FSU’s 13th President Envisions a Strong Future
Dear Alumni and Friends:

We write to you at a moment of unparalleled transition in the lives of our two institutions. At least three factors combine to support that statement:

- As of December 31, 2009, in response to legislative mandate, the two institutions entered a Separation Agreement that made them fully independent while maintaining joint occupancy of the campus in Fairmont;
- Fairmont State University will be celebrating on April 17 the inauguration of its 13th president; and
- Pierpont Community & Technical College will be welcoming a new president in late Spring, after almost 36 years of remarkable leadership and growth.

One of the remarkable features of the Separation Agreement is that the two boards of governors explicitly pledged perpetual cooperation and collaboration. That approach will help both institutions weather the challenges that will continue to impact operations, finances and enrollments. The pledge incorporated by both governing boards is unique to the separation agreements executed by institutions throughout the state of West Virginia, and is both a distinguishing feature and a source of pride that sets FSU and Pierpont apart from other colleges and universities in the state.

Despite the accomplishments of both institutions, the continued support of alumni and friends takes on added importance. Your gift helps students afford a college experience and, as a result, becomes an investment in the long-term future of our state. Your support also helps provide programmatic and facility initiatives that further distinguish FSU and Pierpont.

Therefore, our expression of thanks for the support of our many alumni and friends chronicled in this Annual Report is especially heartfelt. Because you have faithfully stood by us in these difficult times, we have been able to serve the educational and training needs of more students than ever. And, the firm belief that your resolve to support us continues to be strong encourages us to face the future and deal with multiple challenges with renewed confidence.

Times of transition can induce new levels of energy and unleash new levels of creativity. We invite you to travel with us through these uncharted waters as FSU and Pierpont continue their service to students, to West Virginia and to the nation.

Thank you again for making this service possible.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas L. Krepel, President
Fairmont State University

Blair Montgomery, President
Pierpont Community & Technical College
Transition Offers Opportunity for Falcons

Fiscal year 2009, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009, brought many challenges, successes and opportunities that we are pleased to present to you in this annual report. We also welcome the 13th president of Fairmont State University, Dr. Thomas Krepel, and say farewell to Pierpont Community & Technical College President, Blair Montgomery, as he retires after 36 years of service.

Transitions have surrounded us this year, from presidential leadership, to the separation of assets between the university and the community college, to ADA accessibility renovations. For some schools, change would become an unclimbable mountain, but for Fairmont and Pierpont it was a perch that allowed us to soar.

Russian-American writer, Ayn Rand once said, “Throughout the centuries there were men and women who took first steps, down new roads, armed with nothing but their own vision.” This is true for the names found within this publication who, despite the climate of change and new directions, took the reins and made a difference. The men and women featured in our Annual Report, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009, are our alumni, friends, faculty, staff and board members. Their dedication has allowed Fairmont State and Pierpont to succeed and allowed us to continue to be a leader in the state.

As you read the donor narratives explaining why financial support is so important, please take a moment to look at the student photo on the same page. These students represent the change that is made on our campus each year when you invest in a better Fairmont State and Pierpont. Your donations provide better facilities for them to create, learn and grow in, top notch professors who pass the torch of knowledge, and scholarship aid that makes these students’ dreams of a college education a reality.

You will also find a full listing of the Institutional Boards that provide the leadership necessary for our day-to-day operations. They donate countless hours of their time in the pursuit of a better tomorrow for Fairmont State and Pierpont, and without them we would be stagnant.

Please enjoy this report as it journals our past and invites you to become part of our future.

Sincerely,

Jessica Sharps
Editor-In-Chief

Letter From the Editor
Falcon alumni have all the fun...

April - May

Inauguration Weekend
April 16 - 18, 2010
April 17 at 11 a.m.
Falcon Center Gym 1
Please join us as we commemorate the inauguration of FSU’s 13th president, Dr. Thomas L. Krepel.

PNC Day in the Park
Pre-game tailgate 5 p.m.
May 8, 2010
7:05 p.m.
Pirates vs. Cardinals
PNC Park
Pittsburgh, PA

PC&TC Commencement
May 14, 2010
6:30 p.m.
Feaster Center

FSU Commencement
May 15, 2010
1 p.m.
Feaster Center

June - August

Baltimore, Maryland Gathering
Hosted by Frank “Pooch” ’61 and Jane Gabor ’60
June 6, 2010
2 p.m.
At their home

Frank and Jane Gabor WV Folklife Center Grand Opening
11 a.m.
June 21, 2010
Celebrate WV Day on the campus of FSU/PC&TC as we open the Folklife Center.

Crab Feast 2010
August 21
Fort Hunt Park
Alexandria, VA
2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
$20.00 per person
Kids under 10 free

Make plans for Homecoming! October 30, 2010
Be part of the action...

Help us establish alumni networks in the following areas:

- Jacksonville, Florida
- St. Augustine, Florida
- Martinsburg, WV
- Hagerstown, MD
- Winchester, VA
- Potomac Highlands (WV)
- California (northern and southern)
- Washington D.C.
- Parkersburg, WV
- New York, NY
- Raleigh, NC
- Charlotte, NC
- Columbus, OH
- Cincinnati, OH
- Baltimore, MD

Would you like to host an alumni event in your area? For more information contact Devanna Corley at 304.367.4375 or dcorley2@fairmontstate.edu
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ALUMNI ENCOURAGED TO JOIN “COMMUNITY OF SHARED INTERESTS”

When announced as Fairmont State University’s thirteenth president, Thomas L. Krepel, Ph.D., said he looked forward to building “a community of shared interests.”

From his first official day on the job, June 30, 2009, Dr. Krepel began racing toward that vision.

“What I mean by a community of shared interests is that we all have a role in strengthening the institution and moving it forward and making sure we’re providing students the very best opportunity we can,” he said.

Dr. Krepel believes alumni can play a vital role in FSU’s success in several ways -- by helping to promote FSU’s name and reputation; by serving as an advocate with prospective students and other key groups; and by aiding students confronting challenges in financing their education.

On his first day as president, Dr. Krepel delivered the keynote address at the United Way of Marion County campaign celebration. Every day since, he has worked tirelessly to meet with campus, community, regional and state leaders.

“An institution like Fairmont State has a responsibility to be a resource for key initiatives in its region and state,” Dr. Krepel said. “We need to make people aware that the university is available to bring forward resources and capabilities to help resolve challenging issues faced by the state of West Virginia.”

Dr. Krepel would like to involve FSU in key conversations about the state’s future -- the decreasing number of traditional college age students coming out of the state’s high schools; the high number of adults who need to finish degrees they started earlier in life; creating opportunities to keep young residents from leaving the state; and diversification of the state’s economy.

“I have to give credit to Governor Joe Manchin and other state policy makers for recognizing that there’s an opportunity here, as the governor defines it, to increase both the aspiration and the attainment levels for the citizens of the state,” he said.

“Fairmont State has a mission that is, in my opinion, clearly defined and relates to contributing to the foundation upon which the future of the state is built. We’re going to stay focused on providing a high quality undergraduate experience in foundational disciplines such as nursing, business, engineering and technology, education, and liberal arts.

“Because of the rapidly changing world, we cannot predict what our graduates will be doing five, ten, fifteen or twenty years down the road, but we can give our students the habits of intellect, habits of discipline and value sets to allow them to have flexibility and to perform -- not just in an economic sense -- but also as citizens in a democratic republic.”

What interested Dr. Krepel in the FSU presidency was chiefly the type and size of the institution. He and his wife, Carol, came to Fairmont from Illinois, where he was serving as assistant to the president at Northern Illinois University.

Dr. Krepel’s diverse career in education has included serving as a high school social studies teacher, and as a faculty member and an administrator in higher education. He has worked at large doctoral-
granting land grant institutions such as the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, as well as at larger regional institutions such as St. Cloud State University in Minnesota and the University of New Orleans. He has also been at small, more rural institutions like Chadron State College in Nebraska where he was president.

Attractive to young people looking for post-secondary opportunity to be able to go to one place and have so many options," Dr. Krepel said.

“I hope that both institutions truly will embrace the spirit, as well as the letter, of the Separation of Assets and Liabilities agreement. In the preamble of that agreement is a statement committing making business well and can run a good smokehouse operation.”

As a personal note, Dr. Krepel says that he and Carol are enjoying life in West Virginia and living in the Shaw House on campus. The Krepels attend campus functions ranging from the fine arts to athletics and have hosted several events in their home. They are looking forward to experiencing the many outdoor activities the state provides.

“Carol and I enjoy anything outdoors. Our honeymoon trip was a backpacking trip into the wilderness of Wyoming many years ago,” he said. “We’re looking forward to having the opportunity to go out and explore. We like canoeing. One summer I did a bike ride across Nebraska. I’m not sure with all the ups and downs of West Virginia that I’d be able to jump back into that. Nebraska was a lot flatter.”

The Krepels have twin sons, Philip and Patrick, who have visited them at FSU.

“Philip finished his bachelor’s degree recently at Chadron State College in Nebraska and is working at Northern Illinois University in Illinois,” Dr. Krepel said. “Patrick started his degree at Chadron and transferred to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to finish his bachelor’s there. He’s now a public administration/political science graduate student at George Mason University.”

One piece of advice from Dr. Krepel would apply to recent college graduates, as well as to the future of Fairmont State University: “I think it is important for us to remember that it isn’t so much what we have been or who we are as much as it is what we’re going to be and what we want to be.”

“Alumni should play a very active role in enrollment management, in advocacy and in passing on the kinds of opportunities to young people that were made available to them. There’s a certain obligation that we all have to continue providing those opportunities,” he said.

“I have become attracted to smaller institutions because we open the doors to allow people to do things that otherwise they may never have access to do,” Dr. Krepel said.

“This is usually done in ways that are not well recognized or highly publicized, but they are critically important to the future of the community, of the region, of the state, and of the country.”

One great advantage he sees that FSU and Pierpont Community & Technical College offer over other institutions across the nation is their co-location. Even though they are now legally separated institutions with separate governing structures, FSU and Pierpont will continue to share a main campus in Fairmont for the foreseeable future.

“You can walk around this campus and you can’t tell the difference between two-year and four-year students. Two institutions sharing a campus is truly an advantage. It should be terrifically both institutions to ‘perpetual collaboration and cooperation.’ That is as it has been and as it should be for the foreseeable future.”

A native of Nebraska, Dr. Krepel’s background features experiences that might not be expected from a university president. He spent a number of years in the public policy sector. He was on the legislative staff in Nebraska and also served in one of his administrative roles as government relations officer for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

“I’ve also had some really unusual experiences,” Dr. Krepel said. “My father spent his entire life as a meat cutter. Late in his life, we finally convinced him to buy the operation for which he worked. In encouraging him to do that, I made a commitment to work with him -- knowing nothing about meat cutting, running a business, or any of that. I think I can say I became a reasonably good meat cutter, know the sausage
President Blair Montgomery Retires
After 36 Years of Service

June 1, 1974. An anxious young man reports for his first day as a Student Affairs counselor at Fairmont State College. He is excited about the opportunity to help West Virginia students decide to pursue higher education. This young man’s name? Blair Montgomery. Little did he know that his first day would kick off a career that would span 36 years and would culminate with the position of college president.

Blair Montgomery has seen it all. He’s done it all. And through it all he has remained passionate about helping students in West Virginia go to college. During his tenure, Montgomery has filled many roles, including recruiter, career counselor, student government advisor, orientation chairman, director, provost and president. Early in his career he demonstrated his flexibility and ability to rise to a challenge by serving as interim director of Financial Aid. Many people know Montgomery from the time he spent in Clarksburg, serving as director of the Clarksburg Center. He speaks fondly of those days and his opportunity to meet with and advise the center’s students. He is proud that during his time there the Gaston Caperton Center was established and is prouder still of the center’s impact - making higher education available to students living and working in Harrison and surrounding counties.

In 2000, Blair Montgomery was asked to return to the main campus to serve as the interim provost for Fairmont State Community & Technical College. It was a time of transition, as Fairmont State College community college, ensuring that it remain student-centered. It was during his tenure that the community college faculty was established, as were the academic schools. Montgomery, an avid reader and West Virginia history buff, also selected the new name for the college, acknowledging Francis H. Pierpont, a man who grew up in Fairmont and, as governor of the restored Virginia, enabled West Virginia to become a separate state. In 2003, by an act of the legislature, Montgomery became the first president of Pierpont Community & Technical College.

“Throughout the years, I considered other opportunities, but I couldn’t find another place where so many people had such commitment to students and their success.”
Since that time, Pierpont has continued to grow and develop with an expanded number of academic programs, certificate programs and skill sets designed to meet the needs of the local workforce. Pierpont’s Center for Workforce Education has also grown tremendously, doubling its workforce training output.

During his retirement, Montgomery intends to follow the advice he has given so many students throughout his career and remain a lifelong learner. In addition to continuing to pursue his passions for great literature, movies, and gastronomic tourism, he is planning to learn Mandarin Chinese and make a return trip to China. In fact, travel is high on his list. He and his wife, Sue, are planning a cross country adventure for late summer (coincidentally the same time the faculty will be returning for the fall term) and will now have the flexibility to visit their children and grandchildren in West Yellowstone, Montana and Atlanta, Georgia.

When asked if he ever planned to spend his entire career working for Fairmont State and Pierpont, Montgomery chuckles. It is those people — the faculty, the staff and the students — that Montgomery will miss the most when he leaves on May 31, 2010. If he could go back in time, would Montgomery have some advice for that young man, beginning his new job on June 1, 1974? After a moment’s reflection, Montgomery responds, “It’s all about the people.”

Pierpont Presidential Search Update:

Board of Governors Chairman, James E. Griffin reports that Pierpont Community & Technical College is conducting a national search for our next president. A strong candidate pool has been found and the process is on track to make an announcement in late April or early May.
We have lived our lives and now what we can do as older people is to make things better for the generations that follow. It is like passing the torch. If you have been blessed, you should share it so that the blessing doesn’t die with you.

Haddon J. “Joe” and Martha “Marty” Rhodes
Slainsville, WV

We believe that our generation, born during the Great Depression and growing up in pre and post WWII America, began our careers in “the best of times” and have prospered. Now, in our seventh decade, we have almost finished the course and hope to invest in the futures of our wonderful young West Virginians.

We chose Fairmont State because this is where Joe’s father taught for many years and where his mother graduated, and because we’ve come home. No longer requiring the large home we needed while we were parenting in Washington, D.C., where we worked, we find our mountain cottage just right and inexpensive. Thus some of our savings and investments are now available for endowments and scholarships at FSU and Pierpont.

Endowing scholarships through the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., has allowed us the opportunity to pass the torch in perpetuity. We are also able to honor and pay tribute to our parents by naming scholarships in their memory.

“There are a lot of brilliant minds out there waiting to be challenged. With my drive and a degree from Fairmont State, I feel like I can accomplish all my goals.”

– Caleb Taylor, hospitality management with a focus in culinary arts
Celebrating Leadership...

“My scholarship came at a crucial time, I was struggling financially and I was not sure I could be a full-time student anymore. The Neighborhood Scholar Award gave me the encouragement and motivation to stay focused.”

- Amanda Barber, secondary education/mathematics

While I know the value of hard work and determination, I also know that it takes a college education to make it in today’s society.

Helping students afford a college degree puts them in a position where they can earn a better than average living and make a good life for themselves and their families.

I choose to contribute annually to the Neighborhood Investment Program Scholarship Fund because I want to help students who otherwise may not be able to attend college. I believe these young people will truly appreciate the life-changing benefits of a college degree.

While the greatest benefit of contributing to this scholarship fund is knowing that students are helped directly and immediately from my contribution, this program also affords wonderful tax incentives.

It is great to know that there are many ways that we can give back and there is a giving program to meet many different interests of a donor.

I have a strong belief in higher education and I want to give other people an opportunity I did not have. I want to help young people get a quality education that will change their lives.

Donald Hoylman
Fairmont, WV
We are very pleased to contribute to athletic scholarships through annual gifts and make a difference in the lives of all of the young athletes that we enjoy watching throughout the year.

Robert “Buck” ’53 and Nancy Lee ’53 Thompson
Fairmont, WV

As a young man, I attended Fairmont State College to further my education and fulfill my dream of participating in college athletics. Pi Davis was a great mentor to me and was instrumental in encouraging me to pursue my degree and prompting me to join the Fairmont State track team after realizing I did not have the skill for the basketball team.

Consequently, I lettered for four years and set many records for the Falcons while participating in track.

During my time at Fairmont State, I met my wife, Nancy Lee and we still follow the Falcons to this day.

Yearly gifts allow us to the ability to make an immediate impact and the flexibility to decide what level of giving is right for us each year. My passion has not changed — my true love is basketball but we are happy to support all Fairmont State athletes.

“My professors and those who have provided my scholarship have gone out of their way to see me succeed. I am very grateful for the opportunity my scholarship has given me.”

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Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College recently announced a new initiative aimed at increasing participation in faculty and staff financial support.

Moving Forward Together...Our Faculty & Staff Campaign will focus on raising general support for the two institutions and optimizing participation moving toward 100% participation as soon as possible.

Major donors, corporations and foundations look closely at the participation of our own team when determining their interest in adding their support. All our communities are important in supporting Fairmont State and Pierpont, including our campus community.

Thank you to all in advance for your support of the 2010 campaign. We look forward to sharing the success of this campaign in next year's report.

Keith Foster
Director of the Annual Fund
July

- Two graduates of Pierpont Community & Technical College’s medical laboratory technology program were recipients of the 2008 American Society for Clinical Pathology National Student Honor Award. Kimberly Merrill and Jaimee Herd each received the award, which was established to recognize future laboratory professionals. To receive the award, applicants must have at least a 3.3 grade point average and be involved in community service and leadership activities.
- The Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., received important funding from the George W. Bowers Family Charitable Trust to support the continued reconstruction efforts for the Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklore Center.

August

- Major renovations to the second floor “Nickel” area of the Falcon Center over the summer have resulted in new dining options. Aladdin Food Management Services, LLC, which provides food services to campus, now features two new eating areas: Poblano’s, a specialty Mexican concept offering made-to-order burritos, tacos and salads, and Ciabatta’s, a specialty sandwich shop featuring gourmet breads, wraps, salads and soups.
- Fairmont State University began its student exchange program with the University of Calabria in southern Italy. The exchange follows a general agreement reached by the two institutions after FSU students, faculty and administrators traveled to southern Italy in summer 2007. As the emphasis on the global economy increases, study abroad programs are becoming more and more important, said Dr. Christina Lavarate, FSU Associate Provost for Academic Affairs.

September

- A new initiative at Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College will connect community and campus-based arts experiences and resources in North Central West Virginia to engage students, teachers, artists and patrons. The Community Collaborative for Arts Engagement includes representatives from each of the six school systems engaged in the FSU Professional Development Schools partnership; from the region’s business community; from arts organizations and agencies; from community service organizations serving constituents of all ages; and from the FSU and Pierpont campus.

October

- With the theme, “Falcons Are Forever,” Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College celebrated Homecoming 2008 with a week packed with alumni, athletic, student and community events. Alumni from the across the country participated in the events.
- The golf team won a second-straight WVIAC golf championship in October at Stonewall Jackson Resort. Led by medalist Matt Gissy, the Falcons went wire-to-wire en route to the championship. FSU posted a team score of 934 and won by 12 shots under Ohio Valley. The conference championship gave FSU an automatic berth into the NCAA Regional Championships in May. Fairmont State finished fourth at the regional championship and went on to the NCAA Finals in Blaine, Wash., where it finished 20th in the country.

November

- Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College launched a new program designed to provide a sensitive environment that recognizes deaf culture and maximizes communication to reduce feelings of isolation and sensory deprivation. The goals of the Silent Adventures program are to support individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing in building their self-esteem, self-confidence and developing problem solving, communication and goal-setting skills.

December

- Sherrie Strawderman, executive secretary to the president of Fairmont State University, was named the 2008 Classified Employee of the Year for Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College. Strawderman was honored with the award during the annual Classified Staff Luncheon. Strawderman started her career at Fairmont State in 1987.
- The Dominion Foundation, in partnership with the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., funded the development of the Dominion Resources Oil, Gas and Coal Technician Certification Program.

January

- Fairmont State University students designed a proposal for a North Central West Virginia coal museum and presented their research in Washington, D.C., as part of The Appalachian Teaching Project 2008 “Strengthening Community Assets to Shape a Positive Future for Appalachia.” Their presentation was titled “Can a depleted coal based economy be successfully converted to a workable heritage tourism endeavor using the same content, facilities and personnel?”
February

- Pierpont Community & Technical College’s Culinary Team brought home a bronze medal from the American Culinary Federation Northeast Regional Conference in Boston. Pierpont’s Culinary Team tried out for one of only five spots in August 2008. In November 2008, the team won the West Virginia state championship in a dual cook-off with Marshall Community & Technical College. The win qualified the team for the regional competition.

March

- Pierpont Community & Technical College faculty member Nancy Jane Cheshire, professor of Early Childhood, was honored by the Southern Early Childhood Association as its 2009 Outstanding Member. Cheshire is also the Early Childhood program coordinator and director of the Laboratory Preschool.
- Fairmont State had the highest average home basketball attendance, averaging 715 fans at Joe Retton Arena in 2008-09. FSU averaged more than 100 fans than the next closest league team. Fairmont State’s crowd of 1,864 on Feb. 19 against West Liberty was the highest attended game in the WVIAC in 2008-09.

April

- Fairmont State University Intercollegiate Debate Team members Kelly Edmond of Morgantown and Allison Gasti of Morgantown took top honors in the Lincoln Douglas Open National Championships held on the campus of Drury University in Springfield, MO.

May

- May 23 marked the Fifth Annual Julia Pierpont Day for Fairmont, West Virginia. The day has been established by the state of West Virginia, Marion County and the city of Fairmont to honor Julia Pierpont, the wife of Fairmont’s Francis H. Pierpont, the Governor of Restored Virginia (1861-68) and “The Father of West Virginia.” Pierpont Community & Technical College was named in honor of Francis H. Pierpont.
- Fairmont State College alumna Deborah Phelps ’73, an educator and author, as well as the mother of Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps, spoke at the 2009 Spring Commencement for Fairmont State University.
- The tradition of storytelling runs deep in the mountains of Appalachia, and the stories of the people who lived through the dark days of the 1968 Farmington Mine Disaster served as the basis of the final production of the Fairmont State University Masquers’ season. “Remembering No. 9: Stories from the Farmington Mine Disaster,” a devised performance piece, is based on a series of interviews collected by FSU students Celi Oliveto, an Oral Communication Secondary Education major from Fairmont; Samantha Huffman, an Oral Communication Secondary Education major from

June

- Fairmont; and Jason Young, a Theatre major from Fairmont. The project is funded by the FSU Undergraduate Research Program and the students were mentored by Fairmont State Faculty member, Dr. Francene Kirk.
- FSU’s American Society of Civil Engineers Student Chapter’s concrete canoe team placed 17th overall in the competition, hosted by the University of Alabama, and 10th in the Final Product category at the 22nd Annual ASCE National Concrete Canoe Competition in Tuscaloosa, Al.
- The Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., completed another successful campaign for the Neighborhood Investment Program Scholarship Fund, awarding approximately $84,000 in state tax credits to donors who together contributed more than $168,000 to fund NIP Scholarships this year. The Foundation has participated in this program since 2006 and raised through the end of Fiscal Year 2009 nearly $475,000 for NIP Scholarships for students exhibiting financial need.
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Feaster Center Becomes ADA Accessible

In 2008, the Feaster Center, which houses the Joe Retton Arena, the Department of Health and Human Performance and Athletic Department offices, transitioned into an ADA accessible building with the addition of an elevator and a new first floor entrance.

Although the campus elevation rises 300 feet from the entrance on Locust Avenue to the football field, creative planning by Omni Associates and hard work of Lombardi Development have made it possible for persons with disabilities to access the majority of the inner campus without encountering major obstacles.

“Allowing all students equal access to campus facilities is essential in garnering support for our programs. Capital improvements made to campus infrastructure directly affect our ability to recruit and retain quality student-athletes. The future support of our alumni and friends in capital improvement campaigns will be essential in moving Fairmont State athletics forward,” said Shannon Kelley, Director of FSAA.
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<td><strong>Net assets at beginning of year</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Net assets at the end of last year</strong></td>
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