Dear UMSI alumni and friends,

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the School of Information at the University of Michigan. Your gifts allow our faculty to be progressive and innovative in their research and teaching. They support classroom programs that impact and influence local and global communities. Your gifts allow students to attend UMSI who may otherwise not be able to afford it. Gifts to our annual fund allow us some flexibility within budget constraints and provide funds for critical needs as they arise. Each year, with your continued dedication to our mission, we are able to serve our students and community in meaningful ways.

This stewardship report highlights the impact that our engaged donors have had on the school during the past fiscal year. Many have shared with us the inspiration behind their gifts and what they hope their donations will accomplish. Scroll through the following pages and see the difference you and other donors are making in the lives of our students, faculty and the community around the world.

Because of you, we are living our mission to connect people with technology to build a better world. Thank you again for your generous support!

Sincerely,

**Thomas A. Finholt**  
Dean, School of Information
Discretionary support
Uses include school wide events and activities, faculty recruiting and student organization activities

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Uses include funding guest speaker series, the Alternative Spring Break program and expoSItion

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Uses include student scholarship & financial aid funding and student awards

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$3,314,442.88

DISCRETIONARY SUPPORT
550 Gifts | $188,175.47

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144 Gifts | $115,168.42

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14 Gifts | $302,875.41

STUDENT SUPPORT
190 Gifts | $463,494.56

$1,069,713.86
Received from 843 donors

UMSI VICTORS FOR MICHIGAN CAMPAIGN
GOAL
$20,000,000

$19,025,703
(Raised as of 6/30/15)

95.1%
Gifts to the UMSI Annual Fund prepare our students for personal and professional success by affording them the opportunity to attend and excel at the School of Information. Over 75% of the UMSI Annual Fund has been spent on general fund scholarships for our students. Additionally, the UMSI Annual Fund has been used to support school-wide events, such as convocation and alumni events.

For the past four years the annual fund has supported the Nikki Candelore Roda Student Impact Award, named for a 2013 MSI graduate. Presented annually at commencement, the award celebrates a student who has shown initiative and dedication to service, has influenced the culture and climate of the school in positive ways, has been a student leader and good ambassador and has left a lasting legacy.

This year’s award was presented to Sonia Doshi, who completed her Bachelor of Science in Information in May 2016. While at Michigan, Sonia worked as a research study coordinator for a mental health research team and led several advocacy initiatives for college student mental health, including producing a national film competition for mental health awareness and the campus’s first-ever Mental Health Monologues show. For this work, she received the Jed Foundation’s 2015 Student Voice of Mental Health award.

Sonia also served as the President and Founder of the School of Information Bachelor’s Association (SIBA) and the President of Kappa Theta Pi, the country’s first professional technology fraternity. In addition to earning the Nikki Candelore Roda award from UMSI, she also received the Michigan Difference Senior of the Year Award. In fall 2016, Sonia began a master’s of education program at Stanford University in learning, design, and technology.
The UMSI Innovator Award, created in 2016, was endowed by alumnus Jerry Miller (AMLS ‘86, PhD ‘95). Before his retirement, he was an associate professor in the School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College in Boston and an information management consultant.

The award will be presented annually to recognize outstanding achievement by students participating in the University of Michigan Design Clinic and other design-oriented courses. Jerry Miller was motivated during his graduate work to imagine, reach out and innovate throughout his career and he hopes this award will give other students the assurance and confidence to create and innovate during their own careers.

The first UMSI Innovator Award was presented this year to a team of Design Clinic students who worked on the Quik Order project: Isabel Gao, Yidi Hong, Shizhong Hu, Fernando Wang and Yi Yang.

“I hope my gift encourages students in the Design Clinic to envision, innovate and create.”
- Jerry Miller

Emeriti UMSI faculty members Judy and Gary Olson created the Judy and Gary Olson Doctoral Scholarship Fund to provide support to UMSI PhD students. The Olsons were on the faculty of the School of Information from the mid-1990s until 2008 and recently retired from the University of California at Irvine.

“We are both passionate about doctoral education, so creating a fund to support doctoral training seemed like an obvious thing to do.”
- Judy and Gary Olson
Robert Parks, AMLS ’76, created a University of Michigan School of Information Internship Award Fund. This fund is used to support student participation in internship programs.

“UMSI provided the foundation for a stimulating career of 36 years in the library and museum worlds. An internship in the UM Engineering Library assured me that I had chosen a profession just right for my skills, priorities, and deep interest in helping seekers of information. I want to help ensure that UMSI students continue to have similar opportunities.”

- Robert Parks

During the 2016 fiscal year, 60% of faculty and staff participated in the Faculty and Staff Campaign at the School of Information, contributing a total of $36,363 towards the educational activities of the school.

Faculty and staff are committed to the University of Michigan, School of Information and its mission through daily contribution of time and talents, and their financial contributions during the annual Faculty and Staff Campaign.

“I’ve chosen to support the School of Information because it has meant so much to me both personally and professionally. The UMSI staff has a teamwork ethic that is nothing short of remarkable. The opportunity to engage closely with staff, faculty and deans to insure the academic environment for our students’ success is always in place has meant the most to me over the years.

“I’ll always be grateful for making the leap of faith and coming to UMSI. I’ve never worked with a more caring and compassionate group of people. I see nothing but phenomenal growth and exciting decades ahead for UMSI and am glad to be a part of the family. Go Blue!”

- Mike Doa, UMSI Desktop Support Specialist
The iDream Fund was created by supporters of the UMSI Entrepreneurship Program to provide experiential learning opportunities for students and inspire the development of remarkable entrepreneurs at Michigan.

Walt Borland, adjunct clinical associate professor of Information and associate director of UMSI’s Entrepreneurship Program, and Nate Oostendorp, MSI ’09, co-founder and chief technology officer at Sight Machine, both made gift commitments this year to establish the iDream Fund. iDream stands for “Developing Remarkable Entrepreneurs across Michigan,” and this fund will be used as a discretionary resource to support the top priorities and needs of the Entrepreneurship program.

“The iDream Fund is intended to support a diverse population of underserved students seeking to broaden their opportunities in an ever-changing world. As an entrepreneur myself, I’ve come to value the demonstrated benefits of diversity in building anything of significance. Hopefully this fund will serve in some small way to help promote that belief.”

- Walt Borland
On December 1, 2015, the University of Michigan held its second annual Giving Blueday, a 24-hour day of giving, scheduled on Giving Tuesday – a global day of giving following Thanksgiving weekend.

UMSI alumni and donors gave to support The Horizon Fund, started by UMSI’s Recent Graduate Campaign Council; the Jeff MacKie-Mason and Janet Netz BSI scholarship; and the Olson Doctoral Scholarship.

The Horizon Fund will be used to provide financial support to School of Information students pursuing educational experiences that take place outside of the classroom and enhance their classroom learning. These experiences may include, but are not limited to, travel, internships, and service engagement experiences.

UMSI Dean Emeritus Jeff MacKie-Mason, his wife Janet Netz, and other donors, created this fund to provide scholarship support to undergraduates in UMSI’s BSI program.

Emeriti faculty members Judy and Gary Olson created the Judy and Gary Olson Doctoral Scholarship fund to provide support to UMSI PhD students.

Thanks to the generosity of UMSI alumna Barbara Palmer, AMLS ’68, donors to the UMSI Horizon Fund had their donations matched dollar for dollar on Giving Blueday up to $10,000.

Giving Blueday was one of the many ways UMSI’s volunteer committees contributed their time and energy to the school this year. UMSI’s Campaign Council, Recent Graduate Campaign Council, Entrepreneurship Advisory Board and Alumni Society Board reached out to their social networks via email and social media to talk about their support for the initiative as well as encourage their peers to give.

The third annual Giving Blueday takes place on Tuesday, November 29, 2016.
As a student in the University of Michigan School of Library Science, predecessor to the School of Information, I learned not only the key principles of data management and data accessibility, but how to understand the information needs of others. Equipped with this knowledge, I was able to succeed in a variety of professional opportunities. Much of my career has been in healthcare information.

“As a manager in this field, I saw the escalating need for professionals who not only had an understanding of information management, but specifically healthcare information management.

“When I learned that the University of Michigan had recognized this need by creating the Master of Health Informatics program, I became excited to support it.”

- Susan Quackenbush, AMLS ’75
The School of Information honored three exceptional individuals for their contributions to the field of information at the annual UMSI alumni award ceremony in October, 2015.

The **Distinguished Alumni Award** went to Dr. Paul W.T. Poon, PhD ’82. Dr. Poon has represented the School of Information and the university as one of the most recognized library leaders in Asia for nearly a half-century.

He has served as chief librarian at three premier academic libraries in the Asia-Pacific Region – New Asia College (the Chinese University of Hong Kong), City University of Hong Kong, and the University of Macau, where he has been University Librarian since 2005.

At Macau University, he spearheaded the formation of the Macau Academic Libraries Alliance (MALA), a consortium among all the university and college libraries in Macau. He works with the U-M Office of Undergraduate Students to recruit students from Hong Kong and Macau and has mentored students attending the University of Michigan. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Shanghai Jiaotong University Library.

Receiving the **Entrepreneurial and Innovation Alumni Award** was Sameer Halai, MSI ’08. Sameer is a co-founder and Chief Design Officer of SunFunder, an organization that works to bring energy access to more people around the world. He was one of the first UMSI graduates to specialize in social computing. Before starting SunFunder, he was the Director of User Experience at Limeade, a healthcare/wellness provider, where he helped define the future of healthcare incentive systems. He has also worked in research at Microsoft Research’s FUSE Labs and in the Visual Communication Lab at IBM Research.

In addition to his degree from UMSI, he holds a BE in computer engineering from the University of Mumbai.

Stuart Feldman received the **UMSI Honorary Alumni Award**. He is head of Schmidt Sciences at the Schmidt Philanthropies foundation.

Feldman is a renowned computer scientist whose career has been based in the corporate world at Bell Laboratories, IBM Research and Google. At Google, he was responsible for the health and productivity of Google’s engineering offices in the eastern part of the Americas, Asia, and Australia.

As Vice President for Internet Technology he was responsible for IBM strategies, standards, and policies relating to the future of the Internet, and managed a department that created experimental Internet-based applications. Earlier, he was the founding Director of IBM’s Institute for Advanced Commerce, which was dedicated to creating intellectual leadership in e-commerce.

Feldman did his academic work in astrophysics and mathematics and earned his AB at Princeton and his PhD at MIT. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Mathematics by the University of Waterloo in 2010. He received the 2003 ACM Software System Award. He is a Fellow of the IEEE, of the ACM, and of the AAAS and serves on a number of government advisory committees. From 2012-2015, he served on the UMSI External Advisory Board.
We thank the varied and invested volunteer boards for their dedication to the School of Information over the past year. If not for their financial contributions and advice, we would not be growing at the tremendous rate that we are today.

We thank the following boards:
- UMSI Alumni Society Board
- School of Information Campaign Council
- School of Information Entrepreneurial Advisory Committee
- School of Information Recent Graduate Campaign Council
- School of Information External Advisory Board

Thanks to the partners who have hosted UMSI alumni events, including the Smithsonian, Facebook and the many UMSI alumni who spearheaded our alumni engagement efforts across the country.
Your generous gifts and contributions make all we do possible! Gifts of any size help to sustain UMSI and move us forward. Thank you!

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