

## INSPIRING WOMEN TO PURSUE STEM

STEM—science, technology, engineering and math—plays a critical role in our nation’s global competitiveness. Yet why, despite the rise of more women now obtaining undergraduate and graduate degrees than men, do women continue to be underrepresented in these high-skilled careers? And how do we increase the number of women in STEM?

Several Women & Philanthropy members are at the forefront of this vital conversation, serving as role models to inspire women to enter—and remain—in STEM careers.

“I was the only female in my high school math and science classes,” recalls Dr. Sherie Morrison, professor of microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics at UCLA. “But I was doing what I loved to do, so I just kept going.” In 1982, Morrison worked with Nobel Prize recipient Paul Berg to develop genetically engineered antibodies, and today she continues her vital research in cancer and the immune system.

“The STEM areas are critical to the growth and development of our country, and we need to have the best and brightest in the area,” says Morrison, a longtime Women & Philanthropy member. “It’s not only about diversity, it’s about ability. It’s about having the best people in these fields.”

It’s also about having role models. “I remember how much it meant to me to see a female scientist giving a great lecture,” says Morrison, who, with her husband, recently made a \$5 million gift to UCLA Anderson. “I want other women to see that you can have a family and a great scientific career.”

Women & Philanthropy member Janet Marott echoes Morrison’s sentiments—and her determination. Once told that her high school pre-calculus course was “too difficult for girls,” she eventually went on to become director of information technology for Boeing, where she was in charge of all computing security at the corporate level.

“Technology is constantly advancing, and this is where the dynamic, high-reward jobs are going to be,” she says.



**“Women bring a whole set of analytical, business and team-building skills that can move science forward.”**

### CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION.

According to UCLA Professor Linda Sax, principal investigator of a three-year National Science Foundation study to research the underrepresentation of women in STEM, “Some of the most oft-cited explanations include gender differences in STEM course-taking in middle and high school, women’s tendency toward lower levels of math and science confidence, and gender differences in personal values related to work and life.”

As dean of life sciences in the UCLA College of Letters & Science, Professor Victoria Sork strives not only to keep the door open for women, but to open it wider.

“Today, the messages to women are much more subtle and even unintentional,” says Sork, who points out that UCLA spearheads numerous programs aimed at inspiring young women and underrepresented minorities to pursue, and remain in, STEM careers.

“We need to change the culture for everyone. It’s good to have conversations like this.”

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: CELEBRATING SUCCESSES AND CREATING OUR FUTURE



Welcome to the 20th year of Women & Philanthropy at UCLA. Now is the time for celebrating our successes and creating our future! I'm so grateful to serve alongside such a diverse, engaged group of women.

Moving into the next 20 years, we've been evaluating what has made us successful, and how we can become a more robust organization going forward. We aspire to touch more women, including the next generation of leaders and philanthropists. To this end, women who give at the appropriate level will automatically be welcomed into membership in Women & Philanthropy. This inclusive approach can encourage women's long-term relationships with UCLA and expand the number of women engaged in our inspiring programs and campus leadership.

Our core values of philanthropy, leadership and mentoring remain strong. Our programming will continue to reflect our values, while continuing to bring us into contact with the uniquely diverse, yet integrated, student body that is UCLA ... and our future.

While looking ahead, we can't help but remember with fondness board member Peggy Bloomfield, who passed away this past spring. Peggy's contributions to the university spanned over 50 years and supported every area on campus. We also celebrate board member Gloria Werner who received the UCLA Award in University Service from the Alumni Association. And we welcome new board members Carol Block, Jan Cloyde, Maggie Levy and Anne-Marie Spataru.

Again, heartfelt thanks for all you do for UCLA. Our 20th Anniversary Celebration plans are underway, and you'll hear more in the coming months. I look forward to seeing you throughout this milestone year!

Sue Baumgarten  
President, Women & Philanthropy



## STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS PROGRAM:

### MEETING STUDENTS' GREATEST NEEDS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Carrying a full academic load at UCLA is demanding enough. Couple that with the responsibilities of raising a child, or several children, and the challenges can seem overwhelming.

"Student parents have unique needs," says Andrew McClure, program coordinator of the Students with Dependents (SWD) Program, located within the Bruin



A "Mama Bear" graduates with her "cub"

Resource Center, a department of Student Affairs. "With retention and graduation rates as our cornerstone, our goal is to help them be successful scholars and parents."

According to McClure, the SWD program provides personalized

support to UCLA students who are parents, guardians and caregivers at the undergraduate, graduate and professional school level. SWD helps scholars secure important campus and community resources such as child care, financial aid and affordable housing.

For Kandace Hawkin—a full-time student and single mother of 8-year-old son Jaylen—the most valuable SWD resource has been its emotional support. "They reminded me that I'm not alone and encouraged me to stay strong," she says. With the help of SWD, Hawkins moved into family housing and has her goal set on graduating in June 2014.

"Our student parents are providing an amazing example of resiliency to their children," says McClure. "They are courageous, capable and determined."

Come graduation time, SWD partners with Parenting Students at UCLA to hold a ceremony in which both "Mama and Papa Bears" and their "cubs" don caps and gowns to receive their commendation as UCLA graduates. It's a day that Hawkins looks forward to with excitement.

"It's going to mean so much to me to walk on that stage with my son," she says. "He sees me working so hard to balance his school and my school. He's going to understand how much that degree means."

#### PARTNER WITH SWD

"We'd love to work with Women & Philanthropy members," says McClure.

- Volunteer at SWD events throughout the year.
- Provide holiday gifts for SWD children.
- Support scholarships for student parents experiencing economic hardship.

Contact McClure at 310-794-1823 or [amcclure@ha.ucla.edu](mailto:amcclure@ha.ucla.edu) for further information.

## AN INSPIRATION TO YOUNG ASPIRING ARTISTS ... ELAINE KROWN KLEIN



Klein (center) with her scholarship recipients.

One visit to the museum, and Elaine Krown Klein knew that art would become her lifelong passion.

“I was about 8 years old when I took a streetcar, then a bus, to the L.A. County Museum,” recalls Klein, a longtime member. “I got so excited about the art I saw, that I made up my mind right there that I was going to become an artist.”

Today, Klein is not only an accomplished painter and sculptor, she’s an inspiration to hundreds of young artists at UCLA—a role she cherishes.

“I couldn’t pursue my art when I was younger because we simply couldn’t afford it,” says Klein. “So it’s really important for me to give these artists a chance to follow their bliss while they’re young.”

At the encouragement of her late husband, Leo, she established the Elaine Krown Klein Fine Arts Scholarship Fund in 1986. To date, more than 200 scholarship recipients have been inspired to follow their dreams.

Her greatest reward? Keeping in touch with her students. She recently received a call from a former scholar, a concert pianist in Taiwan. Last year, she attended the wedding of another student, a concert violinist. And she beams with pride, sharing that her student from Botswana just received a prestigious prize from a museum.

“Art brings people of all colors, religions and backgrounds together,” says Klein. “These students are like my family.”



## A UNIVERSITY LEADER AND PIONEER ... LINDA SARNA



For the past year, Professor Linda Sarna has served at the helm of the UCLA Academic Senate, leading the faculty voice on topics ranging from ensuring academic excellence to advising the administration on budget and financial planning.

“During this challenging time of state budget cuts, I was honored to partner with our diverse faculty in our shared goal of keeping UCLA a premier university,” says Sarna, whose term as 2012–2013 Senate Chair ended in August.

Sarna also served as chair of the steering body of the UCLA Tobacco-Free Policy Committee. Earlier this year, UCLA became the first UC campus to become completely tobacco-free. “This policy is personally meaningful to me because I’ve seen the suffering that tobacco can cause,” she says.

Sarna, the Lulu Wolf Hassenplug Endowed Chair at UCLA’s School of Nursing, helped establish one of the nation’s first oncology nursing programs at the UCLA School of Nursing. She is leading efforts with nurses in the U.S. and in China, the Czech Republic and Poland, to help their patients stop smoking.

“I wouldn’t have been able to conduct my research on an international level without the additional support of this endowment,” says Sarna, who received her bachelor’s degree in nursing and master’s in oncology nursing from UCLA, and her doctorate in nursing science from UC San Francisco. “UCLA is a great public university with amazing supporters. This endowment transformed my life and made a great impact on my profession.”



## DID YOU KNOW...

UCLA Legacy Society members are visionaries who are shaping the university’s future through their estate and life-income gifts.

- **Legacy Society members support UCLA with**
  - > Bequest through a will or living trust
  - > Charitable gift annuity
  - > Charitable remainder trust
  - > Remainder interest in a personal residence or property
  - > Gift of life insurance
  - > Beneficiary designation in a retirement plan
  - > Charitable lead trust
- **More than 20 percent of Women & Philanthropy members are also members of the UCLA Legacy Society.**

- **Women & Philanthropy members Roz Heyman and Maggie Levy are featured in UCLA’s Gift Planning newsletter, *Insights & Options*. Read their stories at [www.legacy.ucla.edu](http://www.legacy.ucla.edu).**

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**5:30 – 8:00 PM**

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