmont State’s Success
A Letter from the Executive Director

In this edition of maroon&white, we look back at Fairmont State University, Pierpont Community & Technical College of FSU and Fairmont State Foundation, Inc.’s growth during this past fiscal year, July 1, 2006–June 30, 2007. The achievements in which you’ve shared and the investment opportunities in which you’ve participated have made a difference in the lives of our students and our community.

On behalf of all of our students, thank you for your belief in the power of higher education and your commitment of support.

You fueled Fairmont State’s growth and success this year by creating seven new endowments through the Strengthening Institutions: Phase II Endowment Challenge, supporting the new Braxton County Center and encouraging the planning for new FieldTurf™ on Duvall-Rosier Field, just to name a few.

I invite you to look at the names of The Column Society members, faculty and staff donors, athletic supporters—and the extensive list of endowments and scholarships made available through the support of donors and friends like you. These contributions, made to the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., yield direct benefits to Fairmont State students. Whether supporting the tangible opportunity to create a state-of-the-art campus or the intangible and lifelong rewards endowed to students through a quality education, your dollars help bridge the gap to prosperity in north-central West Virginia.

When you commit to supporting Fairmont State through participation in one of our exciting investment opportunities, you commit to directly impacting the lives of Fairmont State students. With over half of our student body being first-generation college students, you have the ability to influence the minds and change the lives of current students—and generations to come.

You can continue to be a part of Fairmont State’s success by:
• Making your contribution in the enclosed envelope today,
• Participating in one of the many investment opportunities offered through the Foundation,
• Including FSU as a beneficiary in your will or estate plan, and
• Mentoring a Fairmont State student.

Congratulations to each of you who have decided to make a difference in the lives of our students. With your continued support, we can help even more students accomplish their educational and career goals this year.

With pride in our achievements,

K. Jean Ahwesh
Executive Director, Fairmont State Foundation, Inc.
Dr. Cassandra Bolyard Whyte ’69, vice president for administrative services at West Virginia State University, has 36 years of teaching and administrative experience at a variety of institutions of higher education, including WVSU, Davis and Elkins College, Oregon State University and Marshall University. Whyte has worked as a cabinet-level professional for 20 of her 25 years at WVSU.

In 2002, she was selected to be a part of an international Oxford Round Table held at Oxford University in England. She has published for major companies and journals.

Whyte graduated from Fairmont State in 1969. She studied teacher education and earned her bachelor’s degree, with a double major in art and business education. She obtained her master’s degree in art from WVU and a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from WVU. She completed numerous post-graduate courses and summer management institutes. Whyte is a Licensed Professional Counselor. She has taught at the graduate and undergraduate level.

As vice president for administrative services at WVSU, Whyte oversees many diverse areas from physical facilities, human resources, computer services, public safety and policy formation to scheduling and campus master planning.

“University administrative work is very similar to running a small town,” she said. “Planning for the future, while preserving heritage and building a competent and caring employee base, are important aspects of campus development.”

While at Fairmont State, Whyte was art editor of The Columns, the school newspaper, and was also art editor of The Mound, the school yearbook. She was named to the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society and Kappa Pi Art Honor Society. She was a member of the Art Club and helped with theater activities.

“I thoroughly enjoyed being part of the managing group of the school newspaper and yearbook,” Whyte said. “Mr. Earl N. Straight, an advisor of both publications, along with Ms. Jane Dumire, created a welcome environment for students to study and develop professional skills for the work world. I met most of the teachers and administrators and felt at home with the group of students recording our history of ‘The College on the Hill.’”

Whyte enjoyed time spent in the Fine Arts building with the art and theater faculty, including James David Brooks, Thomas J. Richards, Lillian Rhodes, Barry Snyder, Jo Ann Lough, Suzanne Snyder, Daniel Weber, Marilee Veasey and others.

“Mrs. Marilee Veasey spent hours coaching me for a talent presentation in a local pageant,” she said. “Mrs. Veasey went out of her way, as did most of Fairmont State’s faculty, to help me.”

She also mentioned Dr. Bill Phillips, Dr. J. Martin Taylor and Dr. Patricia Ryan as excellent faculty.

Whyte has been married to William R. Whyte Jr., a corrections professional and university teacher, for 34 years and has a daughter, Jennifer Whyte Orks, a supervised clinical psychologist.

“The education obtained at FSU will prepare one for leadership and living,” Whyte said. “The valuable qualities of creation and adaptation, so hard to quantify, are interwoven in the educational fabric of Fairmont State.”
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Every effort has been made to list accurately the name of each donor. However, in listings of this length and complexity, errors and omissions may occur. If your name is misspelled, omitted or listed incorrectly, we apologize. Please bring the error to our attention, so we can correct our records. Thank you. Questions, corrections and concerns should be directed to:

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You may obtain a summary of our registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement.

For additional information, please visit the Fairmont State Foundation office at the Erickson Alumni Center, 1300 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554, or call (304) 367-4009 or toll free at (866) 372-2586.

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June 30, 2007

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Contact K. Jean Ahwesh at (304) 367-4164 to discuss how your gift can influence minds and change lives.

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For the fourth consecutive year, the Fairmont State American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Student Club has won the Regional Virginia's Conference Concrete Canoe Competition after competing with eleven other schools. The competition was held on the campus of the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, VA.

Team captains, Timothy Windland and Mike Brown, led Fairmont State and the region at the invitation-only ASCE 2007 National Concrete Canoe Competition. The competition, hosted by the University of Washington in Seattle, WA, was held June 14-16, 2007.
Fairmont State Athletic Association Annual Report

In celebration of the new Athletic Association Annual Fund Program, maroon & white is proud to highlight the $500 and above athletic donors of 2006–2007. For a complete listing of all donors please visit www.fightingfalcons.com. In the future, please look for the complete list of athletic supporters in the Athletic Department Annual Report.

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One of Fairmont State’s most decorated student-athletes competed for the final time in March 2007. Swimmer Matej Tomas took to the pool at the NCAA Championships in Buffalo, NY, where he finished second in the 200 butterfly, fourth in the 100 butterfly and seventh in the 200 backstroke, running his career total of All-America honors to 12.

Tomas got married over the summer, and is now at Coastal Carolina pursuing his MBA. He was one of 58 student-athletes to be awarded a postgraduate scholarship from the NCAA. The NCAA postgraduate scholarship was created in 1964 to promote and encourage postgraduate education, by rewarding the Association’s most accomplished student-athletes through their participation in NCAA championship and/or emerging sports.
Fairmont State Athletic Association Annual Report

On September 8, 2007, after months of planning and preparation, the Fairmont State University Fighting Falcons played their first football game on Duvall-Rosier Field’s new FieldTurfTM playing surface.

To commemorate the home opener, a Ribbon Cutting Celebration was held, in addition to free T-shirts and posters being handed out to the crowd. The ceremony helped welcome the team to the field, and legendary head coach Deacon Duvall gave the ceremonial coin toss.

The $1.6 million renovation to the field began in the spring of 2007. The field is lined to accommodate Intramurals and several sports, including football, softball, soccer and women’s lacrosse.

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1 Strengthening Institutions: Phase I Endowment Challenge
2 Strengthening Institutions: Phase II Endowment Challenge

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Pierpont Community & Technical College, a division of FSU, opened a new branch center located at Braxton County High School in Flatwoods on August 15, 2006. The project between Pierpont C&TC and Braxton County High School is creating the nation’s first rural “Early College High School,” allowing students to earn a certificate or an associate’s degree while they are in high school. The center also houses evening classes, allowing members of the community to take Pierpont C&TC courses closer to home.
Fairmont State University
The Column Society Gift of Influence
Cooper Towns Memorial Scholarship for Nursing

Cooper Joseph Towns was born in the spring of 2006 into a family full of love. On June 7, 2006, only nine weeks after his birth, he died. Bryan and Lisa Towns, Cooper’s parents, continue to struggle to find a way to move through their grief and to get through long days and nights without their son.

After experiencing a tragedy that no family should bear, the Towns find hope and strength by honoring their son’s memory and the lives of the nurses at West Virginia University Children’s Hospital through the creation of the Cooper Joseph Towns Memorial Scholarship for Nursing. The family has taken advantage of the Strengthening Institutions: Phase II Endowment Challenge, which provides a 25 percent match of funds from the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., for their gift. Over the next five years, the family will work to raise the endowment to a total of $100,000.

The Towns live a modest life in Fairmont. Bryan owns AMBS, Inc., a successful medical billing business. They are blessed with two children, Avery Olivia, 9, and Bryan II, 3. Their gift and this story are about communities coming together to help, and of connections strengthened in the face of adversity. Despite their loss, they are working to provide a better life for nursing students at Fairmont State University. They are ensuring that other families will have the same excellent care that they received, and they are keeping an eternal flame alive in memory of their son.

“We want to give back to our community through this gift. We’re doing this because we’ve been inspired by the nurses who were by our side, and by the friends and neighbors who’ve supported us.”

– Lisa Towns

Bryan Towns, holding son, Bryan II, and Lisa (far right) with Christy Alkire, RN, BSN, and Cathy Richards, RN, BSN, the Ruby Memorial Hospital PICU nurses who inspired creation of the Cooper Joseph Towns Memorial Scholarship in Nursing at Fairmont State. Daughter, Avery Olivia Towns, stands behind.

The work the nurses did transcended professionalism,” said Lisa Towns. “They showed so much compassion, so much commitment. They cried with us. They managed to laugh with us. They really became part of our family. The respect and gratitude Bryan and I have for these people is immeasurable.”

The Towns chose the Fairmont State University School of Nursing to be the recipient of their gift, because they feel that it will have a greater impact on the growing program—and because their home and business are in Fairmont.

If you would like to make a gift to the Cooper Joseph Towns Memorial Scholarship for Nursing, please mail your gift in the enclosed business reply envelope located in the center of the magazine. Be sure to designate your gift to the Towns Scholarship. If you are interested in memorializing or honoring a loved one through the creation of an endowed scholarship, contact K. Jean Ahwesh, executive director, Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., at (304) 367-4164.
$1,047,834 in scholarship aid was provided by Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., in 2006-2007.

"Worry about being better; bigger will take care of itself."
— Gary Comer

$133,000 in aid is available in **NIP Scholarships** (Neighborhood Investment Program) this year.

**Frequently Asked Question:**

What percentage of students receive some form of financial aid from Fairmont State?

**Answer:** 86%

80% of low-income* Fairmont State University students are minority, non-traditional or first-generation college students.

**$3 MILLION**

FAIRMONT STATE FOUNDATION, INC., FUND RAISING GOAL FOR 2007-08

**The Neighborhood Investment Program**

The NIP tax-incentive program is back! Please consider contributing a minimum gift of $1,000 or more to the Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) Scholarship today. You will help low-income, West Virginia residents attend Fairmont State—and you will receive up to 50 percent of your donation back in the form of a West Virginia state tax credit.

This tax-incentive program is very popular and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please call Mike Shaw, director of major gifts, at (304) 367-4014, or toll free at (866) 372-2586, and make your gift before December 31, 2007, to receive tax benefits this year.

3.75 ...is the average GPA of graduating NIP recipients.

12 ...NIP recipients received degrees from Fairmont State.

32 ...donors participated in NIP in 2006-2007.

*Low-income student is defined as a student whose household income is less than 125 percent of the federal poverty level.
Are you receiving your child’s mail at your home? Please help us deliver mail to the right address. We’d like to send maroon & white and alumni event invitations directly to your graduate’s current residence. Call toll free at (866) 372-2586 to provide an address update.

Dr. John O’Connor and Jason A. Young appeared in the summer hit “Greater Tuna.” This two-person show featured over 13 characters of various genders and species and traveled throughout West Virginia in June 2007.

“Greater Tuna,” which began as a party skit based on a political cartoon, was the most-produced play in the country by 1985. The comedy is a series of sketches about Texas’ third-smallest town “where the Lion’s Club is too liberal, and Patsy Cline never dies.” The cast of two portrays all of the inhabitants of Greater Tuna, including men, women, children and animals. The play’s creators are Joe Sears, Jason Williams and Ed Howard.