FHSU Division of Student Affairs
2013-2014 Impact Statement

A few highlights regarding how Foundation dollars have made an impact for our students:

- The Diane Pfeifer-Scott fund allowed us to enhance the leadership skills of not only FHSU students, but students from other Kansas institutions through the Peer Mentor Institute. The Institute is an interactive and experiential opportunity to train and educate students who will be serving as mentors to their peers. Together the students explored topics such as etiquette, leadership styles, listening, intercultural communication, and conflict management and resolution. This year nearly 200 students attended from 13 institutions! To learn more about this program please visit: http://www.fhsu.edu/pmi/

- This year the Student Emergency Assistance fund helped keep students in college. I am always so sad when I meet students who do not have the family support they need to make their dream of college a reality. One grantee this year would have had to drop-out and was on the verge of being homeless. With a short term grant, the student was able to stay enrolled and successfully complete the semester. I am so proud that he was willing to both seek help, accept help, and then put that help to work through his studies. The grant served as a bridge to qualify for financial aid and keep him in college. This student is now on track to graduate.

- A lead gift allowed us to once again offer our summer Serviceship program. This year Tre Giles, a senior leadership studies major from Colorado, spent his summer serving the Midwest Cancer Alliance. The Serviceship program provides a $5,000 scholarship to a student who will spend the summer volunteering for a nonprofit organization. The student has the opportunity to merge academic knowledge with hands-on experience. Tre is passionate about educating inner-city youth through ministry, outreach, and academic programs. He was a great match with the Midwest Cancer Alliance!

- Several gifts allowed us to support KAMS students through housing scholarships. These students are required to live on campus, yet as high school students they are not eligible for financial aid. This makes the room and board charges of slightly over $7,000 - a stretch for the families of some of our brightest students. This past year contributions enabled us to award four KAMS housing scholarships. Thank you for helping these high-achieving students be part of this great program.

- Several contributors helped our freshmen living and learning community students gain a global perspective through international travel study programs. For example, over 30 freshmen from Everybody’s Business (business majors) and
4C Innovation (students interested in technology, informatics, communications, marketing, or art) teamed up to travel to Barbados to work with the Caribbean Centre of Excellence for Youth Entrepreneurship. While in Barbados, the students helped young entrepreneurs on the island with their businesses. They worked on a large variety of projects including a fish farm, a catering service, a deli in a local hospital, a modeling agency, an iron fencing manufacturer, an e-waste recycling company, a printer of commercial signs and customized apparel, and several local produce farmers. While some of the students performed manual labor, others built websites, established systems for their entrepreneurs to track costs and/or inventory, and helped with some preliminary research as to whether or not to expand into a new product line. Some students even assisted with the preparation of business plans and/or helped to establish realistic/recommended levels of financing.

- A lead gift also helped us send several young women to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). NCCWSL is where college women make their future what they want by providing a transformative experience for attendees to prepare them to be the next generation of leaders. Or better put:

> Attending NCCWSL gave me the incredible opportunity to surround myself with hundreds of amazing and inspiring women leaders from all over the world. The deep impact of this conference could be found in the fact that each woman in attendance, whether young and hopeful or older and experienced, had a unique story about rising above their circumstances and overcoming personal barriers in order to influence society. Each story, although filled with hardships and obstacles at times, offered the same positive beliefs and attitude. This passionate attitude was contagious throughout the campus where we stayed, and is one that I have adopted as well and plan to bring back to FHSU. I saw first-hand that women have made a difference in leadership through previous generations and I firmly believe it will continue to make a difference in my generation and the generations to come.
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> - Sadie Lungren, senior majoring in Sociology

- Several gifts allowed us to fund our on-campus student affairs graduate assistantship fair in anticipation of the re-launch of the Higher Education in Student Affairs (HESA) graduate program for the fall of 2013. We start the fall 2014 semester with 30 students enrolled in the program!

- I am also most appreciative of the professional development funds we received which helped us host Dr. Kevin Kruger, President of the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), who visited with both our staff and graduate students, and presented a session on the Future of Student Affairs.

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