Businesswomen Giving Back through Philanthropy

As women continue to assume positions in business traditionally held by men, and fight for the same pay as their male counterparts, their philanthropic endeavors continue to rise as well. In fact, “by 2030, women will control an estimated $33.5 trillion in North America, and their charitable giving could reach $569.5 billion annually,” according to Women Moving Millions, a New York-based nonprofit organization.

The reasons why women give are equally as important as what they give to, and for these three Naveen Jindal School of Management alumnae, giving back to the university that helped them on their path to success is not only a source of pride, but the right thing to do to build an educational legacy.

Funding the Entrepreneurial Spirit
Saadia Sheikh, CCIM, BS’09, vice president for E Smith Realty Partners, represents tenants and users of commercial space nationally in all transactions from renewals, expansions, site selection, general consultation and purchases. But she credits the Jindal School with teaching her the many lessons that she continues to use today.

“One lesson that I have applied to my career is focusing on accomplishing my goal,” she said. “I have achieved many milestones in my career by having a clear, concise plan.”

Inspired by her former mentor, Debi Carter BS’93, who created an endowment at the Jindal School, Sheikh decided to do the same and established the Saadia Sheikh Scholarship/Fellowship for Entrepreneurship. This is the first endowed scholarship/fellowship for undergraduate or graduate students studying entrepreneurship.

“I wanted to give back to the university that gave so much to me and inspire other students to be entrepreneurial, which is a major factor in real estate,” she said.

For Sheikh, success and philanthropy go hand in hand. “I truly believe philanthropy comes from the good intentions and good will to serve others,” she said. “It is important to have the balance of philanthropy in your life with the natural human instinct to win and be successful. We are all only as successful as the community and environment around us.”
Fostering Compassion in Others

“My most indelible lessons from the Jindal School during my time there were to form teams early in the process, respect each other’s strengths, address the weaknesses together and include the present as well as the future in every decision,” said Gigi Edwards Bryant GLEMBA’02, founder and president of GMSA Management.

After reengaging with UT Dallas through the Institute for Excellence in Corporate Governance and seeing the changes and improvements to the Jindal School, Edwards was inspired to give back. The Gigi Edwards Bryant Champions Scholarship will be awarded to undergraduate or graduate students who have previously been in foster care and/or have made a positive impact on the lives of children in the foster care system through volunteerism or advocacy.

“I wanted the scholarship to be specific to children in the foster care system and the people that support them because that support is lacking for our children,” said Edwards. “I am committed to their well-being and supporting their education, but, mostly, I believe that ‘foster’ is not an indicator as to what children are born for—it’s a very expensive indicator as to how we are failing our children. Education can and will change the mindset and the dynamics, if not for the past, then certainly for the future. It did it for me, and I was thrilled to find out that this was the first of its kind for UT Dallas.”

Edwards believes that philanthropy and compassion are synonymous. “I taught my children to be kind and caring, and embracing giving as a way of life became a family practice,” she said. “Philanthropy is equally important to women and men because we participate from all different interests, communities and beliefs. The key is concentrating on the efforts of your time, talents and treasures in order to do the most good.”

Financing the Gift of Education

The graduate degree in finance that Judy Hendrick MS’86, chief financial officer for Aimbridge Hospitality, earned at UT Dallas directly impacted her career. “My undergraduate degree is in psychology from Kansas State University, but I could not afford to continue going to school full time, so I accepted a position with Chase Manhattan’s loan office in Dallas in office administration and contract administration,” said Hendrick. “I soon realized that it would be helpful if I had more understanding of financial statements, and by taking classes at night for several years, I was able to earn my master’s degree and advance my career further than I ever thought possible.”

Hendrick decided to help others do the same by establishing the Hazel Elise Rogers Scholarship/Fellowship for Finance, the first endowed scholarship/fellowship in finance, in honor of her mother.

“My mother has always inspired me to pursue education and a rewarding career,” said Hendrick. “I feel like it is my way of showing her how much that means to me by establishing this scholarship in her name.”

Giving back is not an option but a requirement for Hendrick, and it is the greatest privilege for her to be in a position to do so.

“Philanthropy is scriptural and is clearly explained in Luke 12:48, which says that from those who much is given, much is required in return,” she said. “I also believe in the gift of giving, which brings back rewards to the giver. What could be more rewarding than to see that you can help someone gain an education who might not be able to otherwise? And then that person can perpetuate that philosophy and help others.”

For information on establishing endowed scholarships, visit jindal.utdallas.edu/give.
Alumnus Wins Trip to the Big Apple by Updating His Contact Information

WHAT STARTED OUT AS HELPING THE NAVEEN JINDAL SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT’S alumni relations office capture updates to the school’s alumni contact information database ended up sending Michael Montgomery BS’11 and his wife to New York City, for free.

As part of the Jindal School’s 40th anniversary celebration, the school’s development and alumni relations office sent out communications encouraging alumni to register online with updated contact and professional information. By filling out the form, alumni were automatically entered into a drawing for a chance to win a trip to the Big Apple.

“It seemed like a simple enough task, one which my UTD education had more than prepared me for,” said Montgomery, a management information systems (the undergraduate program has since been renamed to information technology and systems) major, in jest. “So I filled out the form.” Shortly thereafter, Montgomery’s phone was ringing, and he got a message to return the call as soon as possible.

Erica Yaeger, assistant dean of development and alumni relations, informed Montgomery that he had won a three-night, four-day trip for two to New York City that included dinner, a Broadway show and Wall Street tour. “I tried to play it cool when I called my wife, telling her I had a surprise for her. I kept her on the hook all afternoon, then gave her the good news when I got home,” said Montgomery, a strategic planning manager at Mission Foods.

The NYC campaign, which ran from March 1 through April 31, 2016, involved contacting JSOM alumni through email as well as social media platforms (Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and WeChat). Around 16,000 alumni were emailed, resulting in updates to nearly 1,300 alumni profiles. Alumni were asked to update their names, graduation years, email addresses, mailing addresses and employer names. Each alumnus who updated his or her contact information received a JSOM business card holder.

The Montgomery family has made UT Dallas a family affair. Michael Montgomery’s father, David Montgomery BS’95, started the UT Dallas tradition with a degree in accounting. His sisters, Rachel (Montgomery) Danie BS’07 and Christina (Montgomery) Ross BS’09 followed suit, also majoring in accounting. Lauren Montgomery BS’11, MS’12 was next with an undergraduate and graduate degree in computer science. “Once my dad went to UTD, the rest of us followed. We realized the quality of the education, the convenience of the location and the opportunity that it provided,” said Montgomery.
GINNY URBAN AND ANDY LONG BOTH ARE ACTIVE IN THE ENERGY INDUSTRY—Urban as a reservoir engineer at Gaedeke Energy and Long as senior analyst for CSG Investment’s energy finance group. Neither has direct ties to the Naveen Jindal School of Management. They agree, though, that it’s important to offer support for the Jindal School’s Master of Science in Energy Management program as a source of high-quality talent for the energy industry.

These officers in the Dallas chapter of Young Professionals in Energy helped YPE establish the first endowed opportunity fund to provide support for the MS in Energy Management program.

“One of the primary objectives of YPE is to facilitate the development of the next generation of leaders in the energy industry,” said Urban, currently president of the Dallas YPE chapter. “Education is a vital component of this mission. We hope our endowment helps recruit top-notch talent to the energy industry.”

“The next generation of oil and gas professionals is even more important than the last, due to the massive hiring freezes back in the 1980s,” said Long, Dallas YPE past president. “We have a generation gap coming, and even though we are in a downturn, the need for high-quality employees is more vital than ever.”

Long, who holds an undergraduate degree from UT Dallas and is a founding member and on the board of the JSOM Energy Alumni Affinity Chapter, said the new funding builds on last year’s YPE commitment to a mentor program between YPE and Jindal School students. “We want to grow that even more,” he said. “Energy finance and management are key to all energy-related deals, and in the coming years, UT Dallas students will play a vital role in that. We are honored to help support that.”

The endowment fulfills two missions, Urban said—giving back to the community and supporting energy-centric educational programs. “I am a huge supporter of anything UT Dallas,” Long said. “This is Texas. UT Dallas should have a thriving oil and gas presence attached with the school.”

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North Texas Specialty Physicians Charitable Fund Establishes New Fellowship

THANKS TO A GENEROUS DONATION FROM THE NORTH TEXAS SPECIALTY PHYSICIANS CHARITABLE FUND, graduate students studying healthcare management and who plan to work in the Dallas-Fort Worth area after graduation can receive financial assistance through the Karen Van Wagner Health Leadership Fellowship.

Karen Van Wagner was a warrior not only in fighting cancer, but also in her professional life. She obtained her doctorate at the age of 22, after which her professional accomplishments touched organizations across the country. Van Wagner performed social research in connection with Operation Push, taught statistics and sociology at Trinity University in Chicago and Kansas University, engaged in city management and founded a doctoral city management program, served as director of the Oklahoma Health Systems Agency and served as the director of planning and marketing for Children’s Hospital in Los Angeles, California. She spent many years as a hospital administrator at Harris Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas.

Van Wagner and three specialty physicians formed the North Texas Specialty Physicians (NTSP), an independent physician association comprised of more than 600 primary care and specialty physicians dedicated to delivering the best medical care to North Texans. NTSP established the North Texas Specialty Physicians Charitable Fund in 2009 to partner with community organizations to improve healthcare in North Texas.

“The board of directors wanted to honor Dr. Van Wagner’s dedication to developing outstanding models of care through a scholarship fund to ensure future healthcare delivery systems are led by the brightest and most innovative students in North Texas,” said Regina L. Sobieski, NTSP Charitable Fund foundation director.

“We are greatly honored by the Karen Van Wagner Health Leadership Fellowship for the education of the future healthcare leaders in the DFW community,” said Forney Fleming, director of the MS in Healthcare Management program. “This fellowship is a fitting memorial to the contributions made by Dr. Van Wagner.”

Development and Alumni Relations Team Welcomes New Members

Jasmine Carter, director of alumni relations, is responsible for the planning and implementation of alumni programs and projects that strategically engage Jindal School alumni. Prior to joining UT Dallas, she was the assistant director for constituent programs at Georgia State University, where she created a Student Alumni Association. Previously, she worked at the University of Texas at Arlington, where she advised the Student Alumni Association.

Ana I. Rodriguez, director of development and alumni relations, previously worked as special assistant to the president and assistant vice president for university advancement at UNT Dallas, where she served on the President’s Cabinet and was responsible for external affairs, fundraising, board development, donor relations and special events. Prior to her tenure at UNT Dallas, she was the executive director of the Anita N. Martinez Ballet Folklorico, a nonprofit arts organization and resident company of the AT&T Performing Arts Center.

Laura Madden, director of corporate relations, has been involved in donor development in established settings with both the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston and the Austin Museum of Art. More recently, she established the development program at Sci-Tech Discovery Center, a start-up nonprofit supporting STEM education in North Texas.
Jindal School Endowments Benefit Students and Faculty

ENDOWED FUNDS HELP BUILD A STRONG, SUCCESSFUL FUTURE for the Jindal School and the community. The interest earned on an endowed gift is used to achieve the donor’s philanthropic interests. The University of Texas System invests all endowment gifts and guarantees a fixed rate of return, regardless of changes in the market. This ensures that endowment gifts will leave a lasting impact.

Professorships and chairs create opportunities for UT Dallas to attract and retain outstanding faculty members who will enhance students’ academic experiences and the institution’s reputation. Need and merit-based scholarships for undergraduates and fellowships for graduate students help defray the cost of education and allow students to focus on their studies without worrying about financial burden. Opportunity funds provide ongoing, unrestricted support for academic departments and research centers.

There are currently 124 individual endowments established with the University of Texas Endowment Management Company (UTIMCO) benefiting the Jindal School.*

**Endowed Chairs: 11**
- Andrew R. Cecil Chair in Applied Ethics
- Caruth Chair
- Charles and Nancy Davidson Chair in Accounting
- Charles and Nancy Davidson Chair in Information Systems
- Charles and Nancy Davidson Chair in Marketing
- Charles and Nancy Davidson Chair in Operations Management
- Eugene McDermott Chair
- O.P. Jindal Distinguished Chair #1
- O.P. Jindal Distinguished Chair #2
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**Endowed Professorships: 11**
- Adolf Enthoven Professorship in Accounting and Information Management
- Ashok and Monica Mago Professorship in Management
- Constantine Konstans Distinguished Professorship in Accounting and Corporate Governance
- Dallas World Salute Distinguished Professorship in Global Strategy
- Distinguished Professorship in Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Jindal School of Management Advisory Council Distinguished Professorship
- John F. McCracken Professorship in Healthcare Management
- Lars Magnus Ericsson Distinguished Professorship 1
- Lars Magnus Ericsson Distinguished Professorship 2
- Susan C. and H. Ronald Nash Distinguished Professorship
- The Mike Redeker Professorship in Management

**Endowed Faculty Fellowships: 1**
- Sydney Smith Hicks Faculty Fellowship

**Endowed Fellowships and Scholarships: 49**
- Angelica Barriga Scholarship
- Annie Laurie Bass Fellowship
- Ansira Marketing Excellence Fellowship
- B.P.S. Murthi Fellowship in Marketing Analytics
- Bate Family Scholarship/Fellowship
- Beena K. and Jackson A. Varnan Family Scholarship
- Business Navigators Servant Leadership Scholarship
- Chalak Mitra Life Scholarship
- Charles and Christina Quinn Award for Jindal School Veterans
- Chinese Leadership Scholarship
- CoreNet Global-North Texas Chapter Scholarship/Fellowship for the Real Estate Program
- David L. Holmberg Scholarship/Fellowship
- David Springate Endowed Scholarship
- Davidson Graduate Fellowship Fund
- Desai Family Fellowship
- Diane and Hal Brierley Marketing Fellowship
- Dr. Stephen E. Guisinger Memorial International Management Fellowship
- Ebby Halliday Scholarship Fund
- EMBA Class of 2011 Scholarship Fund
- Frank Bass Endowed Scholarship
- Gary L. Tillett Scholarship
- Gigi Edwards Bryant Champions Scholarship
- Hazel Elise Rogers Scholarship/Fellowship for Finance
- Hilltop Securities Management Scholarship
- Infinity DAWN Scholarship
- Intel Security Scholarship
- Jasper H. Arnold III EMBA Endowed Fellowship

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• Karla and Hassan Al-Tabatabaie Scholarship
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• Lars Magnus Ericsson Scholarship in Management
• Liberty Mutual Sales Scholarship
• Mark Salamasick IT Auditor Fellowship
• McGregor Scholarship
• MEANT Student Support Fund
• MXM Analytics Fellowship
• O.P. Jindal Graduate Fellows
• Patricia A. Hammons Memorial Scholarship/Fellowship
• Peter Buffett Scholarship/Fellowship
• Ruben Mesa EMBA’15 Memorial Fellowship
• Saadia Sheikh Scholarship/Fellowship for Entrepreneurship
• Shawn Alborz Fellowship in Management
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• Terry W. Conner Leadership and Service Scholarship
• Texas Capital Bank Scholarship
• The Jefflyn Williamson Endowed Scholarship
• Tom James Company Scholarship

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• Davidson Management Honors Program
• Jindal Faculty Research Support Fund
• Jindal School of Management Fund for Excellence
• Morris Hite Center for Product Development and Marketing Science
• Naveen Jindal Institute of Indo-American Business Studies
• Naveen Jindal Scholars Program

• Naveen Jindal Student Support Fund
• Naveen Jindal Sustaining Excellence Fund

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• Ann and Jack Graves Foundation Opportunity Fund
• Ashok Opportunity Fund
• Axess Opportunity Fund for the Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship
• C. H. Robinson Opportunity Fund for Professional Sales
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• Clint and Lacey Miller Opportunity Fund
• Debi and George Carter Opportunity Fund for Real Estate
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• Diane S. McNulty Opportunity Fund
• Ed Pavese Opportunity Fund
• Edgington Family Opportunity Fund
• EMBA’95 Opportunity Fund
• Enterprise Holdings Opportunity Fund for the Center for Professional Sales
• GTN Technical Staffing Opportunity Fund
• Hasnain and Rashida Saboowala Opportunity Fund
• Haynes & Boone Opportunity Fund for the Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship
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• International Management Opportunity Fund
• Intuit Opportunity Fund for Marketing

• Isha and Mohit Malhan Opportunity Fund
• Kevin and Cristi Ryan Opportunity Fund
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